

# Summer of Festivals

May – August 2019

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# Leicester Festivals have something for everyone this Summer!

Leicester is a unique city and a wonderful place to visit, with a superb range of visitor attractions and shopping that is second to none. It's a city that combines the finest English traditions with multicultural activities and the cosmopolitan feel of city life.

Throughout the year, our city buzzes with amazing festivals and fabulous events and this summer is no exception.

As there are so many great things to choose from we've hand-picked ten of our famous events to give you a flavour of what's in store during our exciting Summer of Festivals 2019.

There's a chilled-out summer atmosphere at Riverside Festival, top music names at Gigs in the Gardens, Mods 60s revival at Revive, all-day partying at Caribbean Carnival, flamboyant parade at Pride, cycling celebration at Ride Leicester Festival, world-class graffiti at Bring The Paint, South Asian arts at Leicester Belgrave Mela, international street arts at City Festival and out of this world events at One Giant Leap.

So whatever you're into and whatever your interests, Leicester has something for you.

**#leicesterfestivals**

*"A fantastically organised party was really cool for everyone, from the junior to the senior"*

**Viola**



# Bring The Paint

Monday 20 - Sunday 26 May

## Leicester city centre locations

Internationally renowned street artists from nine countries are set to transform Leicester city centre with world-class street art murals. Expect Mexican 3D floor art, giant building paintings, street food, music and an urban art fair.

The award-winning festival Bring The Paint returns to Leicester with the main events taking place on Saturday 25 May in the Cultural Quarter and Sunday 26 May at The Mill in Frog Island. So if you're looking for something different, get creative and enjoy this unique showcase of a diverse and thriving graffiti arts scene.

W: [bringthepaint.co.uk](http://bringthepaint.co.uk)



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*"Amazing people,  
amazing atmosphere,  
people of Leicester  
should be proud"*

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# Riverside Festival

Saturday 1 - Sunday 2 June

## Bede Park, Mile Straight, Western Boulevard and Castle Gardens

Now in its 22nd year, Leicester Riverside Festival brings fun on and off the water. Bede Park features family activities and the large music stage plays host to great live bands.

Western Boulevard sees the return of the popular street market whilst the Mile Straight welcomes colourful boats, plus the opportunity to view and buy work from local artists at Art on The River.

Castle Gardens includes children's activities with an environmental focus and there's the return of the Broken Records Swing Festival. Be a part of one of the city's biggest free festivals and enjoy a chilled-out weekend by the river.

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*"Went for the first time  
loved it especially the  
swing dance" Jane*



## Revive

**Saturday 15 - Sunday 30  
June**

### Various venues and times

Revive is inspired by the 'Mods: Shaping a Generation' and Modified exhibitions at New Walk Museum and Soft Touch Arts, running until 30th June. Over three weekends in June, it's time to re-visit the 1960s. Experience vintage fairs, live music and events, vinyl records, street food, family fun and more scooters than the set of Quadrophenia!

Bringing the past to life, Revive celebrates all things Mod, recreating the sights and sounds of this bygone era on the streets of Leicester. Join the in-crowd with events at venues across Leicester and discounts on food, drink and fashion.

**W: [shapingageneration.co.uk/revive-festival](http://shapingageneration.co.uk/revive-festival)**

## One Giant Leap

**July - October**

**Leicester city centre and  
National Space Centre**

Take a trip to outer space and mark the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landings! Summer events include CreateACon in Space event for families and an intergalactic outdoor cinema. Don't miss a full programme of events at the National Space Centre, from family astronomy to a night in the museum - you can even see a piece of the Moon.

The fun continues for World Space Week and in October half term, with 15 LEGO® brick sculptures dotted around the city. Luke Jerram's stunning Museum of the Moon returns to Leicester Cathedral, play retro computer games inspired by the moon landings on public screens and be awed by a spectacular projection show on New Market Square.

**W: [onegiantleap-leicester.co.uk](http://onegiantleap-leicester.co.uk)  
W: [spacecentre.co.uk](http://spacecentre.co.uk)**



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Luke Jerram's Museum of the Moon, photo by Neil James

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# Caribbean Carnival

**Saturday 3 August**

## Victoria Park and street carnival parade

Leicester's Caribbean Carnival was first held in 1985 and has gone on to become one of the largest Caribbean Carnivals outside of London. The celebration embraces all art forms from Leicester's diverse community while at the same time ensuring that the true meaning of the Caribbean Carnival remains.

This year's theme is 'The Windrush – The Caribbean peoples contribution to the cultural and economic development of the UK'. Support the costumed bands and marvel at the multi-coloured floats on a street parade through the city centre, then make your way up to Victoria Park for food, music and more. So come on out and join the street party!

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# Gigs in the Gardens

**Friday 16 – Monday 26  
August**

## De Montfort Hall and Gardens

De Montfort Hall is opening its beautiful gardens for a series of large-scale outdoor concerts this August.

**Friday 16:** Bugzy Malone, Yxng Bane, Wretch 32, **Saturday 17:** Busted and Scouting for Girls, **Sunday 18:** Kaiser Chiefs, The Vaccines, The Twang, **Friday 23:** Groove Armada DJ Set, Pete Tong, Danny Howard, **Saturday 24:** BBC Music Introducing East Midlands, **Sunday 25:** Years & Years, Jax Jones, The Stick Men, **Monday 26:** Bardi Symphony Orchestra family concert with firework finale.

If it's music with stunning views you're after then this is the event for you.

**W:** [demontforthall.co.uk](http://demontforthall.co.uk)





# Ride Leicester Festival

**Saturday 17 -  
Saturday 31 August**

## Various locations

A two-week celebration of cycling including Green Bicycle Mystery Weekend, Bike Jam & Bike Fest. With over 30 free, family-friendly rides and social events for all ages and abilities.

Join Let's Ride Leicester on Sunday 25 August along a 6km traffic-free route. A rolling carnival of colour accompanied by Filbert Fox, Richard III, Alice Hawkins and Cycling Suffragettes sharing Leicester stories from King Power, castle and cathedral to the market.

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*"Had such a good time today, well organised and great fun!" Amita*



# Leicester Belgrave Mela

**Sunday 18 August**

## Leicester city centre

Leicester Belgrave Mela invites you to a day of scintillating entertainment, amazing street performances, mouth-watering cuisine and dazzling arts and Indian culture. Enjoy a host of South Asian arts and cultural experiences and spot a bargain in the Mela shopping bazaar.

Livening up the streets of Leicester once again, performing breath-taking acts of courage and bravery are the Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band and The Grand Indian Circus. Their spectacular, awe-inspiring and unique shows will thrill audiences of all ages. With something for all the family at this cultural festival don't miss out.

**W: [leicester-mela.co.uk](http://leicester-mela.co.uk)**

# City Festival

**Monday 19 - Friday 23  
August**

## Jubilee Square

The 2019 City Festival takes place over five fun-packed days in August and this year's theme is 'Out of this World', celebrating all things outer space. New Market Square will host dazzling international street arts, stunning performances and interactive activities and games for the whole family. Look out for visitors from other worlds including giant insects and robots.

The entertainment continues into the early evenings, with a series of music concerts on the festival stage ranging from folk, jazz, blues, classical, rock and pop. Celebrate all that's great about Leicester in the heart of the city.

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# Pride

**Saturday 31 August**

## City centre parade and Victoria Park

Leicester Pride is Leicester's annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) festival and is a colourful and vibrant event celebrating diversity and freedom of expression.

The event starts with a spectacular parade through the city. This culminates at a popular event on Victoria Park that includes live music, market stalls, funfair rides and health and wellbeing information.

A great family event with entertainment and attractions suitable for all ages. Join in and march with pride.

**W: [leicesterpride.com](http://leicesterpride.com)**



*"Brilliant event, nice atmosphere, keep it coming!" John*



Find out more about these exciting festivals and so much more happening in the city at Visit Leicester. The centre is the hub for information located at the top of Gallowtree Gate and Horsefair Street.

Our friendly, helpful staff are on-hand to ensure you make the most of your time in the city. Stop by the information centre for maps, travel information, and a personalised service based on your interests.

Browse through the many brochures on display giving you information about everything that's happening in the city.

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