

Exeter Cathedral

Exeter Cathedral is only 15 minutes from Springfield Holiday Park, and is one of the most beautiful and historic cathedrals in Europe.

Now over 900 years old the 'Cathedral of St. Peter' is built on the site of an old Roman army camp, and was built after the Bishop of Crediton and St Germans moved to Exeter in 1050. The Cathedral you can see today was started in 1290 by Bishop Bronscon in 1290, and it is to him that it owes its Gothic style.

According to the BBC's 'Seven Man-Made Wonders':

"The cathedral is the only example in Europe of a decorated Gothic building almost in its entirety apart from the two northern towers.

It also boasts the longest, unbroken stretch of Gothic stone vaulting in the world.

Amongst the cathedral's many treasures are the Bishop's Throne, one of the finest examples of woodwork from the 14th Century, an antique clock made in 1376, and the East Window featuring original glass.

In 1870 Gilbert Scott restored the quire and added the Martyrs' pulpit to the nave of the cathedral.

One of the most infamous incidents in the cathedral's history was the murder of Precentor Lechlade in 1283.

This was the result of a bitter feud between the then bishop, Peter Quinil, and the dean, John Pycot."