

# LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE GROUP TRAVEL GUIDE



**VISIT KING RICHARD III VISITOR CENTRE**

BECOME A PART OF HISTORY AT THE GREATEST  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL DETECTIVE STORY EVER TOLD



**VISIT BELVOIR CASTLE**

EXPERIENCE EXTRAORDINARY - EXPLORE STUNNING  
LANDSCAPES & OPULENT REGENCY INTERIORS



**VISIT NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE**

DISCOVER THE UNIVERSE AT THE UK'S LARGEST PLANETARIUM  
AND BE STARSTRUCK BY 42M HIGH ROCKET TOWER



**VISIT GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY**

EUROPE'S ONLY DOUBLE GAUGE HERITAGE RAILWAY  
WHERE THOMAS COOK PIONEERED TOURISM

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.

# Leicester and 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 bellfoundry 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 Belvoir castle that featured in Netflix's *The Crown*.

## Taste the place

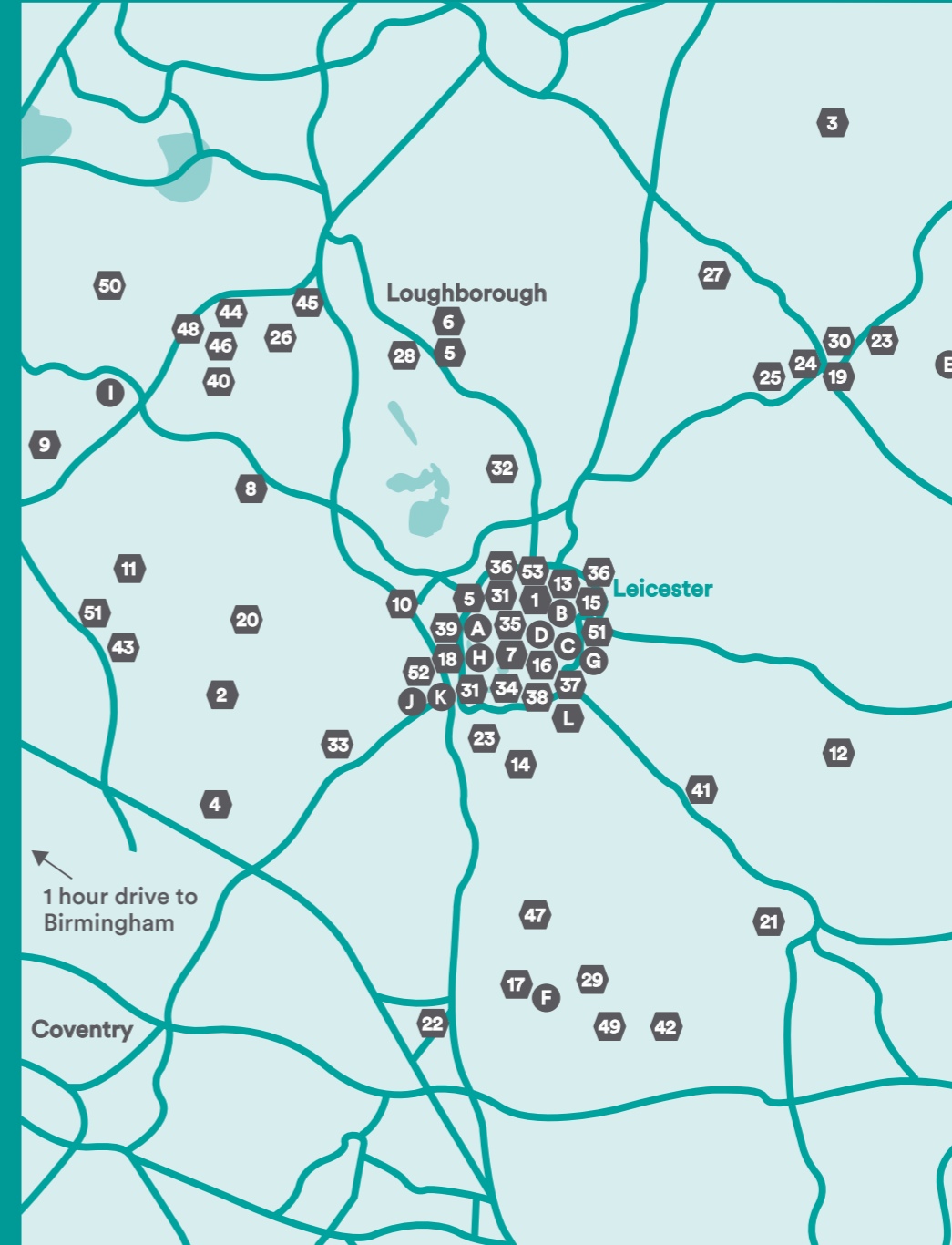
Leicestershire offers an authentic taste of England with the ancient market town of Melton Mowbray claiming the title of Rural Capital of Food through its association with the pork pie and Stilton cheese. Experience the best of the region's food and drink, and discover a little of its fascinating history, 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. Experience the exhilaration of a tank driving or hovercrafting adventure then unwind with a wellbeing and nature experience in the heart of the forest.



Leicestershire – Experiences



## 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.



Leicestershire – 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 Railway 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](http://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](http://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.



## 1. King Richard III Visitor Centre

Visit King Richard III's grave site and the multi award-winning exhibition about his life, death, and rediscovery, featuring advanced technology and design to tell his remarkable story: the first king DNA tested, the last king to die in battle, marking the end of the Plantagenets and the Medieval period, and the start of the Tudor era.



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.

### 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 – 80 people

 1.5 hours

 From £9pp  
Groups of 15 or more (when booked in advance)

**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**  
info@visitleicester.info

+44 (0)116 299 4444  
kriii.com

## 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 their 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 Tith 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 free 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

## 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.

 4 hours

 From £9pp

**Parking facilities**  
Free parking at the Engine Yard  
Paid parking at main Castle car park  
Free parking for organised coaches

**Accessibility**  
Ground floor access only for those with limited mobility. Free disabled parking.

**Availability**  
Seasonal. Refer to website.  
**Languages**  
English.

#### Contact information

**Belvoir Castle Groups**  
groups@belvoircastle.com

+44 (0)1476 871001  
belvoircastle.com

## 4. Triumph Factory Visitor Experience

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 which stocks a carefully selected range of top-quality Triumph lifestyle clothing, technical wear, accessories and exclusive souvenirs.

### 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
- Café and Official Triumph Factory Shop on site

#### Experience details



4 – 15 people per factory tour



1.5 – 4 hours



FREE Exhibition. £28 Factory Tour.

#### Parking facilities

Free car, coach & motorcycle parking

#### Accessibility

Fully accessible

#### Availability

All year, Wed to Sun,

#### Languages

English.

#### Contact information

##### Triumph Factory Visitor Experience

Factory Tour Bookings  
factory.tours@triumph.co.uk

+44 (0)1455 453 088  
//bit.ly/3KOIf3Z

## 5. The Great Central Railway

The Great Central Railway is Europe's only double track heritage railway, therefore the only line where steam trains can be seen passing each other at speed in a historical mainline setting. Running for 8 miles through the Leicestershire Countryside, the Railway has four stations charmingly restored to reflect different periods in railway history.



First Class dining trains offer delicious lunch and dinner services in sumptuous Pullman style comfort. Other experiences include Fish n Chip Trains, First Class Afternoon Teas and Murder Mystery evenings. There are four stations: Loughborough, Quorn & Woodhouse, Rothley and Leicester North, all with cafés. This enables a variety of starting points for your group's experience. Special events happen all through the year with Steam and Diesel Galas, our Railways at Work Gala, Beer Festival, and of course our seasonal Santa services.

Let your group experience the raw power of steam, the ambience of yesteryear's carriages, the beauty of the Swithland reservoir, fine food and drink and the magic of heritage rail travel.

### Highlights

- Powerful Steam locomotives
- Museum at Loughborough Station
- First Class dining on board a luxury train
- Coach party friendly

#### 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

charters@gcrailway.co.uk

01509 632331  
gcrailway.co.uk

## 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.

The new Museum Heritage Experience is set to open Summer 2024

### 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 20



90 minutes – 2 hours



From £10.50pp

#### Parking facilities

Limited on-street parking available.

#### Accessibility

We regret that due to the historic nature of the site, we are currently unable to offer either full or partial wheelchair access.

#### Availability

Tours are run once a week and tickets can be booked through the website. For groups between 5-20 people, tours are available by prior arrangement Monday-Thursday

Languages  
English.

#### Contact information

##### Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust (CIO)

info@belltrust.co.uk

+44 (0)1509 638 500  
belltrust.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
- The brand new official Tigers Shop and Jennos café on-site

#### Experience details



Up to 30 people



2 hours



From £10pp. Group rates over 15

#### Parking facilities

Cars and coaches at Crumby 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

- Ticket valid for 12 months from date of purchase
- Interactive guided tours (pre-book only)
- Barn Tea Room with traditional recipes and site grown produce. Afternoon teas (pre-book only)
- Gift shop with plants grown on site
- Accessibility aids include iPad with videos and images of first floor



#### 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  
Virtual tour of first floor on iPad

#### Availability

Open to the public – April to September, Thursdays to Sundays and Bank Holidays

#### Languages

English

#### Contact information

##### Booking Office

1620shouse@leics.gov.uk

+44 (0)1455 290 429

1620sHouse.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 a 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



15% discount for groups of 11 or more

#### Parking facilities

No coach parking on site, drop off at entrance. 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

english-heritage.org.uk

traveltrade@english-heritage.org.uk

+44 (0)1530 413343

+44 (0)0117 9751349

## 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



Refer to website

#### 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

traveltrade@english-heritage.org.uk

+44 (0)1162 386886

+44 (0)117 9751349

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.

#### Contact information

##### The Battlefield Line

The Booking Office, Shackerstone

info@battlefieldline.co.uk

+44 (0)1827 880754

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 and 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 – 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

tickets@nevillholtopera.co.uk

+44 01858 437 451

nevillholtopera.co.uk

## 13. National Space Centre

With 6 interactive galleries, the UK's largest planetarium and the iconic 42m high Rocket Tower, the award-winning National Space Centre provides groups with an out of this world experience. This world-class attraction houses spacecraft, rockets, satellites, a piece of the Moon (and Mars), and even Buzz Aldrin's Apollo 'long-johns'!



If you are looking for a day out for a group of 15 or more, the National Space Centre has designed full or half day packages to suit every budget with coffee and cake packages available.

### Highlights

- 30-minute planetarium show in the UK's largest planetarium (optional dependent upon package purchased)
- 6 interactive ground floor galleries, 4 Rocket Tower galleries and daily live 'science busking'
- Catering available, including lunch beneath a giant rocket
- Coach parking

#### Experience details



15 or more



Half or full day



From £17.95pp

#### Parking facilities

Pay car park and coach parking

#### Accessibility

Accessible exhibitions and toilets. Changing Places facility. Disabled parking spaces. For full details see website

#### Availability

Not available for group bookings during national school holiday dates

#### Languages

English

#### Contact information

##### Bookings Team

bookings@spacecentre.co.uk

+44 (0)116 258 2111

spacecentre.co.uk

## 14. Bouskell Park Ice House Tour

Bouskell Park has a rich history. Once the site of a medieval village, it is now home to a Grade II Listed Victorian Ice House, originally built in 1843 for the wealthy residents of Blaby Hall. Restored to its former glory in 2021, the Ice House was built as an early form of refrigeration. With the help of a knowledgeable guide, explore the historic park and learn more about this previously hidden gem.



The tour includes a guided circular walk around Bouskell Park that includes information about its archaeological features and the local history of the site, followed by exclusive access inside the restored Ice House.

Why not explore the area more widely? This experience is suitable for combining with others in the area including a tour of Everards Brewery or the historic Kirby Muxloe Castle.

### Highlights

- Guided tour delving into the history of Bouskell Park
- Exclusive group access to the recently renovated Victorian Ice House
- Combine your visit with a tour of Everards Brewery or historic Kirby Muxloe Castle

#### Experience details



5 – 15 people



1 Hour



£5 pp

#### Parking facilities

Free onsite parking (limited)

#### Accessibility

Ice House not accessible. Park grounds only

#### Availability

Seasonal. May to September

#### Languages

English.

#### Contact information

##### Visit Blaby District

leisure@blaby.gov.uk

+44 (0)116 272 7703

visitblaby.org.uk

## 15. Curve

Set in the heart of the city's vibrant cultural Quarter, Curve theatre is "now officially the home of the world-class productions" The Daily Telegraph.

Curve has developed an international reputation for producing, programming, and touring an exciting range of award-winning musicals, plays, family shows and dance; thrilling, inspiring and entertaining audiences for 15 years.

Made at Curve productions are frequently seen in London's West End or on tour across the UK, and these productions can be enjoyed first and for less, here in Leicester.



Planning a get together with family and friends, celebrating the festive season with work colleagues, or booking your annual social club outing? Take your seat at Curve for a great night out at the theatre.

You can also enjoy a bite to eat in the Green Room Café and drinks at the Stage Door Bar - with a variety of Groups packages also available.

Theatre is better enjoyed together! Bring a group of 8 or more people and save a minimum of £4 per ticket.

### Highlights

- World-class theatre productions on your doorstep
- See Made at Curve shows first and for less
- Tours and Behind the Scenes Theatre Days available on selected performances
- Access Award-winning venue

#### Experience details



8+ people



Various



Group discounts available

#### Parking facilities

Coach drop off point, Pay & display car parks

#### Availability

Visit the website

#### Accessibility

Accessible performances available year round including Captioned Performances, British Sign Language Interpreted Performances; Audio Described Performances with Touch Tours; Dementia Friendly Performances and Relaxed Performances. Assisted Listening is also available at all performances in the Theatre and Studio Theatre.

#### Contact information

##### Box Office

groupbookings@curvetheatre.co.uk

+44 (0)116 242 3595

curveonline.co.uk

## 16. King Power Stadium Tour Experience

See the inner workings of Leicester City's famous home and walk in the footsteps of Foxes players past and present with official Stadium Tours Experiences on Filbert Way. After beginning your tour in the Players' Lounge, you and your group will make your way to the reception area, where Club memorabilia documenting previous European adventures, the 2015/16 Premier League triumph, plus days gone by at Filbert Street, can all be observed.



Then, experience the stadium's inner sanctum in the Directors' Lounge, view nods to our 2021 FA Cup success in the Champions Club – and see how matchday operations run in the state-of-the-art Foxes Hub studio. Guides will then take guests to the players' entrance, used by the First Team and Women's Team on matchdays, before a visit to the press room.

Often described as a highlight of the tour, you can then explore the home and away changing rooms and 'walk the walk' down the iconic Filbert Way tunnel.

As in seasons past, there is an opportunity to explore pitchside before gracing the home dugout, with your Stadium Tour Experience concluding in the Foxes Fanstore.

### Highlights

- Go behind the scenes at the home of Leicester City Football Club
- See the home and away changing rooms, tunnel area, manager's room - and much more
- Stadium Tours Experiences are priced at just £15 per adult and £8 per under-18, with a £2 discount for Season Ticket Holders and Fox Members

#### Experience details



40 places



90 minutes



£15 adults,  
£8 for under-18s and concessions

#### Parking facilities

Limited availability on the Club's main car park (Car Park A).

#### Accessibility

Hearing loop wheelchair facilities are available and can be booked in advance by contacting the Ticket Office.

#### Availability

All year

#### Languages

English.

#### Contact information

Leicester City Football Club

tours@lfc.co.uk

0344 815 5000 (Option 1)

LCFC.com/tickets

## 17. Kilworth House Theatre

Opened in 2007, the Kilworth House Theatre doesn't only offer the best of London's theatreland in the heart of rural south Leicestershire, it's also situated within a beautiful, wooded glade close to the lake in Kilworth's beautiful grounds. This is where magical memories are made.



Kilworth House Theatre, recently renamed the Celia Mackay Theatre after its founder, is exquisitely set in a magical, wooded glade amidst the 38-acre estate of Kilworth House Hotel in South Leicestershire. It has long been nationally recognized as one of the foremost open-air theatres in the UK, both for the standard of its productions and the high quality of its facilities.

The architecture of the theatre is stunning, with two soaring sail-like canopies protecting both the auditorium and the stage from the elements - so that the show goes on, whatever the weather.

The auditorium has 547 comfortable seats and the tiering of the auditorium ensures that every seat offers a perfect view of the expansive stage no matter where you are sitting. There is a special aura about open air theatre on a warm summer's evening and there can be no better way to experience professional productions of a standard rarely seen outside the West End, than amidst the magnificent surroundings of Kilworth House Theatre.

### Highlights

- Unique Outdoor Theatre Experience
- All our productions are created and produced exclusively for Kilworth, and our creative team, company and orchestra are all drawn from the West End
- The 547 seat, tiered auditorium is located in a wooded-glade offering all weather cover

#### Experience details



From 2 to 50 people



Show dependant



From £36pp

#### Parking facilities

Free car and coach parking

#### Accessibility

Accessible.

#### Availability

Seasonal (summer only refer to website)

#### Languages

English.

#### Contact information

Theatre Box Office

boxoffice@kilworthhousetheatre.co.uk

+44(0) 1858 881 939

kilworthhouse.co.uk

# Trails and Tours

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



## 18. 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](http://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

## 19. Melton Mowbray Guided Tours

If you think that the Rural Capital of Food is just about Pork Pies and Stilton Cheese, then think again! Why not join me on one of my 120-minute walking tours around the town center to discover more about its rich heritage and famous characters. Our wonderful market town of Melton Mowbray is full of history going back 1,000's of years. As part of this tour, we will look at the town's rich history including our Lords of the Manor, The Magna Carta, Royalty, Socialites, Fox Hunting and much more.



HistoryFare Tours are designed to take you on a walk-through history to discover the wonderful heritage of our historic market town of Melton Mowbray.

### Highlights

- The tours will be led by an experienced and knowledgeable local guide.
- All the highlights of history, either as a general tour or in more depth for specific topics.
- Easy walking on level ground.
- Coach parking.
- Bespoke walks or tours can be arranged.

#### Experience details



24 max



90 – 120 minutes



£5pp. Group rates available.

#### Parking facilities

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

#### Accessibility

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

#### Availability

All year

#### Languages

English.

#### Contact information

**HistoryFare**  
meltonhistoryfare@gmail.com

+44 (0)7885938945  
historyfare.co.uk/melton-mowbray-guided-tours/

## 20. 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

marketbosworthsociety.com/  
bosworth-walks

## 21. Market Town Heritage Trails and Guided Walks

Uncover the story of Market Harborough, a picturesque rural market town, and the lovely villages of South Leicestershire. Through some remarkable buildings, historic village settlements and tales of people who lived there, a Blue Badge Guide will help to bring to life the heritage of an often-overlooked area of the East Midlands.



Market Harborough has a wealth of history to discover, with its backdrop of historic buildings, like the iconic 17th century Old Grammar School, its ancient yards, its ghost stories and associations with The Battle of Naseby. Guided walks of a number of the beautiful local villages will also help you appreciate the richness and charm of South Leicestershire.

### Highlights

- An expert Blue Badge Guide will bring to life the stories of this charismatic rural market town and help you to discover the delights of its locality
- 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 gift shops and boutiques
- Experience this charming area of Leicestershire, its market town and peaceful villages, as only the locals know them

#### Experience details



Up to 25 people per guide



1 – 2 hours



From £7.00pp. Group rates available.

#### 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  
harboroughwalks.org

## 22. Cotesbach Educational Trust: Heritage Story and Discovery Tours

Enjoy a guided group walking tour of the grounds to discover how the natural environment, buildings, artefacts and voices from the Archive blend into a unique and fascinating heritage, subject since ever to the forces of rapid change. Scheduled tours only. Epicentre of the 1607 Enclosures Riot, Cotesbach Estate is steeped in the history of the land, and private home to nine generations of one family since Georgian times.



Courses, workshops and events around traditional skills are programmed throughout the year to 'Reconnect with place and land to develop skills for the future'. The magical spaces at Cotesbach Educational Trust can also be hired for group meetings, training days and all sorts of special occasions, with add on tours, archive tasters or workshops from our programme of courses, plus catering options available. Refer to website for further details and bookings.

### Highlights

- Located next to the Stable Yard, group visitors can enjoy seasonal locally grown produce and catering choices at the Yard Café, visit the other independent businesses and soak up the atmosphere
- Take part in scheduled tours, workshops, courses and events
- Private group tours and experiences can be booked on request with bespoke catering available
- Witness ancient documents in the very place they originated

#### Experience details



10-20



1.5HRS



Refer to website for scheduled tour or by arrangement.

#### Parking facilities

Free car parking

#### Accessibility

Limited wheelchair access

#### Availability

Seasonal. Refer to website

#### Languages

English

#### Contact information

**Centre Coordinator**  
hello@cotesbachschoolhouse.org.uk

+44 (0)1455 558373  
cotesbacheducationaltrust.org.uk



# Taste the Place

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



## 23. Hidden Food Tours

Join Hidden Food Tours, a new boutique walking food tour based in Melton Mowbray, the Rural Capital of Food. Discover and taste the exciting, diverse and rich culinary offerings of the East Midlands.

The guided tour, spanning three hours, takes small groups to different venues and locations around the historic town of Melton Mowbray. Pairings are made of the finest local produce while telling the stories of some of the best known British foods - as well as some newer surprises.

From classic foods such as Stilton cheese and the pork pies that have taken the town's name around the world, to newer producers such as Samosa Wallah, Round Corner Brewing and the Feast & The Furious smokehouse, the tour introduces guests to the wide range of food and drink made in Melton and the surrounding area, and tell the stories behind them.

Hidden Food Tours introduces Melton Mowbray as an evolving culinary destination by celebrating local producers - and connecting guests with the town's rich history.

### Highlights

- Sample a variety of food and drink pairings in some of Melton's most historic buildings.
- Hear from our experienced and entertaining guides about the history of the Rural Capital of Food.
- Most dietary requirements catered for
- Starting at £65 pp



### Experience details

**Small groups - minimum 6, maximum of 12 people** **Three hours duration** **Starting at £65 pp**

### Parking facilities

Coach parking at Wilton Road Car Park

### Accessibility

walking on even, pedestrianised routes. Limited wheelchair access to some venues

### Availability

• 18+ - not suitable for children

**Languages**  
English

### Contact information

Charla Forinton  
Charla@hiddenfoodtours.co.uk

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hiddenfoodtours.co.uk

## 24. Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe Experience

Indulge in Melton Mowbray's finest tasting experience, in The Home of the Pork Pie itself – Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe. This masterclass, led by the team, demonstrates what makes their Melton Mowbray pork pies so special - with over 170 years of expertise and craft behind them. Enjoy a range of hand-crafted samples, courtesy of the bakers, in their refurbished and expanded Shoppe - with its very own aptly named 'Tasting Room'.

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

- Learning the origin and heritage of the Melton Mowbray pork pie
- Step-by-step hand raising demonstration
- Pork Pie tasting experience paired with other Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe products
- Pairing & Tasting events with local producers will also be available throughout the year – enquire for more details



### Experience details

**Between 8 – 16 people** **120 minutes** **depending on taste experience**

### Parking facilities

Coach parking at Wilton Road Car Park

**Accessibility**  
Accessible

### Availability

Pre booking required for specific days, please enquire.

**Languages**  
English

### Contact information

hello@porkpie.co.uk

+44 (0)166 448 2068

## 25. Brockleby's Pies Pie Making Experience

Visitors and groups are invited to make their own pork pie, bread or sausages at the multi-award-winning Brockleby's bakery in Melton Mowbray.

Greeted by friendly staff, you'll have fun making your geographically-protected treat to take home and bake whilst also learning about the history of the world-famous Melton Mowbray pork pies. Brockleby's expert bakers will guide you in how to "hand raise" a pork pie using traditional equipment. There are various packages available to suit all ages and group size. You can choose different workshops that include making pork pies, bread or sausages.

### Highlights

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



### Experience details

**50 people** **2 to 3.5 hours** **From £25pp**

### Parking facilities

Free car and coach parking. (by prior arrangement).

**Accessibility**  
Good.

### Availability

All year.

**Languages**  
English.

### Contact information

#### Brockleby's Pies

Louise Hynard  
Louise.hynard@brocklebys.co.uk

+44 (0)7799 891452  
brocklebys.co.uk

## 26. 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



£60pp  
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

info@thebeefarmer.co.uk  
+44 (0)780 7984506

thebeefarmer.co.uk

## 27. Hanwell Wine Estate Vineyard Experience

Just 15 mins North of Melton Mowbray you'll find beautiful Hanwell Wine Estate. Helenka and family have been handcrafting traditional method English sparkling wine from the champagne grape varieties since 1975. The grapes are sustainably grown here in the rolling East Midlands countryside.



Enjoy a vineyard experience that includes stories of vineyard life going back to the 1970s as well as details of how the vines are expertly tended by hand through the seasons. Free time is included to wander the site which includes a wildlife garden and lake reserve. Your 45-minute tutored wine tasting includes 6 local wines. Why not add a buffet lunch or afternoon tea to make the visit even more memorable? Complimentary hot drinks on arrival.

### Highlights

- Guided tour of the vineyard with explanation of how the vines are nurtured by hand as well as tales of vineyard life
- 45-minuted tutored wine tasting that includes 6 local wines
- Free time to explore the wildlife garden and lake reserve
- Olives, cheese and mediterranean sharing boards available

#### Experience details



Max 40 people



2 hours +



£25 up  
to 10 people.  
Extra  
£22.50pp  
thereafter

#### Parking facilities

Free car and coach parking

#### Accessibility

Accessible toilets.  
Wine tasting is accessible.  
Vineyard walk is not accessible due to rough ground

#### Availability

Public tours Fri/Sat/Sun from April to September, Private Celebration tour is ideal for birthdays, hen/stag or anniversary parties. Private Club tours ideal for WI, U3A, Rotary and social groups

Languages  
English.

#### Contact information

Helenka Brown

hello@hanwellwine.co.uk

+44 (0)1949 81393

hanwellwine.co.uk/visit/vineyard-experience

## 28. 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

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+44 (0)7899938032

zesteat.co.uk

## 29. 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
- Chocolate truffle workshops available from other people's premises. Maximum numbers are 15
- Learn new skills including the art of tempering chocolate

#### Experience details



Between 2 and 8 people dependent upon the type of workshop



1 – 4 hours



From £30

#### 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

+44 (0)781 117 0633

info@nenettechocolates.co.uk

## 30. Round Corner Brewing Brewery Tours

Round Corner Brewing is one of the world's most awarded breweries over the past three years and believe craft beer is all about the relentless pursuit of perfection. On this brewery tour you'll experience how highly drinkable and exceptionally moreish beers are created at their home in the 1000 year old Melton Mowbray Market while enjoying a selection of beers and their homemade Round Corner Pizza.



Go on a journey of Uncommonly Good Beer as you step inside this multiple award-winning brewery for a 90-minute tour. You'll be taken throughout the brewery with an expert who'll give you an insight into craft beer and Round Corner Brewing. There'll be tastings, Round Corner Pizza, a gift pack to takeaway and 10% off all purchases at the Taproom on the day of your tour. It's a uniquely informative and engaging brewery tour like no other!

### Highlights

- Tour of award-winning production brewery and a chance to talk to a craft beer expert
- A tasting flight of four beers accompanied by Round Corner Pizza
- Uncommonly Good Beer gift pack to take away and 10% discount off purchases in the Taproom
- Bespoke tours arranged by request Parking facilities Cattle Market car park. Coach parking at Wilton Rd car park.

#### Experience details

**Max 10 people. For larger groups please contact us** **90 minutes** **£30pp**

#### 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

Selected dates throughout the year. Taproom open Friday 5pm and Saturday 1pm

**Languages**  
English.

#### Contact information

**Round Corner Brewing**  
info@roundcornerbrewing.com

+44 (0)7585792494  
roundcornerbrewing.com

## 31. Everards Brewery Tours

Come and explore the world of Everards at their state-of-the-art brewery, set within 90 acres of beautiful landscape at Everards Meadows. On arrival, you'll meet your friendly tour guide who will take you on a journey of discovery where you'll learn how they brew their great beers from their much-loved Tiger copper ale, to their limited-edition and small-batch range.



Step inside the 'home of great beer', a sustainable brewery set within Everards Meadows. Your guided tour will last approximately 90 minutes and will take you behind the scenes of the working brewery. You'll learn about the family history, enjoy the taste and smell of the premium ingredients, discover how beers are brewed, and finish with a guided sampling session trying some of the exciting beers on the bar.

### Highlights

- Guided brewery tour
- Beer tasting (3 x 1/3 pints of Everards beers, handpicked by your guide)
- 15% discount in-store on day of your visit (cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer).
- 5 hours free parking (please register your car with your tour guide)

#### Experience details

**Up to 10 people. Larger groups by arrangement.** **1.5 hours** **£20pp**

#### 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

experience@everards.co.uk

+44 (0)116 201 4102  
everards.co.uk

## 32. 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 the winemaker

#### 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**  
Liz Robson  
rothleywine@btinternet.com

rothleywine.com

## 33. Bond Street Distillery – Gin School Experience & Distillery Tour

Craft your very own bespoke gin in 3 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**  
damion@thebondstreetdistillery.co.uk

+44 (0)1455 459181  
thebondstreetdistillery.co.uk

### 34. Black Iron Afternoon Tea at Winstanley House

Enjoy the award-winning Black Iron Afternoon tea. Choose from some of the best loose teas in the country to complement the delicate flavours of sweets and savories created and made in-house by a dedicated team of chefs.



To add a special touch to the experience, we showcase their delightful products with the help of Yvonne Ellen's crockery collection, as seen on 'The Great British Bake Off.' Take a look at the menu and reserve a spot to savour Leicestershire's finest Afternoon Tea, honoured with an award from Leicestershire Tourism Awards

#### Highlights

- Grade II Listed Georgian house set in a parkland location
- Leicestershire's Best Afternoon Tea, awarded by Leicestershire Tourism Awards
- Crockery collection by Yvonne Ellen as seen on the great British bake off
- £30pp for a glass of prosecco afternoon tea
- £35pp for a glass of champagne afternoon tea

#### Experience details



2 – 8 people



Duration 2 hours



From £25pp for a classic afternoon tea

#### Parking facilities

Complimentary parking

#### Accessibility

Fully accessible

#### Availability

Contact for availability. Afternoon teas available Friday and Saturday

#### Languages

English

#### Contact information

Cherlynn Bunting  
blackiron@winstanleyhouse.co.uk

+44 (0)116 366 5642  
winstanleyhouse.co.uk/restaurant

### 35. Cocco & Delilah - Luxury Mini Fondant Tea Experience

Cocco & Delilah is a boutique cafe/restaurant and its interior design is based on a story-tellers charm. Visiting this restaurant is like stepping into a 3D book with the simplicity of line drawings providing three dimensional elements, complementing a feminine and chic botanical interior. Cocco and Delilah is a luxury brand that provides all day brunch, delicious lunch and luxury cream teas and afternoon tea.



Luxurious service with excellent tasting food. Attention to detail ensures a beautifully presented theatrical afternoon tea experience or a delicious brunch and lunch menu featuring toasties, paninis, American pancakes and world burger menu. Coffee, shakes and cocktails also served.

#### Highlights

- A charming double fronted Victorian building
- Within close proximity to King Richard III Visitor Centre and Cathedral
- Located centrally in St. Martins in the heart of Leicester's Old Town

#### Experience details



1 – 8 People. call for larger bookings



1hr 30 mins



Afternoon Tea from £32.99 pp

#### Parking facilities

Local parking

#### Accessibility

Wheelchair accessible. Toilets located in basement.

#### Availability

Tuesday - Friday, 11am - 2pm. Groups must be pre-booked

#### Languages

English.

#### Contact information

Pam Kaur Coratannai  
coccoanddelilah@outlook.com

+44 (0)116 3486251  
coccoanddelilah.co.uk

### 36. Cocoa Amore Chocolate Workshop

Cocoa Amore is Leicester's original and longest running chocolate workshop experience. This experience offers a great way to learn the history of cocoa and the secrets of chocolatiering.



Your workshop will include a talk on the origin and history of cocoa, how chocolate is made and a tasting session from across the Cocoa Belt. You'll then have the opportunity to create your own chocolate bar and try your hand at truffle making. After a delicious hot chocolate refreshment break, gift wrap your chocolates to take home.

#### Highlights

- Enjoy a delicious, tutored tasting session
- Make your own chocolates to take home
- Cocoa Amore is Leicester's original and longest running chocolate workshop experience

#### Experience details



8 – 16 people



1.5 – 2 hours



From £22.50 pp

#### Parking facilities

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

#### Accessibility

Workshop space on first floor

#### Availability

Contact for up to date availability

#### Languages

English

#### Contact information

Jen Ruddock  
info@cocoa-amore.co.uk

+44 (0)116 2623278  
cocoa-amore.co.uk

### 37. Woodland Feasts at Stoughton Grange

At Stoughton Grange you can experience an unforgettable evening in their secluded woodland with a distinctive dining experience. Revel in a candlelit feast among the trees, surrounded by nature, good company, and seasonal food. Take pleasure in a woodland-inspired cocktail and watch as the chefs skilfully cook your food over an open log fire.



Join the team at Stoughton Grange for an extraordinary adventure! Upon arrival at the farm shop and distillery, you will be greeted with a refreshing gin and taken on a guided tour of the grange by our seasoned forager. Next, enjoy a 3-course meal prepared right in front of you, featuring seasonal ingredients from Leicestershire's finest local farmers and producers, as well as our own foraged ingredients from the grange. Take in the magical atmosphere of dining by candlelight as the woodland feast commences in the evening.

#### Highlights

- A unique dining experience
- Forage tour of the grounds with an experienced forager
- Sample award winning gin made on site

#### Experience details



Minimum of 20



3 hours



From £70pp

#### Parking facilities

Free parking. Coaches by arrangement

#### Accessibility

Accessible

#### Availability

Seasonal

#### Languages

English.

#### Contact information

Zoe Lane  
zoe@steamin-billy.co.uk

+44 (0)116 3440064  
stoughtongrangedistillery.co.uk

### 38. Gin Tasting at Stoughton Grange Distillery

At Stoughton Grange Distillery, award-winning artisan gin is made in the farm-based distillery. To make gin that tastes as good as this takes skill, passion and dedication and your group can find out more about the art of distillation on a combined distillery visit and tasting session. Take a walk around the farm grounds to see the animals that have inspired our gin blends and end your day browsing in the farm shop or relaxing in the Cow and Plough pub onsite.



On the day you'll indulge in a welcome gin and tonic, followed by tuition on how to taste test gin and the homegrown botanicals used in our own gin recipes. You'll sample 3 gins during this process and come away feeling like a master in all things gin!

Enjoy some nibbles and finish the session with a G&T with whichever of our gins turns out to be your favourite!

Stoughton Grange isn't just home to our distillery, it has an on-site farm shop, pub and interesting range of independent retailers.

#### Highlights

- Award-winning gin made in the farm-based distillery
- Homegrown botanicals and visit the animals on site that inspired the blends
- Visit includes opportunity to visit the onsite farm shop, pub and independent retailers

#### Experience details



Up to 30



1.5 hours



From £30pp

#### Parking facilities

Free parking. Coaches by arrangement

**Accessibility**  
Accessible

#### Availability

Fridays and Saturdays only

**Languages**  
English

#### Contact information

Zoe Lane  
zoe@steamin-billy.co.uk

+44 (0) 116 344 0064  
stoughtongrangedistillery.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



### 39. Sixes Social Cricket Leicester

Cricket, but not as you know it! We've re-imagined the age-old game of cricket for the modern player. Sixes is an immersive cricket location with fun for all ages. Try your skills to play against friends, family or colleagues to become the champion of the net and get on our leaderboard.



#### Highlights

- No experience or equipment necessary – suitable for all ages from 4+.
- Great tasting, fresh food cooked on site. From sharing plates of Nachos, to our pizzas and burgers- have a go on our nets and enjoy great food and drink!
- Excellent location- next door to the Curve Theatre - 5 minutes walk from Leicester Train Station
- Bottomless Brunch experiences with food and private parties catered for.
- Amazing Karaoke rooms powered by Lucky Voice, with groups up to 40 easily catered for.

#### Experience details



2 – 250 people



From 30 minutes depending on group size



Group rates available

#### Parking facilities

NCP Car Park next door. Pay and Display parking available.

**Accessibility**  
Site is fully accessible.

#### Availability

All year. For opening days/times please refer to website.

**Languages**  
English.

#### Contact information

Katrina Daley  
katrina.daley@sixescricket.com

+44 (0)7505 491785  
sixescricket.com/book



## 40. 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.

### 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

#### Experience details



Up to 20



1 – 1.5 hours



From £7pp

#### Parking facilities

Free car park. Coaches please pre-book.

#### Accessibility

Accessible woodland paths available

#### Availability

All year

#### Languages

English.

#### Contact information

Jodi or Becki Winter

contact@wildmindsnature.co.uk

wildmindsnature.co.uk

+44 (0)7445 209 725

## 41. 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 the beautiful countryside near Market Harborough and include light refreshments.

### 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. 2 – 15 for private events.



3 hours



From £89pp

#### Parking facilities

Ample free parking.

#### Accessibility

Accessible

#### Availability

All year

#### Languages

English.

#### Contact information

Andrew Blake

andrew@birdonthehand.co.uk

+44(0) 7970 913053

birdonthehand.co.uk

## 42. 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 adrenaline-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 adrenaline-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

## 43. 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 8 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)1455 291111

leicestershiredayboathire.co.uk

## 44. 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

Matt Speedy

events@visitconkers.com

+44 (0)1283 216 633

visitconkers.com

## 45. National Forest e-bike 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 e-Bike 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.

### 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

#### Experience details



Up to 6 people



2 – 7 nights



From £399

#### 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.

#### Contact information

National Forest eBike Holidays

Sue Jerham

info@ebikeholiday.co.uk

+44 (0)1530 417482

ebikeholiday.co.uk



## 46. 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
- PukkaPacas & Friends petting farm recently opened. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children. Under 2's go free. Huge range of animals including alpacas, cria, rare breed goats & sheep and much more.

#### 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

Mali Yates

marketing@pukkapacas.com

+44 (0)1283 552854

www.pukkapacas.com

## 47. 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 adrenaline 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 on-site 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**  
Tracy.garner@armourgeddon.uk

+44 (0)1858 880239  
armourgeddon.co.uk

## 49. Avalanche Adventure Ltd Outdoor Activities

Enjoy the thrill of team activities at Avalanche Adventure with 4x4 Off Road Driving, Quad Bike Safari, Gemini Race Buggies, Opposite Steer Buggy and Hover crafting. Outdoor pursuits including Archery, Clay Pigeon Shooting and JCB Digger Driving and much more... All tuition, equipment, safety gear as well as teas and coffee 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



**1 – 30**



**One hour to a full day**



**From £35pp**

#### 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**  
info@avalancheadventure.co.uk

+44 (0)1858 880613  
avalancheadventure.co.uk

## 48. 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





# Crafty Experiences

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



## 50. 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 nearly 30 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 £55

**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**  
Peter Wood  
peter@greenwooddays.co.uk

+44 (0)133 286 4529 /  
+44 (0)794 616 3860  
greenwooddays.co.uk

## 51. 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: Glass, Art, Textile, Jewellery, Willow, Needlecraft & Culinary Workshops.



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

### Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the creative art of glass fusion. What will you create? A hanging bird or butterfly or a panel to display on your window sill? The possibilities are endless!
- Explore the mediums of Alcohol Ink, Lino Print, Acrylics & Watercolour or dabble with Oil Painting. it's like painting with butter!
- Create yourself a seasonal treat using quality Needlefelt, Wool Felt or Cotton, from textile pumpkins and adorable animals to festive bunting, there is a craft for everyone!

### 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

**Languages**  
English

### Contact information

**Squirrel At Wellsborough**  
Tony Gurley-Ward  
tony@squirrelatwellsborough.co.uk

+44(0)1455 291 693  
squirrelatwellsborough.co.uk



# 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.



## 52. 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 boasts over 50 stores and a flagship Flannels, M & S and Next. Discover over 80 brands in fashion, home and food.



Over 50 stores to browse from high street brands like Clarks, 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 Chaii tea, Lebanese salads and wraps, Korean Gochujang Chicken and lots more.

### Highlights

- The ultimate shopping destination with over 50 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

talktous@fosseshoppingpark.co.uk

+44 (0)116 263 0603

fossepark.co.uk



# Museums in Leicester

[leicestermuseums.org](http://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.



## 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 4 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.



## 53. Leicester Museum and Art Gallery Group Visits

Leicester Museum and Art Gallery welcomes group visitors.

Self-led group visits are free or book a private tour.



Leicester Museum & Art Gallery was founded in 1849 and is one of the oldest civic museums in the UK. The museum is a world of discovery with collections and displays spanning the natural and cultural world.

### Highlights

- A private tour with one of our knowledgeable guides is an excellent way to make the most of your visit.
- One hour highlight tours include a selection of must-see artwork and items from the collection.

### Experience details



Tours are subject to availability and can be booked from 11-4pm during opening hours.

£9 per person with a minimum group size of 15 or minimum cost of £135.00 for groups of 15 or less.

Pre-opening tours from 10-11am are also available at £15 per person with a minimum group size of 15 or cost of £225.00.

Tours are subject to availability please contact [museums@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:museums@leicester.gov.uk) or call 0116 255 4900 to book.

### Contact information

**Leicester Museum and art Gallery** +44 0116 255 4900  
[museums@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:museums@leicester.gov.uk) Group Visits and Tours –  
Leicester Museums

# 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.



## 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 available at Newark Street Car Park

**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

reservations@thegreshamaparthotel.com  
+44 (0)116 243 7666

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

## B. Grand Hotel Leicester

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.

The newly refurbished bedrooms all feature an HD TV and high speed WiFi, tea and coffee making facilities, and complimentary sustainable toiletries, with upgraded rooms offering a Nespresso coffee machine, robe and slippers. Our 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
- Newly Refurbished in 2024
- Only 4 minutes walk from Leicester Railway Station



#### Accommodation details



On request

**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.



On request

**Languages**  
English, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Slovakian, Hindi

**Food**  
Dinner, bed & breakfast.  
24hr room service

**Availability**  
March 2024

#### Contact information

##### Reservations Desk

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

Granby Street, Leicester  
LE1 6ES  
grandhotelleicester.com

## C. St Martins Lodge

Located in the heart of the historic Cathedral Quarter in Leicester, St Martins Lodge offers award-winning boutique accommodation for those looking to stay in the city for business or leisure with free on-site car parking. St Martins Lodge offers 28 luxury bedrooms within a fully renovated Grade II Listed building. 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.



### 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.



On request

**Languages**  
English, Spanish, Arabic, Czech

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

#### Contact information

##### Reservations

info@stmartinslodge.co.uk  
+44 (0)116 261 5200

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

## D. Holiday Inn Leicester City

Located in the city centre, Holiday Inn Leicester offers 194 spacious bedrooms and a high-quality restaurant, with the added convenience of an NCP car park adjacent to the hotel. Recently refurbished to a high modern standard in November 2023, the Holiday Inn Leicester City is perfectly situated near the Highcross Leicester shopping centre. A mere five-minute walk will take you to attractions such as the King Richard III Visitor Centre and Leicester Cathedral. The hotel is a 10-minute cab ride from Leicester railway station, while the M1 motorway is just a 15-minute drive away. The National Space Centre is a quick 6-minute drive from the hotel. Sports enthusiasts will appreciate the 10-minute drive to Leicester Tigers rugby matches at Welford Road Stadium and the King Power Stadium, home of Leicester City Football Club.

### Highlights

- In the heart of the city
- Spacious bedrooms. Twin rooms have 2 double beds
- Contemporary restaurant and bar
- Climate control in all bedrooms
- 24-hour room service
- Mini Gym



#### 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  
Highcross Roof Top  
Coach parking available

#### Pick-up service

Not available.

#### Accessibility

Hotel is fully DDA compliant with 4 fully accessible bedrooms

#### Languages

English, Polish, Hindi, Dutch, French, Punjabi

#### Contact information

Reservations  
reservations@hileicester.com  
+44 (0)116 482 1900

St Nicholas Circle, Leicester  
LE1 5LX  
ihg.com

## E. Stapleford Park Country House Hotel & Spa

Located in the heart of the Leicestershire countryside and surrounded by 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 2 cottages 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 you can enjoy during your stay including picnics, archery, giant chess, croquet, shooting and falconry.

### Highlights

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



#### Accommodation details



48 bedrooms,  
2 cottages (on request)



On request

#### 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 787018

Stapleford, Nr. Melton Mowbray,  
Leicestershire, LE14 2EF  
staplefordpark.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 offers 44 bedrooms with views over 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 £185

#### Minimum booking term

1 night.

#### Parking facilities

Electric charging points available.

#### 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

Sarah Johnston  
sarah.johnston@kilworthhouse.co.uk  
+44 (0)185 888 0058

Lutterworth Road,  
North Kilworth,  
Leicester, LE17 6JE

## G. Belmont Hotel

Housed in a beautiful 19th century property, The Belmont Hotel offers a boutique experience in the heart of Leicester city centre.

From its origins as a bed and breakfast in the 1930s, The Belmont is now AA 4\* rated and one of the best-loved hotels in Leicester, situated on the picturesque and historic New Walk.

A 74-room independent hotel in Leicester city centre, The Belmont offers guests great service, delicious, locally-sourced food and a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

The Belmont has been the heartbeat of Leicester life for over 80 years; just a few minutes' walk from Leicester city centre and railway station, it is the ideal base from which to explore and visit the likes of De Montfort Hall, Curve theatre, the National Space Centre, Leicester racecourse, King Richard III Visitor Centre and Highcross Leicester shopping centre.

### Highlights

- City centre location on leafy New Walk, a rare preserved Georgian pedestrian promenade
- Complimentary parking
- 2 minute walk from Leicester Railway Station



#### Accommodation details



74 bedrooms



From £85 b&b

#### Minimum booking term

One Night

#### Parking facilities

60 complimentary spaces available or refer to visitleicester.info for coach drop off and parking in the city centre.

#### Pick-up service

Not available.

#### Accessibility

Public Areas and 1 Room

#### Availability

All year

#### Languages

English, Polish, French, Russian, Hindi, Gujarati

#### Food

Bar and Restaurant  
Offering on-site

#### Contact information

Cheryl Pickering  
reservations@belmonthotel.co.uk  
+44 (0)116 2529602

20 De Montfort Street, Leicester  
LE1 7GR  
belmonthotel.co.uk

## H. voco® Leicester

Welcome to voco® Leicester, a hotel placed perfectly in the heart of Leicester, which is a free kick from the King Power football stadium and a short punt from Welford Road, home ground of Leicester Tigers rugby. The hotel makes a great base for exploring the city and county. With 191 stylish bedrooms, we invite you to unwind, be comfortable, and embrace some me time. Additionally, the hotel offers several luxurious skyline suites, hot-tub terraces and executive suites with free-standing baths.

Discover our fully accessible bedroom suites to experience the Gold Standard in hospitality accessibility. Plus, we're committed to sustainability, holding the Green Tourism Gold Award.

At The Lair, our culinary haven offers a diverse menu full of tasty dishes. When it comes to groups, voco® Leicester is the perfect venue to make your visit truly remarkable.

### Highlights

- 191 stylish, modern bedrooms
- Industry Gold Standard for Accessibility
- City Centre location
- Dog friendly hotel



#### Accommodation details



191 bedrooms



On request

#### Minimum booking term

Minimum 1 night

#### Parking facilities

24 spaces for residents. Pre book at a rate of £20 per space

#### Pick-up service

Not available.

#### Accessibility

10 accessible bedrooms, Fully accessible with walk-in showers

#### Languages

English.

#### Food

The 120-cover Lair offers breakfast, lunch and dinner and Afternoon Tea.

#### Contact information

reservations@vcl Leicester.co.uk

101 Welford Road, Leicester  
LE2 7QS  
vcl Leicester.co.uk

## J. Hilton Leicester

The Hilton Hotel is ideally located in the centre of the County, making it a great base for exploring the area. The Hotel can be found just off the M1 at Junction 21, less than a mile from Fosse Shopping Park as well as Everards Meadows and the Everards Brewery. During your stay, enjoy the Livingwell health club, indoor pool, restaurant, café and bar.

Leicester City Centre and the University of Leicester are 15 minutes away. The hotel is just five miles from the National Space Centre and the King Richard III Visitor Centre. Visit King Power Stadium, Welford Road, Grace Road or the Morningside Arena for your sporting events.

### Highlights

- 179 bedrooms. Double & king size beds. Twins consist of 2 double beds.
- Spacious and airy.
- 24 hour room service.
- Tea & coffee making facilities in the room.
- Livingwell Health Club on site. Restaurant or private dining options available.



#### Accommodation details



179 bedrooms



On Request

#### Minimum booking term

1 night

#### Parking facilities

Car and coach parking. EV chargers added for 2024

#### Pick-up service

Not available

#### Accessibility

6 accessible rooms. Lift to floor 1. Ground floor public areas

#### Languages

English and others

#### Contact information

stacy.teagles@hiltonleicester.com  
+44 (0)116 2634577  
+44 (0)7831 533890

Hilton Leicester, Junction 21  
Approach, Leicester LE19 1WQ  
Hilton.com/en/hotels/emalehn-hilton-leicester-hotel/

## I. 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  
+44 (0)7946 544214

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

## K. Leicester Marriott

The fully accessible Leicester Marriott hotel offers a central Midlands location, easy for business and leisure, with superb air, rail and road links. Three miles to the city centre, with the rural county on the doorstep, the hotel is only an hour's train journey to London.

Located close to a range of celebrated sporting and visitor attractions including King Power Stadium, Welford Road the home of Leicester Tigers, Fosse Shopping Park, the National Space Centre and King Richard III Visitor Centre. Unwind in modern guest rooms each one brimming with amenities.

The Market Kitchen signature restaurant will satisfy your cravings or relax in the lobby bar. Leicester Marriott is an outstanding destination for groups, whether for business or pleasure.

### Highlights

- 227 bedrooms. Deluxe and Executive rooms, twin rooms with 2 double beds
- Room service available
- Extensive on site car parking, complimentary coach parking and electric charging facilities.



#### Accommodation details



227 bedrooms



On Request

#### Minimum booking term

1 night

#### Parking facilities

280 spaces, group rates include parking

#### Pick-up Service for coaches:

Not available

#### Accessibility

12 accessible adapted bedrooms, fully accessible hotel. 3 hotel lifts

#### Languages

English, Polish, Romanian, Spanish, Turkish, multiple Asian languages

#### Contact information

leicester.events@marriott-hotels.co.uk  
+44 (0)116 2820100 option 3

Smith Way, Grove Park, Enderby, Leicester LE19 1SW  
marriott.com/en-gb/hotels/emalm-leicester-marriott-hotel/overview/

## L. Stoughton Grange Glamping

Escape to the serene countryside at Stoughton Grange Farm Park with our luxurious glamping pods and shepherd's hut. Enjoy modern amenities like kitchenettes, ensuite bathrooms, and cosy beds. Delight in fresh produce from our on-site farm shop and savour meals from The Cow and Plough pub. Your stay includes access to our farm park, perfect for nature walks and animal visits.

Experience the charm of rural living at Stoughton Grange Farm Park with glamping accommodations. Our pods and huts feature modern comforts including kitchenettes and ensuite bathrooms. Visit our farm shop for local treats and dine at our on-site pub. Farm Park access is included, offering scenic walks and animal interactions.



### Accommodation details



**Five Glamping Pods Available**



**Prices are variable  
Group rates available**

**Minimum booking term**  
1 night

**Parking facilities**  
Free on-site parking

**Pick-up Service for coaches:**  
Not available

**Accessibility**  
Enquire for detailed accessibility information. An access guide is available for the Farm Park.

**Languages**  
English

### Contact information

Kipp Allingham  
kipp@steamin-billy.co.uk

stoughtongrangefarmpark.co.uk/glamping

### Highlights

- **Hot tubs:** two of our units come with woodfired hot tubs
- **Farm Shop:** Fresh local produce, baked goods, and more.
- **Dining:** The Cow and Plough pub with locally sourced dishes and takeaway wood-fired pizza.
- **Activities:** Access to the farm park with nature walks and animal encounters.



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| 29 Chocolate Making Workshop with Nenette Chocolates | 35 Cocco & Delilah Luxury mini fondant afternoon experience |
| 45 National Forest e-Bike and Walking Holidays       | 43 Harry & Sally Day Boat Hire                              |
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| 50 Greenwood Experience                              | 50 Greenwood Experience                                     |
| 14 Bouskell Park and Ice House Tour                  |   |

## Experiences suitable for small groups (up to 24 people)

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|---|---|
| 1 King Richard III Visitor Centre                               | 28 zestEAT – Healthy Vegan Chocolate-Making Workshop                |
| 2 Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and Park                 | 30 Round Corner Brewing Tours                                       |
| 3 Belvoir Castle  | 31 Everards Brewery Tours   |
| 4 Triumph Factory Visitor Experience                            | 32 Rothley Wine Estate  |
| 5 The Great Central Railway                                     | 33 Bond Street Distillery – Gin School Experience & Distillery Tour |
| 6 Tour of the Loughborough Bellfoundry and Museum               | 35 Cocco & Delilah Luxury mini fondant afternoon experience         |
| 7 Leicester Tigers Stadium Tours                                | 36 Cocoa Amore Chocolate Workshop                                   |
| 8 The 1620s House and Garden at Donington le Heath              | 37 Woodland Feasts at Stoughton Grange                              |
| 9 Ashby de la Zouche Castle                                     | 38 Gin Tasting at Stoughton Grange Distillery                       |
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| 22 Cotesbach Educational Trust Tours                            | 53 Leicester Museum and Art Gallery Group Visits                    |
| 23 Hidden Food Tours - Melton                                   | Newarke House Museum  |
| 24 Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe Experience                           | Abbey Pumping Station   |
| 25 Brockleby's Pies – Pie, Bread and Sausage Making Experiences | Leicester Guildhall   |
| 27 Hanwell Wine Estate Vineyard Experiences                     | Belgrave Hall   |

## Experiences suitable for large groups (over 25 people)

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|--|---|
| 1 King Richard III Visitor Centre (in split groups)                  | 25 Brockleby's Pie Making Experience        |
| 2 Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and Park                      | 27 Hanwell Wine Estate Vineyard Experiences |
| 3 Belvoir Castle (in split groups)                                   | 39 Sixes Social Cricket Leicester           |
| 5 The Great central Railway  | 42 Axceler-8 Hovercraft Experience          |
| 8 The 1620s House and Garden at Donington le Heath (in split groups) | 44 Conkers Outdoor Experiences              |
| 9 Ashby de la Zouch Castle   | 47 Armourgeddon Tank Driving Adventures     |
| 10 Kirby Muxloe Castle   | 48 Field Sport UK Activity Centre           |
| 11 The Battlefield Line  | 49 Avalanche Adventure Outdoor Activities   |
| 12 Nevill Holt Opera   | 52 Fosse Park Retail Experience             |
| 13 National Space Centre   | Shopping in Leicester                       |
| 15 Curve   | Market Town Shopping                        |
| 17 Kilworth House Theatre  | Leicester Museum & Art Gallery              |
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# Where to find experiences and accommodation

## Leicester [visitleicester.info](http://visitleicester.info)

- 1 King Richard Visitor Centre
- 5 Great Central Railway (Leicester North Station)
- 7 Leicester Tigers Stadium Tour
- 13 National Space Centre
- 15 Curve
- 16 King Power Stadium Tour Experience
- 18 Blue Badge Guided Walks and Tours
- 34 Black Iron Afternoon Tea at Winstanley House
- 35 Cocco & Delilah - Luxury Mini Fondant Tea Experience
- 36 Cocoa Amore Chocolate Workshop
- 37 Woodland Feasts at Stoughton Grange
- 38 Gin Tasting at Stoughton Grange Distillery
- 39 Sixes Social Cricket Leicester

### Shopping in Leicester

- A The Gresham Aparthotel
- B Grand Hotel Leicester
- C St. Martins Lodge
- D Holiday Inn Leicester City
- G Belmont Hotel
- H Voco Leicester
- L Stoughton Grange Glamping

## Discover Melton [discovermelton.com](http://discovermelton.com)

- 3 Belvoir Castle
- 19 Melton Guided History Walks
- 23 Hidden Food Tours – Melton
- 24 Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe Experience
- 25 Brockleyby's Pies –  
Pie, Bread or Sausage Making Experiences
- 30 Round Corner Brewery Tours
- 27 Hanwell Wine Estate Vineyard Experiences

### Shopping in Melton Mowbray

- E Stapleford Park Country House Hotel & Spa

## Hinckley & Bosworth [richardiicountry.com](http://richardiicountry.com)

- 2 Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and Park
- 4 Triumph Factory Visitor Experience
- 11 The Battlefield Line
- 20 Guided Tours of Market Bosworth
- 33 Bond Street Distillery – Gin School Experience & Distillery Tour
- 43 Harry and Sally Day Boat Hire
- 51 Squirrel at Wellsborough

### Shopping in Market Bosworth

## Visit Harborough [visitharborough.com](http://visitharborough.com)

- 12 Neville Holt Opera
- 17 Kilworth House Theatre
- 21 Market Town Heritage Trails and Guided Walks
- 22 Coatsbach Educational Trust Tours
- 29 Chocolate Making Workshop with  
Nenette Chocolates
- 41 Bird on the Hand Falconry Experience
- 42 Axceler-8 Hovercraft Experience
- 47 Armourgeddon Tank Driving Adventures
- 49 Avalanche Adventure Outdoor Activities

### Shopping in Market Harborough and Lutterworth

- F Kilworth House Hotel & Theatre

## Visit Blaby District [visitblaby.org.uk](http://visitblaby.org.uk)

- 10 Kirby Muxloe Castle
- 14 Bouskell Park and Ice House Tour
- 31 Everards Brewery Tours
- 52 Fosse Park Retail Experience
- J Hilton Leicester
- K Leicester Marriott

## The Charnwood Forest and Loughborough [discovercharnwood.co.uk](http://discovercharnwood.co.uk)

- 5 The Great Central Railway
- 6 Tour of the Loughborough Bellfoundry and Musuem
- 28 zestEAT – Healthy Vegan Chocolate Making Workshop
- 32 Rothley Wine Estate

### Shopping in Loughborough

## National Forest and Ashby de la Zouch [nationalforest.org](http://nationalforest.org)

- 8 The 1620s House and Garden at Donington le Heath
- 9 Ashby de la Zouch Castle
- 26 The Bee Farmer Honeybee Colony
- 40 Wild Minds Wellbeing and Nature Experiences
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- 50 Greenwood Experiences

### Shopping in Ashby de la Zouch

- I Hastings Retreat







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Email: [info@visitleicester.info](mailto:info@visitleicester.info)

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