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Introduction

Whoever you're making a date with, Leicester is packed full of ideas to make it as memorable as possible

From crazy golf to wine tasting and theatre trips to trampolining, whether you're young or old, the city is bursting with activities on your doorstep.

Leicester sits against a wonderfully vibrant cultural backdrop and the city's arts, music and festival offering is one of the best in the Midlands. With a selection of incredible museums, from household historic tales to leading the UK's space research and exploration, there's always something new to learn as you delve deeper into discovering what Leicester has to offer.

Sit back and start planning where's next on your must visit list.

To find out more about Leicester, what to see and do, and where to stay, go to visitleicester.info



Activities

Leicester is alive with activities to take you through from daytime to evening



Did you know?

Both **Treetop Adventure Golf** and **Boost Trampoline Park** offer regular quiet sessions designed for anyone with additional sensory needs. This is your opportunity to experience all the fun of the venues with a calmer atmosphere, reduced sounds and more natural lighting.





Make a date with your family

If you're making a date with the family you can immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the rainforest at **Treetop Adventure Golf**. With two, full 18-hole mini golf courses inside, you'll tackle the Tropical Trail or discover the Ancient Explorer right in the heart of Leicester. If you're looking to get active head over to **Boost Trampoline Park** for plenty of bouncing fun. They have activities suitable for all ages, including special under-4 sessions for toddlers. Then it's time to check out your strength and endurance

at **Ninja Warrior Adventure Park**. Based on the ITV programme, you can climb, balance, jump and swing across different obstacles using and developing your Ninja skills, then see who can conquer the famous Warped Wall – the ultimate challenge for every aspiring Ninja.

From a bouldering session at **Social Climbing** or flying across Europe in the cockpit of a Spitfire plane at **Leicester Simulations**, Leicester is full of exciting options for a day out with a difference.

Make a date with your friends

If you're planning a get together with friends, then a competitive element always adds a little extra excitement

East Street Lanes is Leicester's independent boutique bowling alley, featuring 8 bowling lanes alongside a stylish cocktail bar and arcade. Situated just next door, **Caddyshackers**, the home of crazy golf in Leicester, takes you through 18 themed holes, from a brewery theme, to a building site and even a Leicester City themed football hole. Under 18s can visit Caddyshackers before 7pm, but the evenings are made for the grown-ups. Make sure you allow extra time as you're going round to take all the photos that you'll want for Instagram.



Make a date with your colleagues

If you're looking to take the competitive element up a notch, how about axe throwing? Leicester's only axe throwing lanes are situated inside **Caddyshackers**, making it an exciting multi-activity destination for a team night out.

Across the city, **Lane7** offers a complete entertainment destination. Situated in the transformed former Leicester Central Station, **Lane7** houses the city's biggest bowling alley and social gaming zone. Bowling lanes, crazy golf, ping pong, pool, shuffleboard, arcade games and Leicester's biggest sports screen all await you inside. Of course, the screen isn't just for sports... Keep an eye on their upcoming events for music nights, themed quizzes and plenty of surprises.

In Leicester you can also travel to far off places at one of the city's escape rooms. Enjoy a family friendly Egyptian mystery in The Betrayal of Cluetankhamun at **ClueHQ** or join your friends as you tackle Operation Magnus in **Escapologic's** specially designed 1942 bunker.



Make a date with your partner

Get hands on with Leicester's finest independent bars and producers

If you've ever wanted to learn about handcrafting your own chocolates, then look no further than **Cocoa Amore**. The award-winning chocolatier offers workshops in the art of chocolate making, so you too can create decadent, handcrafted chocolates. Or you can take a trip to Sicily at **Veeno** with their signature wine tasting experiences. Enjoy a date night tasting your way through 6 wines from their family vineyard, accompanied by a grazing board and tiramisu.

Getting hands on doesn't just have to be with food and drink. In Clarendon Park **Eskimo Blue** offer pottery classes, giving you the opportunity to practice your skills on the potting wheel, or you may choose to develop your artistic skills with a class at **Leicester Print Workshop**.

Whatever your interests, and whoever you're making plans with, there's a city full of options awaiting you.





Cinema

From the latest blockbuster Hollywood movies to independent arthouse films,

Leicester's cinemas complement each other perfectly in their offering to ensure you don't miss out on anything



For big Hollywood releases **Showcase Cinema Deluxe** at Highcross and **Odeon** at Freemens Common offer a comfortable and accessible experience. Odeon offers luxurious reclining seats in each of their 12 screens, whilst over at Showcase Cinema Deluxe you can upgrade your cinema trip with a visit to their stylish Director's Lounge.

For film fans, a visit to **Phoenix** is an absolute must. As Leicester's centre for independent cinema, art and digital culture, Phoenix houses two modern cinema screens showing everything from micro-budget independent films to the latest blockbusters, as well as hosting a regular programme of festivals and events. With their wonderful onsite café bar, you can turn any visit to Phoenix into a special occasion with a meal and drinks before or after your screening. The cinema is also currently undergoing an exciting multi-million pound expansion project that will see the cinema add two more screens, a gallery and rooftop terrace.

Celebrating Leicester's diversity, Bollywood films are a popular fixture in Leicester's cinema calendar. The Odeon hosts Bollywood and South Asian screenings every week, whilst Piccadilly Cinema in Belgrave shows Bollywood favourites as well as major blockbusters with screenings in a variety of languages. Phoenix also hosts the annual UK Asian Film Festival, the world's longest running South Asian film festival outside India, hosting screenings, talks and events celebrating Asian film culture.



Did you know?



There's a secret vintage cinema in Leicester.

Next time you're at **The Queen of Bradgate** take a peek at their 20-seater vintage cinema space, which is available for private hire.



Theatre

Showstopping musical hits, award-winning touring performances and locally produced stage productions, Leicester's theatres are bustling with energy



Did you know?



Upstairs at The Western is Leicester's only pub theatre.

Run by a team of volunteers, you can enjoy a range of performances at the 42-seater venue in the heart of the West End. Find them above The Western pub.



At the heart of it, in the centre of the Cultural Quarter is state-of-the-art theatre, **Curve**. With a reputation for producing and programming a bold and diverse programme of musicals, plays, new work, dance and opera, Curve is one of the leading theatres in the country. Curve is regularly chosen as the venue to open the most highly anticipated UK touring productions, including Phantom of the Opera, Miss Saigon, Matilda and more, and has seen its own Made At Curve productions and co-productions become huge national hits.

For one-night shows, panto and family fun be sure to keep up to date with the event listings at **De Montfort Hall**. Their annual festive pantomime has become a Christmas tradition for many Leicester families and their regular one-night theatre shows include some of the finest UK tours of the moment.

Leicester's oldest theatre is a title held by **The Y Theatre**, who continue to provide a bustling live performance venue featuring an eclectic programme

of music, comedy, theatre, dance, and family shows. Providing regular opportunities to the city's budding performers, **The Little Theatre** is home to Leicester Drama Society, and is in fact where the late Lord Richard Attenborough began his acting career. There are regular opportunities to audition for upcoming productions and also to get involved in stage managing, directing or being part of the stage crew.

One of Leicester's best-known names to have impacted the arts world is

author Sue Townsend. Her work is honoured through the naming of **The Sue Townsend Theatre**, which regularly welcomes performances by local and national arts, music, theatre and dance companies.

The city also has a number of community centres offering a wide variety of activities and services. In the heart of Belgrave, **The Peepul Centre** offers a diverse arts programme within their modern theatre, with groups and families welcome to enjoy dance, comedy, live music, film and much more.





Live Music

Leicester has a long tradition of supporting the best of the UK's breakthrough music talent. Who knows when you might spot the next big thing

Top 3 "Were you there?" moments:

Adele
at De Montfort Hall, 2011

Kasabian
at The Shed, 1998

Frank Turner
at Firebug, 2006



The city is home to a mix of larger concert halls and smaller independent venues, which between them support a thriving entertainment scene

Regularly hosting household names, **De Montfort Hall** and **O2 Academy**, are highlights on the city's live music map. Recent performers include Stereophonics, Paloma Faith, The Courteeners, Fontaines D.C. and Bugzy Malone, to name just a few. Then as the summer approaches keep an eye on event listings from the **Uptonsteel County Ground** as they host their larger outdoor music performances. This is supported by the incredible programme of events that is hosted across the city's independent venues.

Acts such as Royal Blood, Mahalia, George Ezra and Frank Turner have all performed intimate shows in the city's independent venues on their way to international stardom.

Whatever your preferred genre of music, you'll be able to enjoy live performances every night of the week. **The Musician** is known for their programming across blues and folk, whilst **Firebug** and **The Soundhouse** regularly host the UK's best breakthrough alternative acts. In the summer you can even enjoy plenty of al fresco entertainment at **The Soundhouse** and **The Donkey** with their outdoor stages.



If you're a performer there are also plenty of opportunities to get on stage yourself at one of the city's many open mic nights

You could find yourself amongst the next Kasabian, Easy Life, Mahalia or Grace Petrie, as Leicester's talent becomes firmly pinned to the map.

The city's current generation of vibrant musical performers is very much flying the flag for diverse, dynamic, original music. **2Funky Arts** is at the forefront of advancing and celebrating arts & music of black origin, and their venue, 2Funky Complex in the West End, has an incredible programme of live events including performances and workshops.



Live Comedy

Leicester is one of the leading UK cities for promoting comedy

Leicester Comedy Festival is Europe's longest running comedy festival and sees over 800 performances take place in the city, but comedy isn't just for February.

Throughout the year Leicester's venues are packed with regular comedy nights, household names and the best new talent on the circuit. You'll find TV regulars such as Sarah Millican, Romesh Ranganathan and Paul Chowdhury visiting **De Montfort Hall** and **Curve** on their UK tours, whilst the city's pubs and venues host breakthrough and regular work in progress shows. Keep an eye on venues including **The Big Difference** and **Manhattan34** for their regular laugh out loud events.

Highlights include monthly shows from **Jokes on Us** as part of Leicester's popular street food event, **Last Friday**, at **LCB Depot**, and **Just The Tonic** who continue to bring fantastic comedy line-ups to the city each Saturday night.





Make a Date with your partner

The Black Horse in Aylestone has secured some incredible comedy names for their weekly comedy shows, but the catch is you don't know who's going to be on until you get there. Their **Laughter Loft** shows take place in the pub's upstairs event space, but during the summer they move outside for **Giggles in the Garden**. A great date night option.



Active & Sport



A Sporting City

Leicester is a fantastic sporting city, with a strong history of championship winning teams, producing homegrown talent and cultivating a strong local supporter base

From the Premier League to the British Basketball League, the city is never short of live action for you to follow.

Of course, Leicester is home to 5000-1 Premier League Champions, Leicester City. It's no surprise that match tickets sell out for most home games, but if you keep an eye on the website you can often grab tickets for cup and evening games to see your favourite star players. Or why not enjoy a behind the scenes look around the home of the Foxes on a **King Power Stadium** tour? You'll see the stadium through the eyes

of the first team, visiting the changing rooms, TV studio and then taking the manager's seat pitch side.

Following their promotion to the WSL, Leicester City Women now play their home games at King Power Stadium, offering a fun day out for all the family.

For rugby fans, you can see a host of international stars and England favourites on a match day at **Mattioli Woods Welford Road Stadium** as Leicester Tigers once again push for league and cup success. Keen to make matchdays affordable for all, Leicester Tigers also offer special Young Adult ticket prices for under 25's and full-time students. New for this season, Leicester Tigers have followed the success of the England women's team with the launch of a brand-new women's and girl's rugby programme here in Leicester.



Make a date with the family

You can also catch the action with British Basketball League Champions, Leicester Riders, who play their BBL and European home games at the **Morningside Arena** in the city centre. A brilliant family friendly atmosphere awaits on game nights.



As the summer months approach eyes turn to the **Uptonsteel County Ground**, home of the Leicestershire County Cricket Club Running Foxes. County Championship fixtures throughout the summer are complemented by exciting T20 Vitality Blast and one-day Royal London Cup action, which is a perfect introduction for new cricket fans.



Get Active

Make a regular Saturday morning date in your diary as **Parkrun** takes place every week on **Victoria Park** and **Braunstone Park**

Parkrun is a weekly community 5k event, and registration is free. Whether you walk, jog or run you'll have the opportunity to meet new people and get fit in the great outdoors.

You can also explore Leicester by bike with the city's e-bike sharing scheme, Santander Cycles

Offering a quick, easy and healthy way to move around Leicester, the growing scheme has docking stations located right across the city. With pay as you go, monthly or annual plans available you can select whichever best suits your needs and budget.



Make a date with your friends

Grab your friends and take the opportunity to see Leicester from a different perspective by travelling along the rivers and canals paddling your own boat. **Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre** offer an Urban Paddle trip which starts at **Aylestone Meadows**. Paddle down the river in your own kayak, passing by city landmarks including King Power Stadium. Taking in Frog Island and Abbey Park, there are opportunities available enroute for comfort and coffee breaks, in what is a fun and unique way to explore the city.



Of course, Leicester has not one, not two but three crazy golf courses in the city centre, but what about practicing your full golfing skills? **Humberstone Heights Golf Club** offers an 18-hole golf course with a 9-hole pitch & putt, a 30-bay driving range, chipping area and a practice putting green. Visitor packages are available to book for non-members. Whilst at Humberstone Heights you can also enjoy a game of FootGolf, an exciting mix of football and golf, offering an ideal activity for groups looking to try something new. Similar to golf, the aim of the game is to get your football in the hole with as few kicks as possible. Visitors at Humberstone Heights can choose to play either the 9 or 18 hole course, whilst a smaller 3 hole FootGolf activity is located at Knighton Park.



Did you know?



Leicester has its own indoor skate park?

Skate Parlour in Aylestone encourages people from all backgrounds to enjoy skateboarding, with beginner sessions, after school club, ladies only nights and even Silver Skater events (30+).

Make a date with yourself

Slow things down and enjoy some quality me-time at one of Leicester's many boutique yoga studios. The **Space to Breathe Collective** is a not-for-profit yoga collective in the city centre offering a range of classes and one-off events. **Yoga House** in Stoneygate is set across three floors from their Calm Room for meditation to their FitSpace studio room. Then in the spring and summer months, get ready to connect with **Mother Earth** with classes held in their yoga garden outdoor space. Of course, Hot Yoga has also become a popular activity in recent years and **Hot Pod Yoga** in the city centre offers a range of classes throughout the day in this supercharged approach to the ancient and powerful practice.

Museums & Galleries

Leicester's rich history is reflected in the city's various museums





The National Space Centre offers visitors the opportunity to explore six interactive galleries, the UK's largest planetarium and the iconic 42m high **Rocket Tower**. The award-winning attraction really is an out of this world experience. Dedicated to the awe-inspiring story of space exploration, the Centre is both a museum and educational resource, suitable for all ages.

The discovery of King Richard III's remains under a Leicester car park in 2012 hit the headlines around the world, leaving the city with an incredible story to tell. The **King Richard III Visitor Centre** immerses visitors in that story, unravelling plots of medieval murder and mystery before following the amazing evidence gathering that led to the discovery of his long-lost grave and the forensic science that identified the remains. The visit ends at the site of the King's original grave, now preserved under a glass floor, where he lay undiscovered for so many years.

Leicester also has a number of free entry museums, each offering their own wonderfully unique exhibitions and collection of artefacts. **Leicester Museum & Art Gallery** on New Walk is a highlight of a family friendly day out in the city. Children will be wowed by the museum's Dinosaur Gallery, where the 15 metre Rutland Dinosaur stands at the centre. Another highlight is the Attenborough Collection of Picasso Ceramics. This gallery contains selected key works from the collection of Lord and Lady Attenborough, which was entrusted to Leicester Museums & Galleries in 2007. The museum also hosts regular pop-up exhibitions documenting everything from 1960s Mod Culture to celebrating Leicester City's 2016 Premier League win.

On De Montfort University's campus you can visit **The Gallery**, a free space showcasing world class contemporary art. A rich resource for the University's students and staff, The Gallery is also open to the public and offers opportunities to get involved in projects and exhibitions.

Part of the University of Leicester, **Attenborough Arts Centre** offers performance, courses and workshops, contemporary art exhibitions, activities for children and families, and is a champion of emerging talent and disability-led artists. The gallery is dedicated to the exhibition of contemporary British and international art and is one of the largest contemporary art galleries in the East Midlands.

In the heart of the city centre visitors can step back in time in the Medieval **Guildhall**, one of the best-preserved timber framed halls in the country. With its Great Hall built around 1390, a tour of Leicester Guildhall will take you through the centuries and many uses of the site, leading up to its use today as a popular event venue.

Another stop of Leicester's museum tour is **Newarke Houses Museum**, two historic houses which now house fascinating collections of items making up people's day to day lives. Discover the 1950s street scene with its shops

and pub, see the museum's thought-provoking regimental collection and the gallery collection of toys dating back to the 1500s. But perhaps the best-known item at Newarke Houses Museum is the famous chair belonging to Daniel Lambert, an 18th century Leicester resident who became famous as Britain's largest man.



Abbey Pumping Station gives further insight into Leicester's history. You'll be transported back to Victorian England, learning how the city's residents tackled many of the issues that faced them. The museum also charts the early days of motorised transport, allowing families and visitors to get hands on with the history of science, industry and transport. Don't miss the rare collection of vintage vehicles, featuring buses, fire engines, a chip van and a hansom cab.

Offering an oasis of peace and quiet in a busy city, **Belgrave Hall** was built in the early 18th century in what was then a small village three miles

from the town of Leicester. Now city traffic passes, almost unnoticed, just beyond the garden walls. From April to September the gardens are open every Wednesday and the first full weekend of the month, whilst visitors can also explore inside Belgrave Hall on special event days.

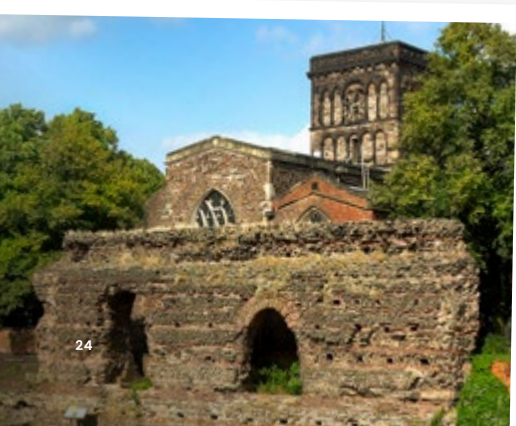
Leicester is also home to **Jewry Wall**, one of the largest surviving Roman structures in Britain today. The museum is currently closed for a major refurbishment, but the city looks forward to welcoming a new state of the art immersive visitor attraction, which is currently being developed.

Sitting alongside the city's museums and in house galleries, we're proud to support a number of modern artist-led galleries and exhibition spaces. **Leicester Contemporary** is a unique contemporary art gallery in the city centre. With a focus on exhibitions that are dynamic and inspiring, it is an artist led space, with an emphasis on providing a conventional art gallery

space with opportunities for both local and national artists.

Across the city you'll discover **StudioAme**, incorporating a project space, artist studios and education hub. The space has become home to many of the city's most exciting artists including Tim Fowler, who held his 2020 solo show in the space. Leicester is also home to the Midlands centre for fine art printmaking, with **Leicester Print Workshop** offering studio space to leading printmakers, as well as classes and regular pop-up sales.

Of course, Leicester is also famous for its incredible street art. Events such the acclaimed international street artist festival, **Bring The Paint**, alongside the opening of a dedicated street art centre have brought international attention to the city. You can visit **thestreetart.guide** to view a map of Leicester's main street art sites, and also pay a visit to **The Mill by Graffwerk**, which houses a gallery space with regular events, artists workshops and artist studios.





City of Festivals

Throughout the year
Leicester comes alive with
colour and entertainment
thanks to the city's annual
festival calendar



Did you know?

The Guardian named **Leicester Comedy Festival** in their top 5 comedy festivals in the world.



Making Leicester giggle since 1994, **Leicester Comedy Festival** takes place every February, with venues across the city hosting hundreds of hilarious performances from household names and the best breakthrough talent. They have also developed the **UK Kids' Comedy Festival**, which was set up in 2019 as the first ever comedy festival aimed at children and families.

Children's entertainment is something Leicester does very well and **The Spark Arts Festival** presents unforgettable arts experiences for young people aged 0-13. Bringing a much-needed splash of sunshine to every February, don't miss their programme of music, arts and performance.

Leicester is famously known for its annual **Diwali** celebrations. With the largest celebrations outside of India, the **Festival of Light** sees Leicester host a vibrant cultural programme of music, dance and

fireworks for both the Diwali Lights switch on and Diwali Day itself.

Shining a light on the city, the bi-annual **Light Up Leicester** has become a must visit event. With the city glowing after dark, Light Up Leicester hosts a series of large-scale illuminated artworks by some of the world's leading light artists, offering visitors the chance to see the city like never before.

For music fans there are festivals celebrating all genres. Multi-venue **Handmade Festival** shines a light on some of the UK's best up and coming alternative artists, whilst **Leicester International Music Festival** is dedicated to bringing the world's best classical musicians to the city. Enjoy the sights and sounds of Reggae and Soca at the **Caribbean Carnival** and have a day out with the family enjoying the live music stage, amongst the local stalls and entertainment at the annual **Riverside Festival**.

Make a Date with your Friends

Craft beer and music lovers, book a weekend catch up in the city centre at **BrewBeat**. Choose from a huge selection of craft beers from independent breweries and enjoy the city's finest musical talent from the stage in Green Dragon Square.





Green Spaces

Leicester's parks and green spaces offer a wealth of opportunity to walk, explore and keep fit and healthy



Just a short stroll up London Road you'll find **Victoria Park**, popular with the student population due to its location next to the **University of Leicester**, and providing a wonderful green space for running, sports and picnics between Clarendon Park and the city centre.

For plant lovers, the University of Leicester **Botanic Garden** offers the opportunity to explore one of the most diverse plant collections in the region. Founded in 1921, the Botanic Garden features 16 acres of lovingly cultivated grounds and greenhouses, displaying a wide variety of features and environments. Centred around a restored Edwardian garden, the site also includes an arboretum, herb garden, woodland and herbaceous borders, rock gardens, a water garden and special collections.

Perhaps one of the city's best known parks is **Abbey Park**, due to its historical significance. Dating back to 1143, the park is the resting place of Cardinal Wolsey, who died at Leicester Abbey in 1530 as he stopped there en route to London having been accused of treason by King Henry VIII. Subsequently buried in the Abbey, a statue of the Cardinal now stands proudly at the centre of the park. As well as strolling around the remains of the twelfth century **Leicester Abbey** and the ruins of **Cavendish House**, a 17th century mansion, visitors can also enjoy the boating lake, bowling green, tennis courts and more. Don't miss their miniature railway and Pets Corner, both hugely popular features of the park.





To the south of the city, **Knighon Park** offers a lovely walking spot, with a recognised nature reserve and plenty of activities to keep you entertained. Choose from orienteering courses, Ping! tables, FootGolf and the sensory garden on your next visit. In fact, fun and exercise is a common theme in our city's parks with over 30 outdoor gyms available for free public use, as well as tennis courts, cricket wickets, bowls, croquet and more, with facilities available to book at parks including **Western Park**, **Spinney Hill Park**, **Evington Park** and **Humberstone Park** (see directory for booking details).

For walkers and cyclists, **Aylestone Meadows** offers the opportunity to enjoy a four-mile pathway along **The Great Central Way**. The meadows are home to a variety of wildlife and is Leicester's largest local nature reserve, which you can explore as you walk alongside several locks of the **Grand Union Canal**.

A little further out of the city, **Watermead Country Park** is a haven for wetland wildlife, proving popular with nature lovers, walkers and families. Enjoy the park's lakeside views, woodland walks, and don't miss the impressive life-sized mammoth sculpture, inspired by the mammoth, bison and deer bones that were discovered near to the site.



Wider Leicestershire is well known for its rolling countryside and **Bradgate Park** was named in the top 10 most beautiful places to walk in the UK in a study by outdoor retailer, **Millets**, in 2021. The medieval deer park offers the opportunity to enjoy untouched nature, as you explore its 840 acres, with roaming deer, small woods, waterside walks and beautiful backdrop. Leicester City Council is a trustee of Bradgate Park and it can be reached directly by bus from the city centre.



Did you know?



At Bradgate Park you can enjoy a slice of Tudor history.

Walk amongst the ruins of Bradgate House, the birthplace and early home of Lady Jane Grey. The nine days, 16th century Queen of England.

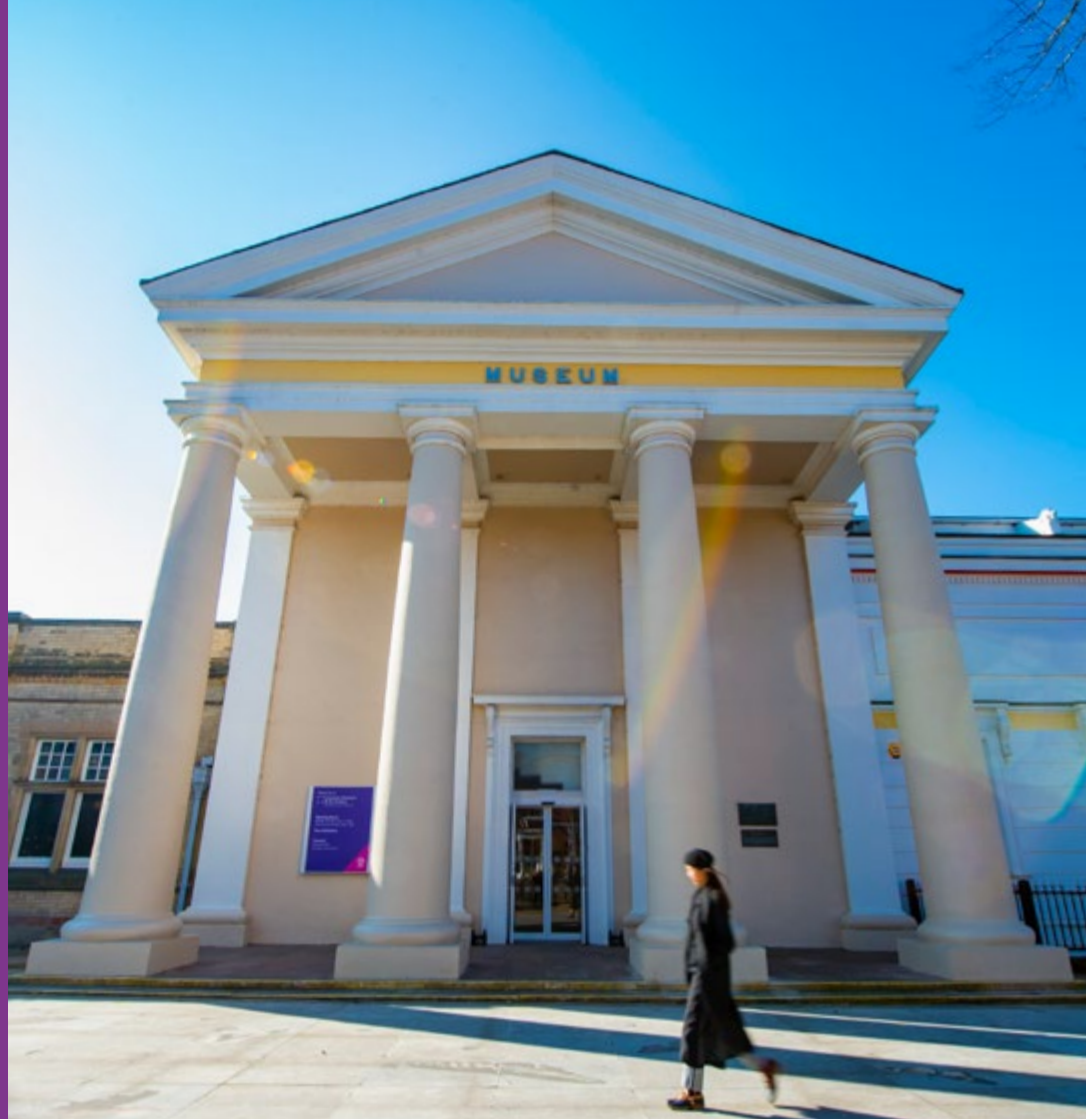


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Please check with individual venues in advance so that you can be confident it meets any accessibility needs.

All information is correct at time of publication.



ACTIVITIES

BOOST TRAMPOLINE PARK

Family fun jump arena.

11 St George Street, Leicester, LE1 1QG

T: 01604 438 181

www.boosttrampolineparks.co.uk

CADDYSHACKERS

Indoor crazy golf and axe throwing.

40 Calais Hill, Leicester, LE1 6AR

www.caddyshackers.co.uk

CLUE HQ

Multi-game escape rooms.

62-68 Highcross Street, Leicester, LE1 4NN

T: 0116 344 0044

www.cluehq.co.uk

COCOA AMORE

Chocolate making workshops available.

34 Silver Street, Leicester, LE1 5ET

T: 0116 262 3278

www.cocoa-amore.co.uk

EAST STREET LANES

Boutique bowling alley and cocktail bar.

East Street, Leicester, LE1 6NB

www.eaststreetlanes.co.uk

ESCAPOLOGIC

Immersive escape rooms.

2B St Martin's, Leicester, LE1 5DB

T: 0116 416 1166

www.escapologic.com

ESKIMO BLUE

Pottery studio.

192c Clarendon Park Road,
Leicester, LE2 3AF

www.eskimoblue.co.uk

LANE7

Multi-activity venue, bars and street food.

Great Central Street, Leicester, LE1 4JT

www.lane7.co.uk/leicester

LEICESTER SIMULATIONS

Experience spitfire, racing and golf simulators.

44 - 46 Cank Street, Leicester, LE1 5GW

T: 0116 262 1750

www.leicestersimulations.co.uk

SOCIAL CLIMBING

Bouldering centre.

24 - 28 East Bond Street, Leicester, LE1 4SX

T: 0116 251 3742

www.social-climbing.com

TREETOP ADVENTURE GOLF

Rainforest themed mini golf.

3 Shires Lane, Leicester, LE1 4AN

T: 0116 402 8333

www.adventuregolf.com/leicester

VEENO

Wine tasting experiences.

9 St Martin's, Leicester, LE1 5DE

T: 0116 262 8719

www.veenobars.com

CINEMA

CINEMA DE LUX

**Modern multi-screen
chain cinema.**

7 Highcross Lane,
Leicester, LE1 4SD

T: 0116 261 5959

www.showcasecinemas.co.uk

ODEON LUXE

**Modern multi-screen
chain cinema.**

Freemens Park, 90 Aylestone
Road, Leicester, LE2 7LT

T: 0333 014 4501

www.odeon.co.uk

PHOENIX CINEMA AND ART CENTRE

**Independent
art-house cinema.**

4 Midland Street, Leicester, LE1 1TG

T: 0116 242 2800

www.phoenix.org.uk

PICCADILLY CINEMA

**Specialist cinema for
Bollywood and foreign
language screenings.**

40 Green Lane Road,
Leicester, LE5 3TH

T: 0116 251 8880

www.piccadillycinemas.co.uk

THEATRE

CURVE

State of the art theatre.

60 Rutland Street,
Leicester, LE1 1SB

T: 0116 242 3560

www.curveonline.co.uk

DE MONTFORT HALL

**Leicester's largest music
& performance venue.**

Granville Road, Leicester, LE1 7RU

T: 0116 233 3111

www.demontforthall.co.uk

SUE TOWNSEND THEATRE

City centre arts venue.

16 Upper Brown St,
Leicester, LE1 5TE

T: 0116 224 4080

[www.leicestercollege.ac.uk/
sue-townsend](http://www.leicestercollege.ac.uk/sue-townsend)

THE LITTLE THEATRE

**Home of Leicester
Drama Society.**

Dover Street, Leicester, LE1 6PW

T: 0116 255 1302

www.thelittletheatre.co.uk

THE PEEPUL CENTRE

**Community theatre
and arts space.**

Orchardson Avenue,
Leicester, LE4 6DP

T: 0116 261 6000

www.peepulenterprise.com

THE Y THEATRE

Leicester's oldest theatre.

7 East Street, Leicester, LE1 6EY

T: 0116 255 7066

www.ytheatre.co.uk

UPSTAIRS AT THE WESTERN

**Leicester's only
pub theatre.**

70 Western Road,
Leicester, LE3 0GA

www.upstairsatthewestern.com

LIVE MUSIC & COMEDY

2FUNKY COMPLEX

Multi-space live event venue.

23 New Park Street, Leicester, LE3 5NH

T: 07976 412 759

www.2funkycomplex.co.uk

DE MONTFORT HALL

Leicester's largest music and performance venue.

Granville Road, Leicester, LE1 7RU

T: 0116 233 3111

www.demontforthall.co.uk

FIREBUG

Late night pub and live gig venue.

1 Millstone Lane, Leicester, LE1 5JN

T: 0116 255 1228

www.firebugbar.net

O2 ACADEMY

Major live music venue.

Percy Gee Building, 12 University Road,
Leicester, LE1 7RH

T: 0844 477 2000

www.o2academyleicester.co.uk

THE BIG DIFFERENCE

Comedy Club and live event venue.

68 High Street, Leicester, LE1 5YP

www.bd-tickets.co.uk

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Eclectic independent live music venue.

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T: 0116 251 0080

www.themusicianpub.co.uk

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www.getintheshed.co.uk

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T: 07710 341 982

www.thesoundhouseleicester.co.uk



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T: 0116 299 5111

www.leicestermuseums.org

ATTENBOROUGH ARTS CENTRE

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www.attenborougharts.com

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www.kriii.com

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www.leicestercontemporary.co.uk

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www.leicesterprintworkshop.com

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www.spacecentre.co.uk

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The Newarke, Leicester, LE2 7BY

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thegallery.dmu.ac.uk

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www.lcfc.com

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www.leicesterspeedway.com

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www.lopc.co.uk

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www.riders.basketball

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www.leicestertigers.com

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www.leicestershireccc.co.uk

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www.whatagoal.co.uk

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www.brewbeat.co.uk

DIWALI

Celebrations for the
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Belgrave
www.visitleicester.info

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Music festival.

August, multiple venues
www.instagram.com/handmadetotally

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Every February, multiple venues
www.comedy-festival.co.uk

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June, Western Boulevard and Bede Park
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One day music festival.

April, O2 Academy
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