

Leicester and
Leicestershire
**Travel Trade
Guide 2022**

Uncover the story of a city and county with over 2,000 years of history. Visitors are guaranteed a traditional 'taste' of England and a landscape of woodland and waterways perfect for gentle adventures.

Leicestershire

Uncover the story

Leicester and Leicestershire tell some of England's most unique and unusual stories. The area is famous for its connection with one of the bloodiest battles in English history and the gravesite where, over 500 years later, King Richard III's remains were discovered beneath a city car park. Travel pioneer Thomas Cook ran his first railway excursion here in 1841 and visitors can follow the route by steam train today, dining in style on the Great Central Railway. For a truly unique experience take a tour of the last working bell foundry in Britain where traditional craft skills have been employed since 1859 or visit the official home of Triumph Motorcycles for a fully guided factory tour. Take afternoon tea in the 17th century home of Gunpowder plotter Sir Everard Digby or tour the opulent interiors of the castle that featured in Netflix's *The Crown*.

Taste the place

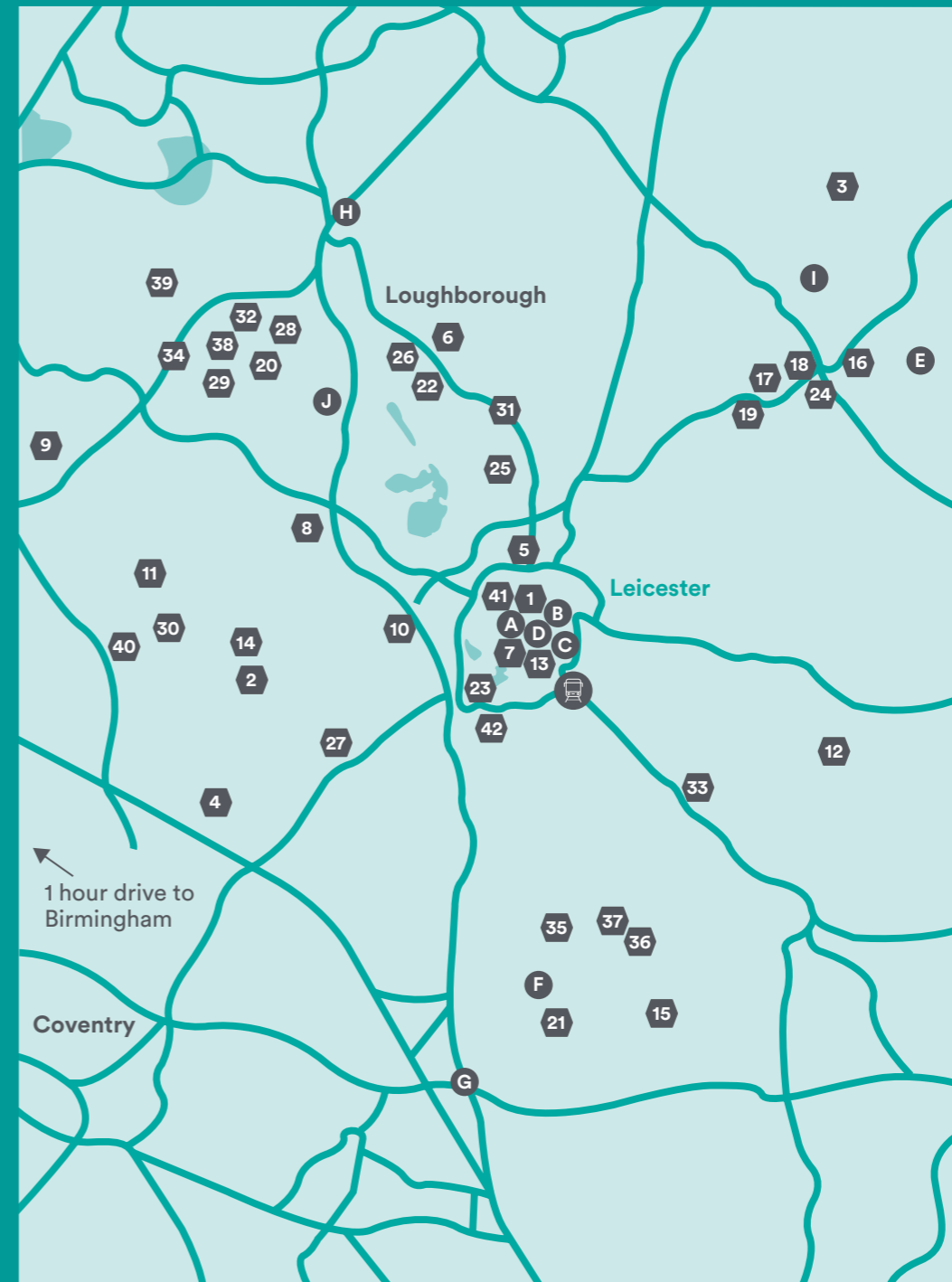
Leicestershire offers an authentic taste of England with the ancient market town of Melton Mowbray claiming the title of Rural Capital of Food through its association with the pork pie and Stilton cheese. Experience the best of the region's food and drink, and discover a little of its fascinating history, through tours and activities like traditional pork pie making. We invite you to drink our ale where it is brewed, make your own gins and sample our food where it is made in the traditional way.

Active Escapes and Gentle Adventures

With over 70 miles of waterways and a vast National Forest to explore there are plenty of opportunities to have gentle adventures and enjoy the fresh air. Take a kayak to the pub, hire a luxury electric bike to cycle woodland trails, have a go at archery or bushcraft, learn woodturning outdoors with tea brewing on an open fire or see the countryside from a new perspective on a traditional narrow boat or chauffeur-driven Mustang Boom Trike. Experience the exhilaration of a tank driving or hovercrafting adventure then unwind with a wellbeing and nature experience in the heart of the forest.



www.visitleicester.info



Map Key

- Accommodation
- ⬡ Experience

Destination highlights

- Uncover the story of a city and county with over 2,000 years of history, famous for its connection to one of the bloodiest battles in English history and the discovery of King Richard III under a car park.
- The region guarantees a traditional 'taste' of England and is home to the Rural Capital of Food, Melton Mowbray.
- The area boasts a landscape of woodlands and waterways perfect for gentle adventures by bike or boat, learning new skills or trying new experiences.



Getting here



Air
The closest airports are East Midlands Airport (approximately 20 miles) and Birmingham Airport (approximately 37 miles). The frequent and direct Skylink bus runs from East Midlands Airport to Leicester every 20 minutes during the day and hourly at night: 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Birmingham airport is accessible by train via Birmingham New Street.



Coach
National Express offer national coach services to Leicester. London to Leicester takes just under 3 hours. Ashby de la Zouch, Coalville, Kegworth, Market Harborough, Loughborough and East Midlands Airport are also served by National Express.



Rail
Leicester is on the East Midlands Trains line from London St. Pancras to South Yorkshire. Market Harborough, Loughborough, Melton Mowbray and Hinckley all have railway stations.



Road
The M1 passes through Leicestershire, with Junctions 20–24 providing good access to the county (junctions 21 or 22 for Leicester city centre). The M69, M42 and M6 also offer easy access from Birmingham, Wales and the south west.

Journey times



To Birmingham:
By car – 1 hour
By rail – 1 hour

To Manchester:
By car – 2.25 hours
By rail – 2 hours

To London:
By car – 2.5 hours
By rail – 1 hour

Getting around

Choose How You Move (choosehowyoumove.co.uk) have information on how to get around and plan your trip including public transport, park and ride services, cycle and walking routes. For information on bus services throughout the region visit traveline.info or call Traveline on +44 (0)871 200 22 33

Uncover the Story

Uncover the story of a city and county with over 2,000 years of history.



2. Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and Park

Set in the heart of the Leicestershire countryside, the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre offers a relaxing and picturesque location to explore one of the turning points of British and Medieval history. Established within the grounds of the Battlefield Country Park, the purpose built, colourful, multi award-winning and interactive centre tells the story of the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. The battle, which heralded the start of the Tudor dynasty, marked the last time an English King was to die on the battlefield.



As well as the exhibition, visitors can join one of our Guides for a fun and informative 2 km guided walk, exploring the Battlefield site and its fascinating story. Themed walks are available including Women of the Wars of the Roses and The Archaeology of Bosworth Battlefield.

The 1485 Tithe Barn Restaurant serves locally sourced produce, and the gift shop offers a unique range of Bosworth related gifts, souvenirs and books.

Highlights

- Guided walks bringing the battle and landscape to life
- Multi-award-winning exhibition, featuring 8 modern interactive galleries
- Living history interpreters offering bespoke history packages

Experience details



10 or more



From 1.5 hours



From £8.95pp.
From £6 for groups of 10 or more.

Parking facilities

Pay car park and coach parking

Accessibility

Accessible exhibition and toilets.
Hearing loop/equipment available.

Availability

February – December.

Languages

English.

Contact information

Booking office

bosworth@leics.gov.uk

+ 44 (0)1455 290 429

Bosworthbattlefield.org.uk

1. King Richard III Visitor Centre

Discover the incredible story of the last English king to die in battle and the first to be DNA tested. Our knowledgeable guide will welcome you to the award-winning King Richard III Visitor Centre to tell the first part of this story. Using 21st century technology and stunning design, the exhibition takes visitors back to medieval England and the Wars of The Roses.



Uncover the plot lines and family connections that combined to create an intricate story of medieval murder, mystery and mayhem. Experience what happened on the battlefield as the Plantagenets and Tudors battle it out and where the King was cut down as he defended his crown. Then fast-forward over 500 years to a car park in Leicester city centre where the amazing evidence-gathering that resulted in the discovery of the long-lost remains of King Richard III is revealed. As a fitting finale, a FREE 'Reinterment of the King' talk is available to all groups visiting the Visitor Centre during the time Leicester Cathedral is closed (Autumn 2023).

Highlights

- Hear the incredible story of King Richard III.
- See the original grave site of the King, discovered under a Leicester car park in 2012.
- Learn more about the reburial of Richard III.
- Discover more of medieval Leicester with an optional visit to the city's Guildhall

Experience details



15 – 50 people



3 hours



From £9.25

Parking facilities

Coach parking available in city centre by arrangement.

Accessibility

Level access to visitor centre with lift access to first floor. Access with ramps to ground floor only at Guildhall. Cobbled path on approach.

Availability

Throughout the year however must be booked in advance so arrangements can be made with the Guildhall.

Languages
English.

Contact information

King Richard III Visitor Centre

Lisa Harrison
groups@kriii.com

+44 (0)116 229 4132
kriii.com

3. Belvoir Castle

Belvoir Castle is a majestic spectacle set on a high hill with panoramic views across several English counties. It is regarded as one of the finest examples of Regency architecture in the country and its most opulent rooms, regularly featured in films and TV series including Netflix's The Crown, can be enjoyed on a guided tour. The estate surrounding the castle contains formal gardens and woodland, with the latest garden restoration programme bringing to life the lost plans of Capability Brown.



Groups can enjoy exploring the castle and its landscaped grounds either with or without a guide, tailored to meet your requirements. A range of additional refreshments are available from morning coffee to lunch and afternoon teas. Be sure to build in sufficient time to enjoy the exclusive rural retail experience at the Engine Yard, celebrating the best of our local food and country living.

Highlights

- Tours available of both castle and grounds providing a unique opportunity to view opulent interiors and formal gardens
- One of the most magnificent and beautiful Regency houses in England with spectacular views of the surrounding countryside
- Unique rural retail experience at the Engine Yard

Experience details



10 – 15 people.
Larger groups can be split for the tours.



2 hours



From £9pp

Parking facilities

Paid parking at the Engine Yard. Free parking for coach groups. Free disabled parking bays.

Accessibility

Ground floor access only for those with limited mobility.

Availability

Seasonal. Refer to website.

Languages
English.

Contact information

Belvoir Castle Reception

reception@belvoircastle.com

+44 (0)1476 871001
Belvoircastle.com

4. Triumph Visitor Centre

Explore the official home of Triumph Motorcycles where you'll get the chance to discover the full brand story, history, performance and legendary biography that follows their British heritage in their unique, immersive Visitor Experience. There are opportunities to get up close to some of the most iconic Triumphs of all time. Also available is a fully guided Triumph Motorcycle Factory Tour.



Start your visit in the unique and immersive Factory Visitor Experience Exhibition, where you'll get up close to some of the most iconic Triumphs of all time as well as a priceless collection of motorcycle memorabilia. A must for any motorhead. Venture through the factory security doors at Triumph's world-famous Hinckley headquarters with a fully guided Triumph Motorcycle Factory Tour. Discover how and where the world-renowned Triumph motorcycles are created with this highly informative and enjoyable behind-the-scenes factory tour that will take you all the way from concept to manufacturing and final assembly, all while your expert guide regales you with little-known facts about this British motorcycle manufacturer. You can sit back and relax in the 1902 Café, where there's a range of food, drinks and delicious cakes on offer, or shop in the world's only Official Triumph Factory Shop where the entire collection of lifestyle clothing can be found, exclusively for our visitors.

Highlights

- Fully guided Triumph Motorcycle Factory Tour
- Get up close to some of the most iconic Triumphs of all time
- Fully immersive Factory Visitor Experience Exhibition
- Cafe and Official Triumph Factory Shop on site

Experience details



4 – 15 people per factory tour



1.5 – 4 hours



FREE Exhibition. £20 Factory Tour.

Parking facilities

Free car, coach & motorcycle parking

Accessibility

Fully accessible

Availability

All year, Wed to Sun, 10am-4.30pm, including Bank Holidays. Factory Tours require advance booking.

Languages

English.

Contact information

Triumph Factory Visitor Experience

Factory Tour Bookings

Factory.tours@triumph.co.uk

+44 (0)1455 453 088

Triumphmotorcycles.co.uk /visitor-experience

6. Tour of the Loughborough Bellfoundry and Museum

Loughborough Bellfoundry, home to the historic John Taylor & Co., was constructed in 1859 as a state-of-the-art Victorian bellfoundry. Following the closure of the Whitechapel Bellfoundry in June 2017, it is now the last major bellfoundry in Britain.



Parts of the Grade II* listed site have evolved over time, but the basic layout and manufacturing processes established in the middle of the 19th century remain the same. When combined with a complete company archive still in situ, along with the UK's most comprehensive collection of bell and ringing-related artefacts, the heritage of the site is internationally significant and entirely unique. Tours are an "up close and personal" affair, bringing visitors face-to-face with master craftsmen and women, who continue to use many of the same skills employed since the middle of the 19th century, from the casting and tuning of our world-famous church bells, to carpentry and the production of hand bells.

Highlights

- Unprecedented 'behind the scenes' access to one of the oldest operational factories in the world.
- Group tours for up to 35 visitors, including information about some of the most significant bells in our history.
- Access to the bellfoundry museum, with the opportunity to chime various historic bells and to have a go at chiming handbells.

Experience details



Recommended group size 35



90 minutes – 2 hours



From £10

Parking facilities

Limited on-street parking available.

Accessibility

Due to the nature of the site, strong shoes that fully cover the foot are required. The upper floor of the museum is inaccessible to wheelchair users.

Availability

Tours are available by prior arrangement Monday-Thursday, with a typical start time of either 11 am or 1 pm.

Languages

English.

Contact information

Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust (CIO)

Chrissie Van Mierlo

chrissie.vanmierlo@loughboroughbellfoundry.org

01509 638 500

loughboroughbellfoundry.org

5. The Great Central Railway

The Great Central Railway is Europe's only double track heritage railway and the only place where trains can be seen passing each other at speed in a historical mainline setting. Running for 8.5 miles through the Leicestershire countryside, the Railway has four stations charmingly restored to reflect various periods in history.



First class dining trains offer delicious six course meals in sumptuous Pullman style comfort. Other experiences available include Fish and Chip Trains, First Class Afternoon Tea Trains, Lunch Trains and Murder Mystery Evenings. There are also cafés and bistros at three of our stations and all four stations along the route provide a variety of entry and exit points for individual visitors and tour parties. The Railway also offers special events throughout the calendar including the famous Wartime Weekend, Steam Punk Weekend and Steam and Diesel Galas. Experience the raw power of steam, the ambience of yesteryear's coaches, the beauty of the Swithland reservoir, fine food and drink and the magic of heritage railway stations.

Highlights

- Powerful steam locomotives.
- Fine dining on board a luxury train.
- Ideal for coach parties.

Experience details



Up to 168 per group



1 – 12 hours



Various packages

Parking facilities

Yes – all stations.

Accessibility

Yes – details on our website for all locations.

Availability

Throughout the year.

Languages

English.

Contact information

Great Central Railway

Michael Gough

michael.gough@gcrailway.co.uk

+44 (0)150 963 2323

gcrailway.co.uk

7. Leicester Tigers Stadium Tours

Experience a unique insight into the home of English Rugby's most successful team on a fully guided stadium tour. Walk the walk of many of the greats of English rugby, as you visit changing rooms and pitch side, whilst learning about the incredible heritage upon which the Leicester Tigers were built.



Learn about the history of English Rugby's most successful team whilst enjoying privileged access to the parts of the stadium normally inaccessible to the public

Highlights

- Fully guided stadium tour of English Rugby's most successful team with fascinating accounts of the club's remarkable history
- A unique insight behind the scenes into the normally off-limits areas at Mattioli Woods Welford Road Stadium
- Official Leicester Tigers Club shop onsite

Experience details



Up to 25 people



2 hours



From £10pp. Group rates over 15

Parking facilities

Cars and coaches at Crumbie car park LE2 7TR.

Accessibility

Fully accessible

Availability

Last Wednesday of the month but group tours arranged on bespoke basis.

Languages

English.

Contact information

Leicester Tigers Stadium Tours

Sam Swift

Sam.swift@tigers.co.uk

07590890876

Leicestertigers.com/community/foundation

8. The 1620s House and Garden at Donington le Heath

The 1620s House & Garden is a rare example of a family home built in the 13th century and modernised in 1618. It is set in beautiful 17th century style gardens with labelled plants and flowers, an orchard, herb gardens and a maze. The house has been home to many families over its 700-year history, but the most famous is the Digby family, which included the Gunpowder Plotter Sir Everard Digby.



Visitors have a rare opportunity to step back in time and immerse themselves in the early 17th century and explore the fully furnished rooms; handle the objects and talk to our team of volunteers to discover what life was like in the 1620s. Understand the daily goings on in the kitchen and scullery, the secret of religion and who might have come to visit! One of the prize exhibits at the house is the four-poster bed, said to be the bed in which Richard III slept at the White Boar Inn, Leicester, on his way to the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485.

Highlights

- Guided tour and hands on experience of the house and gardens
- The Barn Tea Room serves light refreshments using site grown produce and traditional recipes. Afternoon teas served.
- Exclusive packages available.
- Small gift shop selling souvenirs, local produce and plants grown on site.

Experience details



10 or more



From 1 hour



From
£5.95pp.
From £5 for
groups of
10 or more.

Parking facilities

Free onsite car and coach parking. Designated disabled parking bays

Accessibility

Ground floor of house and gardens only. Accessible toilets. Hearing loop/equipment available

Availability

April – September.

Languages

English

Contact information

Booking Office

dihmanorhouse@leics.gov.uk

+44 (0) 1455 290 429

1620sHouse.org.uk

10. Kirby Muxloe Castle

This picturesque, fortified mansion was built for Lord Hastings, who was dramatically seized and executed by Richard III in 1483. Hastings' descendants still believe they have a direct line to the throne of England. Explore the atmospheric moated remains, the fine gatehouse, and complete corner tower of this brick-built mansion, which has been extensively conserved by English Heritage.



Make it part of an enjoyable family day out in Leicestershire with a picnic in the grounds or take a walk around the moat.

Highlights

- Explore the atmospheric moated remains, the fine gatehouse and complete corner tower of this brick-built mansion.
- Include a trip to nearby Ashby de la Zouch Castle to your visit.

Experience details



No limits



1 hour



From
£5.30pp.
Group rate
for 11 or
more

Parking facilities

2 free coach parking spaces on site. Free car parking.

Accessibility

Not accessible for wheelchair users.

Availability

Seasonal. Refer to website.

Languages

English.

Contact information

Site Manager

Ashby.castle@english-heritage.org.uk
(managed by Ashby Castle)

+44 (0) 1162 386886
English-heritage.org.uk

9. Ashby de la Zouch Castle

A visit to Ashby Castle makes a great day out in Leicestershire. The property began as a manor house in the 12th century and reached castle status in the 15th century. Come and find out about the castle's colourful history with our lively audio tour. Hear how Edward IV's Chamberlain Lord Hastings added the chapel and the impressive keep-like Hastings Tower – a castle within a castle.



Visitors can still climb the tower today despite it suffering massive damage during the Civil War. There are great views from the top! Then make sure you discover the underground passage from the kitchen to the tower, probably created during this war, which can still be explored today.

Highlights

- Walk the underground passage between the tower and the kitchen.
- Be amazed that you can still climb to the top of the half-ruined tower.
- Find out more about the castle's dramatic history in the company of our amusing audio guide.

Experience details



No limits



45 minutes



From
£6.30pp.
Group rate
for 11 or
more.

Parking facilities

Coach drop-off only. Disabled parking only onsite. Car parking in town centre car parks.

Accessibility

Wheelchair access is limited to the grounds only

Availability

Seasonal. Refer to website.

Languages

English.

Contact information

Site Manager

Ashby.castle@english-heritage.org.uk +44 (0) 1530 413343

English-heritage.org.uk

11. The Battlefield Line

The Battlefield Line is a must visit Victorian heritage railway in the heart of Leicestershire's rural countryside. Its three stations are at Market Bosworth, Shenton (for the Battle of Bosworth Visitor Centre and 'Station Glass' glassblowing studio) and its headquarters at Shackerstone.



At Shackerstone visitors will find a lovely Victorian Café, railway museum and gift shop. Vintage steam trains generally run at weekends between March and November and vintage diesel rail cars run weekday services during most school holidays. Cyclists and dog walkers are welcome to board trains. Our seasonal attractions include the Easter Egg Hunt, Real Ales Festival, Fish and Chip supper trains, Bonfire Night trains and the popular Santa Specials in December.

Highlights

- Vintage railway trip through Leicestershire's countryside (steam or diesel powered).
- Lovely Victorian Tea Room at Shackerstone.
- Shenton station and Bosworth Battlefield connection.

Experience details



Groups
and parties
welcome



1 hour



Refer to
website

Parking facilities

Available at all stations. Free parking at Market Bosworth and Shackerstone. Pay machine at Shenton.

Accessibility

Vintage carriages provide very limited wheelchair access. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

Disabled toilets and parking at Shenton and Shackerstone stations.

Availability
Refer to website.

Languages
English, German, Dutch, French. An interpreter/guide for groups can be made available by prior arrangement.

Contact information

The Battlefield Line

The Booking Office, Shackerstone
enquiries@battlefieldline.co.uk

+44 (0)182 788 0754
battlefieldline.co.uk

12. Nevill Holt Opera

Enjoy a day out of summer opera and gourmet dining in an historic stately home setting with panoramic views, award-winning gardens and an exceptional collection of sculpture. Nevill Holt Opera's new RIBA Award-winning theatre, acclaimed as the most uniquely intimate opera house in the UK, showcases the UK's most talented young opera singers. Take your seat in front of the industry's rising opera stars of the future, or at a gourmet dining table in the 90-minute interval, for a truly unforgettable experience.



This is a unique country house opera festival in a stunning setting. Groups enjoy a drinks reception on arrival, exclusive tours of the gardens in full summer bloom, followed by opera in the theatre and a gourmet dining experience in the 90-minute interval (alcohol not included).

Highlights

- Opera in the most uniquely intimate opera house in the UK performed by the rising stars of the opera world
- Exclusive private tour of the award-winning gardens and sculpture collection with the Head Gardener
- Gourmet dining experience with fresh, locally sourced produce
- Stately home setting with panoramic countryside views

Experience details



From 10 to 50 people



6 hours



From £200

Parking facilities

Car and coach parking

Accessibility

Accessible

Availability

Summer only. Refer to website for dates

Languages

English

Contact information

Rachel Webber

rw@nevillholtopera.co.uk

01858 437 451

nevillholtopera.co.uk



Trails and Tours

Join a friendly, knowledgeable local guide for a tour of some of the most historic parts of our region.



13. Blue Badge Guided Walks and Tours

Uncover the stories of Leicester and Leicestershire on a walking or coach tour, all provided by local, fully-qualified tourist guides equipped with a lifetime of knowledge of their area. Tours vary from a general introduction to the city and county to more specialist subjects related to our rich and varied history. Wherever possible, we will tailor our tours to match the requirements of your group, whether large or small.



You will be in the company of a guide who will bring to life the 2000-year history of our city and county. Our guides have a wealth of local knowledge and are dedicated to helping you make the most of your stay here. From Romans to the recent Richard III discovery and most things in between, your enjoyment is our aim. What better way to get to know the area than spending time with a local expert?

Highlights

- All the highlights of past and present history, either as a general tour or in more depth for specific topics.
- Bespoke walks or tours can be arranged
- We can offer suggestions about making the most of your time here

Experience details



Up to 25 people per guide



From 1 hour



From £4pp. Group rates available.

Parking facilities

City car parks or refer to visitleicester.info for coach drop off and parking in the city centre.

Accessibility

Reasonable walking ability required.

Availability

All year

Languages
English.

Contact information

Steve Bruce

leicesterguides@gmail.com

+44 (0)7733 535 553

14. Guided Tours of Market Bosworth

Come and enjoy being guided around the Medieval settlement of Market Bosworth. Learn of the development of the town, its occupants from the Bronze Age, through the Roman Occupation, the Saxon years right up to the 20th Century. Find out about the local architecture and its stories; the secret of The Dower House, the elegance of Bosworth Hall and the chilling, macabre story of Dr Robert Pull.



These walks are designed to be an enjoyable way to learn more about this charming market town and are suitable for all interest levels.

Highlights

- The walk will be led by an experienced and knowledgeable local guide from the Market Bosworth Society
- Each walk includes a copy of the Market Bosworth Town Trail Guide and Souvenir to remember your day
- Easy walking on level ground for about 1 mile

Experience details



12 (20 maximum)



90-120 minutes



£4pp. Group rates available.

Parking facilities

Coach drop-off in town centre. Town car parks.

Accessibility

Accessible to wheelchair users – level ground but some narrow pavements.

Availability

All year

Languages English.

Contact information

Market Bosworth Society

info@marketbosworthsociety.com

+44 (0)7930149408

marketbosworthsociety.com/
bosworth-walks

15. Market Town Heritage Trails & Guided Walks

Uncover the story of two picturesque rural market towns, Market Harborough and Lutterworth, through some of their remarkable buildings and historic streets. A Blue Badge Guide will help to bring to life the heritage of these attractive Leicestershire towns through tales of the people that once lived there.



Market Harborough, with its backdrop of historic buildings like the iconic 17th century Old Grammar School or Symington corset factory, has a wealth of history to discover. Neighbouring Lutterworth has also made its mark in history through the 14th century John Wycliffe, and his pioneering translation of the Bible, to Sir Frank Whittle who developed the jet engine there more than 500 years later.

Highlights

- An expert Blue Badge Guide will help bring to life the stories of two charming rural market towns and reveal their unique role in English history
- Opportunity to combine history with some retail therapy in a market town that has been a shopper's haven for over 800 years, boasting markets, an Eco Village and niche giftshops and boutiques
- Experience these charming market towns as only the locals know them, exploring narrow yards and cobbled back streets

Experience details



25-30 people



1-2 hours



From £5pp. £80 per group

Parking facilities

Coach parking and drop off point. Pay & display car parks.

Accessibility

All walks but one are accessible.

Availability

All year

Languages English.

Contact information

James Carpenter

James.carpenter@harboroughwalks.org Visitharborough.com

16. Midshire Trike Tours

Take a blast around the fantastic rolling hills of the Midlands on a specialist made Mustang Boom Trike. On this chauffeur driven tour your knowledgeable driver knows the best roads to really experience what this trike can do and to show you some of the fantastic scenery the Midlands has to offer.



From 1.5 hours to all day tours, we can take you to some hidden gems the Vale of Belvoir, Rutland or Leicestershire and the surrounding counties have to offer. All safety gear, windproof over clothing and intercoms are provided for your safety and comfort and to allow 2 people to sit back, relax and enjoy this unique experience in one of the best parts of the country.

Highlights

- Getting to travel on a powerful specialist made Trike.
- Seeing the sights in the most unique way this area has to offer.
- Room for 2 passengers – get to share this experience with a friend or loved one.

Experience details



Max. 2 passengers



1.5 hours – all day



From £75

Parking facilities

We pick up in one of the many large Pay and Display car parks in Melton Mowbray.

Accessibility

The tours are safe and approved for most forms of disability, various additional safety aids carried by drivers.

Availability

Apr – Nov. Tours available out of season if weather conditions good.

Languages

English only on website but translation in Spanish and Polish from email contact for example can be arranged.

Contact information

Midshire Trike Tours

Mr Richard Potts

info@midshiretriketours.co.uk

+44 (0)166 456 0334 /

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midshiretriketours.co.uk



Taste the Place

Experience the best of the region's food and drink through tours and activities.



18. The Pork Pie Experience - Hand Raise A Melton Mowbray Pork Pie

The Pork Pie Experience, designed specifically for groups, takes place in the magnificent surroundings of St Mary's Parish Church in Melton Mowbray. Led by the Dickinson & Morris team members, this masterclass is presented through hi-tech audio-visual equipment and covers a step-by-step demonstration of hand raising a Melton Mowbray Pork Pie.



As part of your experience, you'll discover the fascinating story of how Melton Mowbray became associated with the pork pie and Stilton cheese, the link with hunting and exactly why an authentic Melton Mowbray Pork Pie is so unique.

Highlights

- Professional instructors to guide you through the whole process with time for tasting and discussion
- Make your own pie and have it baked and ready to take home from 1pm the next day
- If your group is unable to collect the pies the next day, they can be packaged and sent in a single delivery to a nominated location for an additional cost.

Experience details

Between 20 - 45 people **120 minutes** **£20pp**

Parking facilities
Coach parking at Wilton Road Car Park
Accessibility
Accessible

Availability
All year. Monday to Saturday
Languages
English

Contact information

Dickinson & Morris
D&MOffice@porkpie.co.uk

discovermelton.com/visit

17. Brockleby's Pies Pie Making Experience

Multi-award-winning Brockleby's bakery in Melton Mowbray, referred to as the Rural Capital of Food, provides visitors and groups with the opportunity to hand-make a pork pie to bake at home.



Pie Making Experiences involve having fun making a pie, a tour of the bakery with a talk on the history of the world-famous Melton Mowbray pork pies for inspiration. Ultimate Experiences include a full three-hour workshop with a ploughman's lunch or afternoon tea. Your pie making experience will begin when you meet one of the company's bakers who will guide you in how to "hand raise" a pork pie using traditional equipment. Those opting for the Ultimate Pie Making Experience will enjoy a full three-hour workshop, which will include making your own pastry and gelatine, after which you'll be rewarded with a delicious ploughman's lunch or afternoon tea. Groups are very welcome, and the experience can be designed to suit all ages and abilities.

Highlights

- World famous Melton Mowbray Pork Pie, learn how to hand raise your very own pork pie and one to take home to eat!

Experience details

50 people **90 minutes - 2 hours** **From £21**

Parking facilities
Free car and coach parking.
Accessibility
Good.

Availability
All year.
Languages
English.

Contact information

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brocklebys.co.uk

19. School of Rural Food

Improve your baking skills in the Rural Capital of Food under the expert guidance of a celebrity baker. Melton Mowbray is known the world over for its food credentials, particularly the Melton Mowbray Pork Pie and Stilton cheese. Where better to take your own culinary skills to the next level? The school of rural food is a programme of fun, entertaining and informative hands-on courses focused on a variety of baking skills and techniques.



Based in the heart of Melton Mowbray, the Rural Catering Centre has generous teaching kitchens with state-of-the-art equipment. Your accommodation is a short drive or 20-minute stroll away. If travelling as a couple, both parties do not have to do the course - we have partner options available.

Highlights

- A range of courses available include Melton Mowbray Pork Pies, The Art of Breadmaking, Cakes, Scones and Sweet Treats and The Art of Perfect Pastry.
- Improve your baking skills in the Rural Capital of Food under the expert guidance of a celebrity baker.
- Experience includes accommodation, meals, presentations, demonstrations, and hands-on practical activity

Experience details

Max 12 people **1.5 days per course** **From £234.50pp**

Parking facilities
Free. Onsite.
Accessibility
Not accessible.

Availability
Selected dates - see website
Languages
English.

Contact information

Stephen Hallam
help@schoolofruralfood.co.uk

schoolofruralfood.co.uk

20. The Bee Farmer Honeybee Colony

A unique opportunity to visit a live honeybee colony and delve into their fascinating and secret world. Join The Bee Farmer to examine the hive and better understand the stages of the bee life cycle and the way honeybees arrange their world through a caste system. You'll see how bees bring up their young, how the colony arranges the worker bee tasks and how they make that delicious honey. You can handle the bees if you wish or just take plenty of photos.



Meet the bees on a farm in the National Forest. The experience starts with your bee suit and gloves and a chance to learn about the hive with the roof on as the smoker gets started. The hive roof is removed giving you a chance to delve inside their secret world under the expert guidance of The Bee Farmer. Come away with a better appreciation of how these remarkable bees are linked to climate and the physical environment that surrounds them and discover our place in their world.

Highlights

- An interactive opportunity to see, touch and smell the world of the honeybee and gain an insight into how honey is produced
- An experience conducted by an expert beekeeper with questions encouraged
- Combine your experience with a visit to Cattows Farm offering fresh local produce, outdoor activities, and tearoom with countryside views

Experience details



Up to 6 people



2 hours



£60 pp
Group rate
available for
4-6 people.

Parking facilities

Free car parking

Accessibility

Limited accessibility for wheelchair users.

Availability

May – September
(weather dependent)

Languages
English.

Contact information

David McDowell
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thebeefarmer.co.uk

22. zestEAT - Healthy Vegan Chocolate-Making Workshops

zestEat natural chocolate making workshops make for a fun and indulgent evening out in a sociable and relaxed environment. You'll learn how to make chocolates the natural way with healthy ingredients and indulge in a wide range of delicious chocolates to delight all chocoholics.



On arrival you'll be welcomed with a raw cacao and maca shot and chocolate tasting session to get you inspired. You'll then learn to make your own chocolates whilst enjoying a sociable evening of creative fun. You'll start by running through a wide range of natural ingredients and looking at ideas on how to combine them to make delicious, healthy chocolates. Whilst your chocolate creations are setting, you'll enjoy refreshments and ... eat more chocolates. Round off the session by creating a decorative jar to take your chocolates home.

Highlights

- A sociable evening of creative fun making delicious, healthy chocolates
- Lots of opportunities for chocolate tasting
- Learn about how natural ingredients can be combined to make a healthier choice of chocolate

Experience details



Up to 20 people



2.5 to 3 hours



From £40pp

Parking facilities

On street parking

Accessibility

No step access

Availability

All year

Languages
English, French, Italian

Contact information

Joanna Helcke
hello@zesteat.co.uk

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zesteat.co.uk

21. Chocolate Making Workshop with Nenette Chocolates

Make your own chocolates! By attending a chocolate workshop with Nenette Chocolates, you will learn all about where chocolate comes from and how it has developed, over thousands of years, from bean to bar in the form that we know and love today.



Using recipes you can take home, learn to make your own chocolate truffle fillings. You will also learn about, and have a go at, tempering chocolate – discovering what it is and why it is important. Putting these together, you will make your own chocolates to take home and impress your friends with. A full workshop with Nenette will last around 4 hours. For a light-touch approach, expect to spend an hour with Nenette who will guide you with a mixture of demonstration and activity.

Highlights

- Learn all about where chocolate comes from.
- Find out how it has transformed from bean to bar over thousands of years.
- Make your own chocolate truffles to take home with you under the expert guidance of Nenette of Nenette Chocolates.
- Learn new skills including the art of tempering chocolate

Experience details



6 – 15 people



1 – 4 hours



From £25

Parking facilities

Free parking.

Accessibility

A single, small step into workshop.

Availability

Contact Nenette to organise dates and times of workshops.

Languages
English.

Contact information

Nenette Chocolates
Nenette Scrivener
nenette.scrivener@btinternet.com
/ info@nenettechocolates.co.uk

+44 (0)781 117 0633
nenettechocolates.co.uk

23. Everards Brewery Tours

Explore the world of Everards at our state-of-the-art brewery, set in 90 acres of beautiful landscape at Everards Meadows.

On arrival, you'll meet your friendly guide and discover how we brew our great beers from our much-loved Tiger Copper Ale to our limited edition and small batch varieties. On your guided tour, you'll look behind the scenes, learning about our rich brewing heritage and the ingredients we use to brew the perfect pint. At the end you'll enjoy a tutored tasting of three of our delicious beers in our impressive Beer Hall.



Everards Brewery has a rich history and has been an independent family-owned brewery for over 170 years. On a behind the scenes tour of the main brewery and small batch brewery, you'll discover how their popular beers are brewed and the ingredients that make them so special alongside a tutored tasting of three of our favourite beers from the bar. The experience includes 3 x 1/3 pints of Everards beers.

Highlights

- Guided behind the scenes brewery tour
- Beer tasting session in The Beer Hall with the opportunity to sample some exciting new beers
- Option to book a meal in the stunning new Beer Hall and buy bottled beers and merchandise from the on-site shop

Experience details



Up to 10 people.
Larger groups by arrangement.



1.5 hours



£20 pp

Parking facilities

Up to 5 hours free car parking (not suitable for large coaches)

Accessibility

Site is accessible but please contact to discuss specific requirements

Availability

All year Thursday to Sunday.
Languages
English.

Contact information

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experience@everards.co.uk

+44 (0) 7702 444 172 or
+44 (0) 7850 941426
Everardsmeadows.co.uk

24. Round Corner Brewing Brewery Tours

Round Corner is the world's most awarded brewery over the past three years. Its beers are inspired by the character of its thriving agricultural home in the heart of the Rural Capital of Food, Melton Mowbray. Brewery tours provide an opportunity to go behind the scenes to meet the brewers and discover why Round Corner is so successful; winning gold at the International Brewing Awards, the European Beer Challenge and the World Beer Awards. Round off the tour with a tasting flight of beers accompanied by a Round Corner Pizza and a selection pack to take home.



Round Corner Brewing is based in the famous Melton Mowbray Livestock Market close to a growing number of exciting artisanal food and drink businesses. During the brewery tour, guests are invited to discuss their own beer preferences and find out where the beer world is going for the drinker, the breweries and bars. This is a uniquely informative and engaging brewery tour like no other!

Highlights

- Tour of award-winning production brewery and chance to talk to the brewers
- A tasting flight of beers accompanied by Round Corner Pizza
- A selection pack of beers to take away and discount off your next purchase
- Bespoke tours arranged by request

Experience details

Max 10 people. For larger groups please contact us

90 minutes

£28pp

Parking facilities

Cattle Market car park. Coach parking at Wilton Rd car park.

Accessibility

Tour not suitable for those with restricted mobility. Ground floor access to bar.

Availability

All year

Languages

English.

Contact information

Combie Cryan
combie.cryan@roundcornerbrewing.com +44 (0)7585792494
roundcornerbrewing.com

26. Burleighs Gin Distillery

Enjoy unrestricted access into the world of Burleighs Gin with a behind the scenes distillery tour or learn how to create your own unique gin at the Burleighs Gin Academy. Situated on Bawdon Lodge Farm in the beautiful Charnwood Forest, our artisan distillery is the perfect countryside escape and offers a unique insight into the world of a gin distiller. We will unveil some of the industry secrets and showcase the true artisanal craftsmanship that goes into creating every bottle of Burleigh Gin.



Discover the story behind the Burleighs Gin brand and get up close and personal with 'Messy Bessy' our custom-made Copper Pot Still. Each full distillery tour includes a delicious Burleigh Gin & Tonic on arrival and a tasting of the Burleighs range. The Gin Academy experience will guide you through the process of distilling your own unique gin with the botanicals of your choice under the expert tutelage of a master distiller

Highlights

- Full distillery tour with gin tasting of the Burleighs range
- Create your own unique gin to take home with the botanicals of your choice
- See your unique gin distil in a mini copper still whilst enjoying a gin & tonic
- Bottomless gin and tonics with Gin Academy experiences

Experience details

Up to 20 people

Distillery tour 1.5 hours. Academy 3 hours

From £25pp

Parking facilities

Free parking on site for cars and coaches

Accessibility

Accessible

Availability

All year – refer to online booking calendar.

Languages

English

Contact information

Burleighs Gin
enquiries@burleighsgin.com +44 (0)1530 245 402
Burleighsgin.com

25. Rothley Wine Estate

Enjoy a guided walk around a beautiful vineyard and discover how wine is made at Leicestershire's only commercial winery. Join in with a tutored tasting of sparkling, still and fruit wines from the Estate. Buy wines to take home with an exclusive event discount.



Highlights

- International award winning English wine.
- Walking tour in a beautiful setting.
- Wine tasting with a WSET qualified tutor.

Experience details

12 per tour

90 minutes

From £10

Parking facilities

On site parking available.

Accessibility

Disabled parking in courtyard; accessible toilet; tour adapted for wheelchair users – rural location with uneven ground may be difficult for those with mobility issues.

Availability

By appointment. Booking essential.

Languages

English.

Contact information

Rothley Wine Estate
Laura Hadland
laura@thirstmedia.co.uk rothleywine.com

27. Bond Street Distillery -Gin School Experience & Distillery Tour

Craft your very own bespoke gin in three hours, all bottled and labelled to impress your friends. Start your experience by learning about the history of gin and the distilling process on a distillery tour led by an experienced Bond Street distiller. In making your exclusive gin you'll learn about, smell, touch and taste some of the key botanicals used in gin distillation before infusing and blending your own personal recipe. You'll enjoy complimentary Bond Street gin & tonics throughout the experience.



On arrival your experience starts with the first gin & tonic of the day to get the taste buds tingling then you're off on a distillery tour with an introduction to the gin distilled on the premises and an explanation of some of the theoretical and practical processes of distilling. Then it will be your turn to blend your unique recipe of botanicals and take to the still to begin the process of creating your flavour combinations. We'll keep your recipe on our database so you can order further bottles of your own blend should you wish to.

Highlights

- Experience includes a distillery tour, complimentary gin & tonics, and a distilling certificate
- Take home a 70cl bottle of your own personal gin blend, bottled and labelled.
- Optional extra of Gin & Afternoon tea. Meals can also be arranged
- Bespoke Distillery Tours & Tastings can be created for groups

Experience details

16 per session

3 hours

From £95pp

Parking facilities

Limited parking. One disabled parking space. Coach parking available by prior arrangement

Accessibility

Experience can be adapted and provided in downstairs bar if required

Availability

All year

Languages

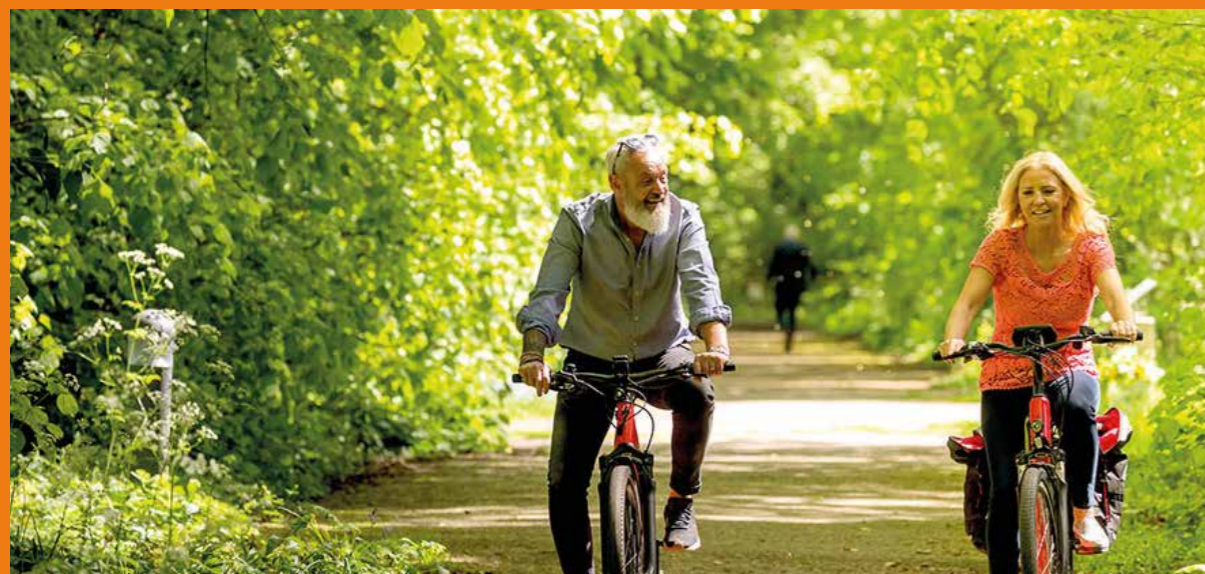
English

Contact information

Damion Nickerson
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thebondstreetdistillery.co.uk

Active Escapes and Gentle Adventures

Have gentle adventures and active escapes in a county that boasts The National Forest and over 70 miles of waterways



28. National Forest EBike and Walking Holidays

Relax as you explore the National Forest region, on a luxury electric bike or walking holiday. Perfect for gentle adventurers, our award-winning holidays are self-guided, leaving you free to journey at your own pace, in your own private group. Follow our detailed routes through the countryside for 2 to 7 nights. Stop when you want, meet the locals in the woodland cafes along the way, or treat yourself to a delicious picnic. Even add a woodland experience to your itinerary.



We take care of all the details. You'll stay in the best accommodation available, from luxurious B&Bs to fabulous inns and boutique hotels. We move your luggage daily between accommodation. Our EBike holidays include top quality electric bikes, fitted with GPS. Select your own saddle for the best ride possible. Should you need a helping hand then we live locally and are never far away. Untouched by mass tourism, the region is full of wonderful treasures to explore.

Experience details



Up to 6 people



2 – 7 nights



From £320

Parking facilities

Available FOC on request.

Accessibility

Please contact to discuss specific requirements.

Availability

All year, start any day. Advance booking required.

Languages

We speak French and German.

Highlights

- Have fun exploring the many hidden gems in this unspoilt English countryside, at your own pace.
- Enjoy sampling some of our favourite places for a delicious lunch or afternoon tea.
- Delight in the peace and ever-changing countryside as you pedal or wander along the many tracks, towpaths and country lanes that crisscross the National Forest.

Contact information

National Forest EBike Holidays

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ebikeholiday.co.uk

29. Wild Minds Wellbeing and Nature Experiences

Wild Minds provide nature-based wellbeing and nature connection experiences for all. From meditation to walk and talks, they've got your nature experiences covered. All sessions are held outdoors in the beautiful woodland at Moira Furnace Museum & Country Park. So, if you are looking for some time in nature, to make you feel better or to have some fun, Wild Minds can provide the experience you require.



Come along and bathe in the sights, sounds & smells of the woodland, relax in the meditation area as the light fades around you for evening meditation or start your weekend off with T'ai Chi. Wild Minds can cater for everybody and are happy to provide tailored, bespoke sessions on request. Wild Minds are specialists in supporting adults with mental health conditions or other complex needs.

Experience details



Up to 20



1 – 1.5 hours



From £6pp

Parking facilities

Free car park. Coaches please pre-book.

Accessibility

Accessible woodland paths available

Availability

All year

Languages
English.

Highlights

- Nature connection for all in a beautiful and ancient woodland setting
- Enhance your overall spiritual and physical wellbeing with the benefits of being in nature
- Allow your inner child to be released in the woodland and enjoy the feeling of freedom in nature

Contact information

Jodi or Becki Winter
contact@wildmindsnature.co.uk
wildmindsnature.co.uk

30. Harry & Sally Day Boat Hire

Day boat hire along the beautiful and tranquil lockless Ashby Canal on board Harry & Sally, our 43ft cruiser stern, starting and finishing at our award winning Bosworth Marina. A unique experience, ideal for special occasions and all age groups.



Highlights

- A cruise on the Harry & Sally Day Boat is an ideal opportunity to explore the beautiful landscape along the Ashby Canal. The canal touches the western edge of Bosworth Field where Richard III met his match at the hands of Henry Tudor in 1485.
- The unspoilt Ashby Canal is lockless and therefore the perfect destination for first-time boaters, more mature boaters or those looking for a lock-free stretch of inland water.
- The Harry & Sally Day Boat has a large covered front deck with roll up canopies, cruiser deck at the rear, toilet and washing facilities as well as a well-equipped galley with fridge, sink, kettle and microwave.

Experience details



Up to 12 people



5 – 7.5 hours



From £100

Parking facilities

Parking at Bosworth Marina next to Harry & Sally boarding platform.

Accessibility

Wheelchair access to cruiser deck.

Availability

Please visit booking calendar at leicestershiredayboathire.co.uk

Languages

English.

Contact information

Bosworth Marina

Chris Hubbard
chris@bosworthmarina.co.uk

+44 (0)145 529 1111
leicestershiredayboathire.co.uk

31. Let's Get Lost Leicester

Let's Get Lost are an outdoor adventure tourism company, we create kayaking adventure experiences to bring the outdoors and adventure to your doorstep. We organise kayaking adventures for individuals and groups including families, parties, hen and stag events and team days outs, from two hours to overnight camping with kayaking experiences. Experiences can be with an experienced tour guide to show the hidden gems of the waterways or with the freedom to explore on your own.



Highlights

- Paddle to the Pub - Explore 1 of 3 beautiful riverside pubs
- Picnic and Paddle - Paddle your way through the countryside and pitch up for a delicious picnic
- Explorer Experience - Discover the hidden sections as you paddle through the incredible waterways
- Twilight Paddle - Take an adventure and be mesmerised as the sun sets
- Kayak and Camp - Escape and immerse yourself in nature staying in our quality Bell tents.

Experience details

Up to 30 people
 2 – 24 hours
 From £30

Parking facilities
Yes.

Accessibility
Unable to cater for those with disabilities.

Availability
Apr – Oct.
Languages
English.

Contact information

Let's Get Lost Leicester

Anthony Ball
hello@letsgetlostleicester.com

+44 (0)787 568 3396
www.letsgetlost.uk

32. Charnwood Forest Alpacas

The 110-acre farm at Charnwood Forest Alpacas is one of the first and largest alpaca farms open to the public in the UK. Visitors are encouraged to discover the unique personalities of not just the alpacas but other animals on the farm through a range of unique experiences from alpaca or donkey walking to a Cria Watch (baby alpacas).



Following a safety briefing and demonstration, visitors are partnered up with a new animal chum and the trekking escapade begins with plenty of time for feeding, pictures, and selfies to remember your day. After your walk visit the Chilli Bean café, a charmingly restored former milking shed, for light refreshments or tasty afternoon tea or visit the PukkaPacas shop for a unique souvenir.

Highlights

- Range of alpaca experiences from Cria Watch to walk with afternoon tea
- Other animal experiences available
- Chilli Bean café for afternoon teas and cakes, breakfast or lunch. Selection of drinks including cocktails.
- PukkaPacas shop for alpaca goodies, gifts, clothes and homewares

Experience details

From 5-24 people (activity dependent)
 45-90 minutes
 From £20pp

Parking facilities
Free car park. Coach drop off point at top of drive.

Accessibility
Not suitable for those with limited mobility.

Availability
All year Friday to Sunday and half terms.
Languages
English

Contact information

Glen Picknell
marketing@pukkapacas.com

+44 (0)1283 552854
pukkapacas.com

33. Bird on the Hand Falconry Experiences

Have a memorable close encounter with some incredible birds of prey and gain an understanding of why falconry is considered the Sport of Kings. For centuries there has been a special relationship between mankind and birds of prey, and this is your opportunity to handle, feed and fly several species of falcon, hawks, owls and eagles.



A Bird on the Hand Falconry Experience Day can be tailored to your group size. Activities take place in a beautiful countryside location and include light refreshments. Events can be a half or whole day and include Falconry Adventure, an Owl on the Hand or a Bird on the Hand experience days

Highlights

- Leader has over 45 years of falconry experience and will provide a fascinating insight into these remarkable birds of prey
- Handle, feed and fly several species of birds including falcons, hawks, owls and eagles
- A range of experiences days available including falconry, owls and group birds of prey

Experience details

6 for open sessions. 12-15 for private events.
 3 hours
 From £79pp

Parking facilities
Ample free parking.

Accessibility
Accessible

Availability
All year
Languages
English.

Contact information

Andrew Blake
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birdonthehand.co.uk

34. Field Sport UK Activity Centre

Are you looking for fun outdoor activities and want to try something new? Field Sport UK is an award winning activity centre based in the heart of the National Forest. We offer various traditional activities and can tailor packages to suit your requirements. Our activities will certainly bring out your competitive side and kick-start your adrenaline!



Why not try archery? Our instructors will have you hitting the target in no time – take aim and FIRE! Watch your arrow as it flies through the air. Alternatively see how good you are at axe throwing using two different types of throwing axes including an American Tomahawk – a real axetravaganza! You can also test your shooting skills on our zombie blatt fest or try out our air rifle and pistol shooting ranges. Smash some clay pigeons with a clay shooting experience using traditional, or pump action, shotguns. Want to slow the pace down and get back to nature? We have various bushcraft packages to immerse yourself in. Have a go at campfire cooking, there is nothing quite like fresh bread and stew cooked over a campfire. Our experienced instructors will help you make treasured memories whilst having fun and staying safe. What's not to love?

Highlights

- 5 star service.
- No previous experience required, full instruction and quality equipment provided.
- Stunning National Forest setting.

Experience details

2 – 100 people
 1 – 5 hours
 From £15

Parking facilities
Yes.

Accessibility
Fully accessible.

Availability
All year – must pre-book.
Languages
Basic English required.

Contact information

Field Sport UK
Kelly Wheeler or Kirsty Redfern
info@fieldsportuk.co.uk

+44 (0)128 376 3350
fieldsportuk.co.uk

35. Armourgeddon Tank Driving Adventures

Gear up for a unique experience as you discover the thrill of driving tanks and military vehicles over courses set around a World War II bombing range. Experiences include learning to drive a FV432 tank, simulating battle conditions with full reliance on the periscope, or taking part in a full tank paintball battle. Other military experiences include military vehicle driving, air rifle and clay pigeon shooting and woodland paintball games.



Armourgeddon is the world-wide home of tank paintball, favoured by celebrities and regularly featured in popular TV programmes. Experiences can be matched to individuals or groups and are ideal for corporate building days or private parties with a difference. Also on site is a collection of over 60 military vehicles, including the Sherman M4 105 tank featured in the film Fury, and some fascinating wartime memorabilia all set in the Leicestershire countryside.

Highlights

- Exhilarating adventure and adrenalin experiences including military tank driving
- Wide range of experiences available including military vehicle driving, archery, air rifle and clay pigeon shooting and woodland paintball games
- Range of experiences suitable for individuals and groups

Experience details



Varies by activity – up to 100



3 hours to full day



From £30pp

Parking facilities

Free onsite parking

Accessibility

Height and weight restrictions apply. Unsuitable for those with limited mobility.

Availability

April to Oct. Groups all year round. Weather dependent, especially during winter.

Languages

English.

Contact information

Tracy Garner

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armourgeddon.co.uk

37. Avalanche Adventure Outdoor Activities

Enjoy the thrill of team activities at Avalanche Adventure, with Off Road 4 x 4 Driving Challenges, Quad Bike Safaris and Gemini Race Buggies. Outdoor pursuits include rifle and clay pigeon shooting, archery, hovercraft experiences and more. All tuition, equipment, safety gear as well as teas and coffees are included, all you need to bring is a sense of adventure.



Avalanche Adventure activities take place in the beautiful south Leicestershire countryside and are suitable for groups, hen and stag parties or corporate team development. Buffet catering services are available on request.

Highlights

- A wide range of challenges available including 4 x 4 Off Road Driving, Quad Bike Safari, Gemini Race Buggies, Digger Driving, Blindfold Driving and much more.
- Tuition, equipment and safety gear provided (including overalls)
- Many unique and unusual activities available including the Opposite Steer Buggy or amphibious vehicle driving experiences

Experience details



10 - 100



One hour to a full day



From £35 pp

Parking facilities

Parking for up to 30 vehicles (coaches accommodated)

Accessibility

Specific requirements apply to certain activities.

Availability

All year

Languages

English.

Contact information

Robin Sawyer

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avalancheadventure.co.uk

36. Axceler-8 Hovercraft Experience

Experience the thrill of hovercrafting at the Axceler-8 UK hovercraft centre. From an introduction to hovercrafting in a HoverBlast experience to a full Hover Day, you are guaranteed a day to remember. Axceler-8 are a well-established family run activity centre specialising in hovercraft experiences, using the latest equipment and technology to ensure a safe and enthralling time.



Experiences can include one on one training sessions for complete beginners as well as group or family sessions to add that competitive edge. Also available on site are a range of additional adrenalin-filled experiences such as Power Turn Buggies and outdoor pursuits like axe throwing, air rifles, archery and clay shooting

Highlights

- Expert tuition and protective gear supplied to help you master a thrilling new skill
- Range of experiences available to suit all levels but all guarantee an adrenalin-filled day
- Wide range of additional experiences from archery to power buggy driving experiences available on site

Experience details



Up to 80 people on various activities



1 hour +



From £25pp

Parking facilities

Yes.

Accessibility

Range of accessible activities

Availability

All year. Weather dependent in winter months

Languages

English.

Contact information

Marc Bradley-Upton

bookings@hovercraftcentre.co.uk

+44 (0)845 2722378

hovercraftcentre.co.uk

38. Conkers Outdoor Experiences

Conkers is an award-winning world of exploration which offers over 30 different terrestrial, aerial, digital, and aquatic activities at the heart of the largest created multipurpose forest in the UK, The National Forest. Conkers offers a range of fully immersive indoor and outdoor experiences for groups in a rare blend of ancient woodland, lakes and grounds just 10 minutes from J11 on the M42.



Walk or race over 120 acres of the great outdoors, zig-zag trails, wildflower glades and marshes down to the canal basin. Group experiences include a combination of activities ranging from high ropes adventures to zip wire exhilaration which can be tailored to your individual requirements.

Highlights

- Amazing aerial experience on the Hi and Lo Ropes courses – multi-stage challenges for a real adventure
- Exciting mental and physical challenges for which no previous experience required
- Fully immersive experiences in, above and around both woodland and waterside

Experience details



10 +



4-6 hours



£15pp

Parking facilities

Car and coach parking.

Accessibility

Activities can be adapted as required. Discovery and Waterside sites have full disabled access.

Availability

All year

Languages

English

Contact information

Chris Williamson

hospitality@visitconkers.com

+44 (0)1283 216 633

visitconkers.com

Crafty Experiences

Have a go at learning a new skill or just get creative!



40. Squirrel at Wellsborough

This rural venue offers an eclectic and engaging mix of experiences and workshops which can be booked as private parties or open bookings. Workshops and experiences include: Arm Knitting, Chocolate Making, Needlefelting, Bee Keeping, Floristry, Sausage Making and Photography Skills.



Escape the ordinary in the hamlet of Wellsborough and immerse yourself in the warm hospitality of this family run business.

Highlights

- Make your own chunky throw using your arms and 2kg of merino wool in 2hrs!!
- Try your hand at oil painting – it's like painting with butter!
- Work up an appetite with an authentic Asian cookery class – then eat the fruits of your labour!

Experience details



20 people



1 – 6 hours



From £22.50

Parking facilities

Free parking is available.

Accessibility

This venue is DDA compliant and has accessibility ramp, facility to park next to the ramp, double door and an accessible toilet.

Availability

Please check date availability with the venue – +44 (0)145 529 1693.

Languages

English.

Contact information

Squirrel At Wellsborough

Tony Gurley-Ward

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squirrelatwellsborough.co.uk

39. Greenwood Experience

The sessions are delivered in our beautiful woodland workshop. The workshop is under cover but open to the wood so you are intimately connected to the woodland where your materials come from. These award winning traditional craft courses have been run here for over 20 years. Discover the joys of working freshly felled (green) hardwood using simple hand tools.



Suitable for complete beginners and experienced woodworkers alike these are relaxed half or whole days. During the half day session you'll try your hand at the traditional skills of cleaving, axing and drawknifing, preparing a 'billet' of green Ash sitting on a woodland vice called a 'shaving horse'. Then using the traditional foot powered 'pole lathe' you'll turn your own candlestick, garden dibber or rolling pin to take home – the choice is yours! On the full day you have a choice of making a number of items while exploring this craft in greater depth or make your own solid Ash stool using traditional chair-makers tools.

Highlights

- The workshop is set in the middle of a 80 acre mature woodland, with tea and coffee made over the fire you can work while enjoying being 'out in the woods'.
- Try your hand at a unique craft using hand tools and techniques that have been used for hundreds of years.
- Starting with a freshly felled tree, experience the joy of creating your own candlestick/rolling pin/greenwood stool with your own hands.

Experience details



4 – 8 people



3 – 7 hours



From £45

Parking facilities

Yes, free of charge.

Accessibility

Limited accessibility for wheelchair users.

Availability

All year – advanced booking required.

Languages

Basic English required.

Contact information

Greenwood Days

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+44 (0)794 616 3860

greenwooddays.co.uk

41. Crafty Sew & So - Sewing Workshops

Ever fancied learning to sew, crochet, do patchwork and quilting, applique or even having a go at dress making? Crafty Sew & So do a fabulous range of workshops for the complete beginner or the more experienced. Enjoy a day session or why not make a weekend of it with a mini course?

Learn to make your own clothes, household items like bags, baskets and mats or master a new technique such as applique, patchwork or crochet. Beginners are very welcome, and tuition and materials are all provided so all you need is enthusiasm. These sessions are designed to inspire a new hobby or develop skills in an old one and workshops are offered in a wide range of crafts.

Highlights

- Learn a new hobby or perfect your existing sewing and craft skills in an award-winning workshop session
- Wide range of crafts catered for, and materials and tuition are included
- Studio space in Leicester city centre with easy access by rail or car

Experience details



1-8 people



3-6 hours



From £30 pp

Parking facilities

Discounted parking available in local NCP car park.

Accessibility

Step free access and lift available

Availability

Friday to Sunday

Languages

English

Contact information

Sarah Laws

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+44 (0)7782 692461

Craftysewandso.com

A Bit of Retail Therapy

Combine your visit to the area with shopping in Leicester, Fosse Park or one of the county's historic market towns such as Market Harborough, Melton Mowbray, Loughborough or Ashby de la Zouch.



42. Fosse Park Retail Experience

Visit the UK's premier out of town shopping destination just off Junction 21 of the M1 for retail reimagined! Perfect for leisure shopping or a lunch stop, Fosse Park has recently been redeveloped and extended to include a new dining space "Food Central", flagship three storey Next store and Flannels with the iconic Flannels Beauty Hall.



Over 26 stores to browse from high street brands like Clarks, New Look, Pandora, Waterstones and TK Maxx to big labels and iconic designers at Flannels. For brunch, lunch or a snack there are huge choices of eateries from favourites like Starbucks, Greggs, Costa and Nandos to local brands inspired by dishes from around the world – American burgers, Karak Chai tea, Lebanese salads and wraps, Korean Gochujang Chicken and lots more

Highlights

- The ultimate shopping destination with 26 stores including Next's flagship store and iconic brands in Flannels
- Dining experiences from around the world with Thai, American, Lebanese and Korean cuisine as well as favourite brands like Nandos and plenty of coffee shops
- Adjacent to Everards Meadows with opportunities to explore the wildlife and landscapes of the Soar Valley with art trails, seasonal activities and events

Experience details



Any size



2-3 hours



Free

Parking facilities

Free (over 3,000 spaces). 16 EV charging points. For coaches please contact talktous@fosseshoppingpark.co.uk.

Accessibility

AccessAble Audited with accessibility guide available. 89 Blue Badge parking bays. Changing Places facility available..

Availability

All year
Languages
English

Contact information

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fossepark.co.uk



Museums in Leicester

leicestermuseums.org

All free entry except on event days.

Leicester Guildhall

One of the best-preserved timber framed halls in the country, Leicester Guildhall is now a medieval museum and performance venue. Its Great Hall, built around 1390, has been used as a performance space (where it is said Shakespeare may have acted) and town hall as well as a home to one of the oldest public libraries. It stands next to Leicester Cathedral.



Newarke Houses

Two 16th century houses, surrounded by public gardens, now form the Newarke Houses social history and regimental museum. As well as the collections of the Leicestershire Regiment, the museum displays a collection of the things that make up people's everyday lives. Of interest is a recreated World War I trench and 1950s street scene animated by the stories of people who call Leicester their home.

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Belgrave Hall

This stunning Grade II listed Hall, built between 1709 and 1713 for hosiery merchant Edmund Craddock, is surrounded by beautiful walled gardens including plants and trees introduced by the Hall's many owners. The Gardens are open seasonally and the Hall is open on special event days. See website for details.



Abbey Pumping Station

Leicester's industrial museum, just outside the city centre, boasts four magnificent beam engines, all restored to working order. As well as a 150-foot chimney, these industrial buildings house displays on the history of science, industry, transport, health and hygiene. The beam engines are in full-steaming action on special event days.

Leicester Museum & Art Gallery

Opened in 1849, this is one of the earliest museums in the country. Galleries include Ancient Egypt, Dinosaurs, Wild Space, the Victorian Art Gallery, Arts & Crafts Gallery, Picasso Ceramics, The Attenborough Collection and the internationally renowned German Expressionism collection. There is a regular programme of temporary exhibitions, café and gift shop.



A place to stay

From smart city centre aparthotels to opulent country house retreats, make your choice of accommodation part of your short break experience.



B. Mercure Leicester The Grand Hotel

A stunning Grade II listed building which blends Victorian splendour with stylish urban interiors and fine dining in one of the most central and sophisticated hotels in Leicester. Its incredible city centre location is just minutes walk from the train station and the regenerated Cultural Quarter. All bedrooms feature an HD TV and complimentary high speed WiFi, with Privilege and Superior rooms offering a Nespresso coffee machine, robe and slippers. Our complimentary onsite gym features cardiovascular and resistance machines. Described in 1898 as the "temporary home of the elite of English society" the Grand was designed as a statement in luxury and opulence and widely regarded as the finest hotel in the Midlands. Famous guests have included Winston Churchill and the aviator Amy Johnson.



Highlights

- Leicester's famous Grade II listed Victorian hotel.
- Marco's New York Italian restaurant on the ground floor.
- Only 4 minutes walk from Leicester Railway Station.

Accommodation details

 104 rooms

Minimum booking term
8 rooms and above


Parking facilities
On-site parking for cars only.

Pick-up service
Not available. Local taxi numbers available

Accessibility
3 wheelchair accessible rooms with wet rooms.
Bar and restaurant accessible.

Contact information

Reservations Desk
UK3CROLeisureGroups
@Jupiterhotels.com
+44 (0)116 214 9257

 From £45 pp 1/2 twin – Dinner, bed & breakfast

Languages
English, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Japanese, Romanian, Hindi.

Food
Dinner, bed & breakfast.
24hr room service

Granby Street, Leicester
LE1 6ES
mercureleicester.co.uk

A. The Gresham Aparthotel

We provide luxury accommodation in the heart of Leicester. Our iconic building, originally designed by Leicester architect Isaac Barradale in the 1800s as a department store, has been sympathetically renovated to incorporate stylish interiors and a home from home environment. During your stay, you will benefit from all the facilities and services you would expect from a boutique hotel, whilst also enjoying the flexibility and comfort of apartment living.

This 121-bed Aparthotel includes a stylish restaurant, The Black Iron Social, as well as a bar and gym.



Highlights

- Self-contained luxury apartments in restored historic building
- City centre location
- Independent company

Accommodation details

 121 studios & apartments

Minimum booking term
One night

Parking facilities
Offsite parking. Preferential rates at NCP St. Nicholas Circle

Pick-up service
No

Accessibility
Fully accessible

 From £70 per studio per night (room only)

Languages
English

Food
Black Iron Social can provide breakfast, lunch & dinner.

Contact information

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36 Market St, Leicester, LE1 6DP
thegreshamaparthotel.com

C. St Martins Lodge

Located in the heart of the historic Cathedral and Greyfriars Area in the City of Leicester, St Martins Lodge offers luxury room only accommodation for those looking to stay in the city for business or leisure. Offering 28 luxury bedrooms, including a top floor junior suite, many original features of this historic building have been retained including the hallway with its chandelier and elegant staircase.

Each room is individually styled in sympathy with the historic architecture and character of the original building. Many bedrooms offer unrestricted views of Leicester Cathedral, near to King Richard III Visitor Centre, St Martins House Conference Centre, the medieval Guildhall and only a short walk away from Highcross Shopping Centre and De Montfort University. St Martins Lodge also offers free secure car parking for guests.



Highlights

- Central location in historic Old Town area of Leicester
- Boutique luxury accommodation in historic building
- Free car parking

Accommodation details

 28 rooms

Minimum booking term
One night

Parking facilities
On-site. Free of charge to guests.

Pick-up service
No

Accessibility
Ground floor accessible rooms.

 From £85.00

Languages
English, Spanish

Food
None on site. Close to city cafes, bars and restaurants

Contact information

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G2 Peacock Lane, Leicester,
LE1 5NR
stmartinslodge.co.uk

D. Holiday Inn Leicester City

Located in the city centre, we have 194 spacious bedrooms, delicious dining in our restaurant, an on-site gym as well as an NCP car park next to the hotel. The hotel was fully refurbished in 2018 to a high modern standard.

Well situated near the Highcross Leicester shopping centre, Holiday Inn Leicester City is five minutes' walk from attractions like the King Richard III Visitor Centre and Leicester Cathedral. The hotel is a 10-minute cab ride from Leicester railway station. The M1 motorway is a 15-minute drive away.

The National Space Centre is a 6-minute drive from the hotel. Sports fans are a 10-minute drive from Leicester Tigers rugby matches at Welford Road Stadium and the King Power Stadium, home of Leicester City FC.

Highlights

- In the heart of the city with on-site parking (NCP)
- Spacious bedrooms. Twin rooms have 2 double beds.
- Climate control in all rooms and 24hr room service.



Accommodation details



194 rooms



From £75

Minimum booking term

1 night stay. Groups considered as 9 rooms or more

Parking facilities

NCP St Nicholas Circle onsite (up to 600 cars). Coach parking available.

Pick-up service

Not available.

Accessibility

Hotel is fully DDA compliant with 4 fully accessible bedrooms

Languages

English, Hindi & Romanian

Contact information

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St Nicholas Circle, Leicester
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ihg.com

F. Kilworth House Hotel & Theatre

Kilworth House Hotel is the perfect venue for business or leisure blending Victorian opulence with fine food and contemporary luxury.

Set amid 38 acres of landscaped South Leicestershire parkland, it has two unique features – the stunning award-winning theatre set in a wooded glade and the Hotel's ornate Victorian Orangery overlooking the parkland.

Kilworth House Hotel offers 33 garden rooms, with views of either the knot garden with water features, or the estate. Each room offers a trouser press, ironing board and in-room safe, as well as tea and coffee making facilities, digital televisions and DVD players.

Highlights

- Set within expansive grounds, offering fine dining and luxurious accommodation.
- Excellent location, perfect for local activities and attractions.
- A stunning open-air theatre dedicated to producing and presenting large scale professional musical theatre, recognised in the national press as one of the Best Outdoor Theatres in the UK.



Accommodation details



44 rooms



From £145

Minimum booking term

1 night.

Parking facilities

Yes.

Pick-up service

Not available.

Accessibility

Two bedrooms provide disabled facilities.

Languages

English.

Food

Full English breakfast.
Orangery and Wordsworth
Restaurants. Afternoon Teas.

Contact information

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Lutterworth Road,
North Kilworth,
Leicester, LE17 6JE
info@kilworthhouse.co.uk

E. Stapleford Park

Located in the heart of the Leicestershire countryside and surrounded by 500 acres of stunning parkland, this Grade I listed mansion bears the imprint of architectural styles, from Tudor to Victorian and where tradition meets the best of the 21st century.

Stapleford Park has 48 rooms and 1 cottage with views of the expansive surrounding grounds, and all include free Wi-Fi access, TV with Sky channels, Egyptian cotton linen and designer toiletries. Guests can enjoy a meal in our Library Bar or in our 2 AA Rosette Restaurant, The Grinling Gibbons. Offering both Afternoon Tea and Table d'Hôte we have a table for every taste here and can cater for even the most discerning palette.

Our Spa is in two distinct areas; within the 1899 Baroque Revival Stable Block modelled on those as Buckingham Palace you will find our Lifestyle Club including Gym, Lounge and Treatment Rooms. Just a short stroll through the Rose Gardens and you will arrive at the impressive Main House, where our indoor pool, sauna, steam room and jacuzzi are located.

We offer a range of activities and experiences including picnics, archery, giant chess, croquet, shooting and falconry you can enjoy during your stay.

Highlights

- Grade I listed, this is one of England's finest country house hotels
- Set within 500 acres of parkland
- A range of facilities and activities including a gym, spa, swimming pool, picnics, croquet, shooting, archery, falconry



Accommodation details



48 bedrooms,
1 cottage



From £190

Minimum booking term

One night

Parking facilities

Facilities for both cars and coaches

Pick-up service

No

Accessibility

Lift and accessible rooms available

Languages

English

Food

Grinling Gibbons 2 AA Rosette Restaurant, The Drawing Room - Afternoon Tea, The Library Bar

Contact information

Reservations
reservations@staplefordpark.com
+ 44 (0)1572 787019

Stapleford, Nr. Melton Mowbray,
Leicestershire, LE14 2EF
staplefordpark.com

G. Cattothorpe Manor Hotel & Estate

Cattothorpe Manor Estate is an independent boutique hotel close to the delightful market towns of Lutterworth and Market Harborough. Originally an Edwardian manor house, it is situated in extensive private grounds offering the combination of a peaceful rural setting with the convenience of being within minutes of the M1, M6 and A5. This beautiful hotel combines understated luxury with modern comforts and retains many period features in its 20 bedrooms.

Highlights

- Boutique hotel in extensive grounds.
- Peaceful, rural setting yet convenient for M1 and M6.
- Edwardian manor house combining period character with modern comforts and understated luxury.



Accommodation details



20 rooms



From £75

Minimum booking term

2 nights.

Parking facilities

Yes.

Pick-up service

Can be arranged.

Accessibility

All bedrooms are on the first floor.
Ramp to main entrance.

Languages

English, Polish, Latvian.

Food

Onsite restaurant.

Contact information

Cattothorpe Manor Hotel
Lisa Byrne
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+44 (0)178 852 4132

Lilbourne Lane, Lutterworth
LE17 6DF
cathorpemanor.co.uk

H. Best Western Premier Yew Lodge Hotel

A delightful village location, family owned and operated hotel with 113 bedrooms just off junction 24 of the M1 motorway. The hotel offers twin and double bedrooms with tea/coffee making facilities, robes, slippers and rooms with walk in showers only. A Marco's New York Italian Restaurant serves breakfast, lunches and evening meals and also offers good banqueting facilities for larger groups.

Whilst resident, guests can use Reeds Health Club and Spa which includes a pool, spa pool, steam room, sauna and a fully equipped fitness suite.

The hotel also offers Escape Rooms for those guests looking for a different kind of entertainment; free WiFi and complimentary newspapers daily.

Highlights

- Village location.
- Large comfortable beds complete with mattress toppers.
- Plenty of lounge areas in which to relax.



Accommodation details



113 rooms



From £39.50

Minimum booking term
1 night.

Parking facilities
188 car parking spaces.
Coach parking down the hill as not all coaches are able to enter grounds due to slight incline.

Pick-up service
By pre-arrangement.

Accessibility
Very accessible – lift to all floors – 14 rooms with walk in showers.

Languages
Most European languages.

Food
In our banqueting suites Chef is happy to discuss menus – traditional British available.

Contact information

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yewlodgehotel.co.uk

J. Hastings Retreat

Quality self-catering accommodation in the heart of the National Forest. Hastings Retreat is a complex of barn conversions set in 76 acres of woodland and beautiful countryside with a 3 acre private fishing and recreation lake for exclusive use of our guests. Situated 5 minutes from the historic market town of Ashby de la Zouch and next door to Hicks Lodge Cycle Centre.

Highlights

- 5 properties offering accommodation for 1-42 people
- Beautiful countryside views
- Plenty of walking, cycling, fishing directly from the property



Accommodation details



5 self-catering barn conversions



From £75 per night

Minimum booking term
Minimum of 2 nights.

Parking facilities
Yes, ample parking.

Pick-up service
Not available.

Accessibility
One barn has a ground floor walk-in shower room with a single bedroom.

Languages
English.

Food
Self-catering.

Contact information

Dawn Jacques
enquiries@hastingsretreat.co.uk
07946544214

Willesley Woodside, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 2UP
hastingsretreat.co.uk

I. Salford Country House Hotel

Situated in Melton Mowbray in the beautiful Leicestershire countryside, Salford Country House Hotel offers comfortable en-suite accommodation surrounded by 8 acres of gardens and woodland. This 3-star hotel features free Wi-Fi and a bar serving local ales. Guests can enjoy a meal in the Drawing Room or on the terrace. All bedrooms have flat screen TV and free Wi-Fi, as well as complimentary toiletries and a bottle of mineral water.

Highlights

- Former hunting lodge and former home of Colonel Colman of Colmans Mustard. Built in 1908.
- Friendly and efficient staff.
- Melton Mowbray 5 minutes drive away to buy your pork pies.



Accommodation details



25 rooms



From £55

Minimum booking term
10 rooms.

Parking facilities
Free parking for 50 cars.
Coach parking.

Pick-up service
Not available.

Accessibility
15 ground floor rooms, 3 adapted rooms with wet room. Bar, restaurant and lounge fully accessible.

Languages
English.

Food
Full English breakfast, lunch and evening meal available.
Packed lunches.

Contact information

Reservations
info@salfordcountryhouse.com
+44 (0)166 444 4654

Melton Road, Melton Mowbray,
Leicestershire LE14 4UB
salfordcountryhouse.com



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| 21 Chocolate Making Workshop with Nenette Chocolates | Leicester Guildhall |
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Experiences suitable for large groups (over 25 people)

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| 6 Tour of the Loughborough Bellfoundry and Museum | 38 Conkers Outdoor Experiences |
| 8 The 1620s House and Garden at Donington le Heath (in split groups) | 42 Fosse Park |
| 9 Ashby de la Zouch Castle | Shopping in Leicester |
| 10 Kirby Muxloe Castle | Market Town Shopping |
| 17 Brockleby's Pies – Pie Making Experience | Leicester Museum & Art Gallery |
| 18 The Pork Pie Experience – Hand Raise A Melton Mowbray Pork Pie | Abbey Pumping Station |

Where to find experiences and accommodation

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- 1 King Richard III Visitor Centre
 - 5 Great Central Railway (Leicester North Station)
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 - 30 Harry and Sally Day Boat Hire
 - 40 Squirrel at Wellsborough
- Shopping in Market Bosworth

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 - 15 Market Town Heritage Trails and Guided Walks
 - 21 Chocolate Making Workshop with Nenette Chocolates
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 - 31 Let's Get Lost Leicester (Barrow-on-Soar)
- Shopping in Loughborough

National Forest and Ashby de la Zouch nationalforest.org

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Email : info@visitleicester.info

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visiting Leicester go to
visitleicester.info/good-to-know/coachparking
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