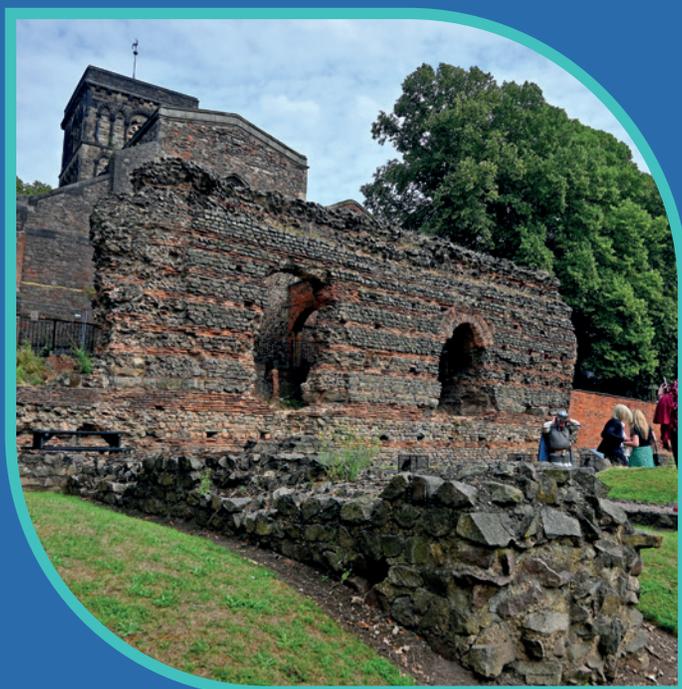


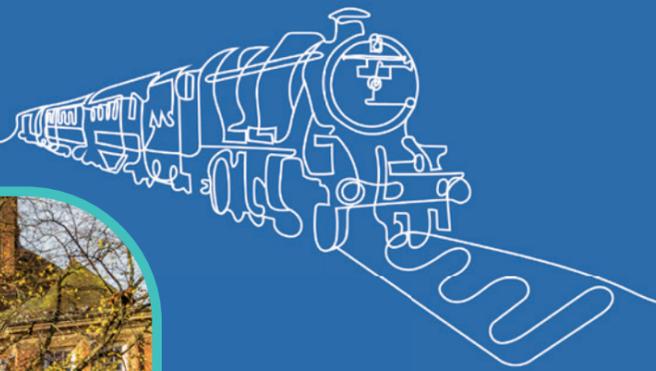
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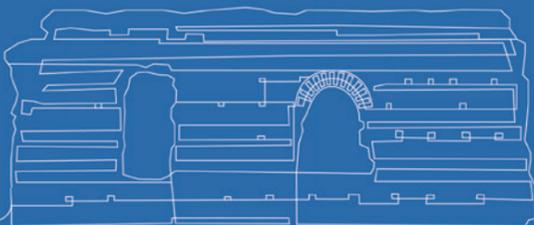
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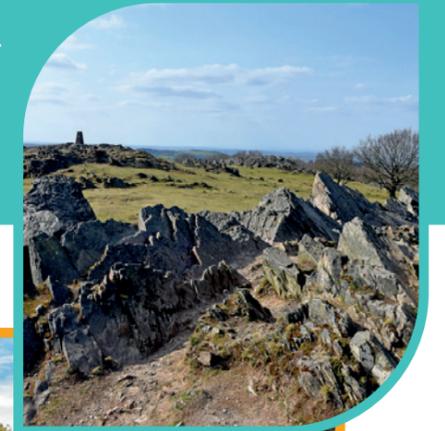
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# WELCOME TO LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE



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

Leicester is bursting with exciting things to see and do. Discover a unique place with more than 2,000 years of history to explore, a vibrant culture, food and drink experiences, and fabulous festivals, plus a warm welcome to groups. It's the place Roman's built a regional capital city and where a king was discovered under a car park.

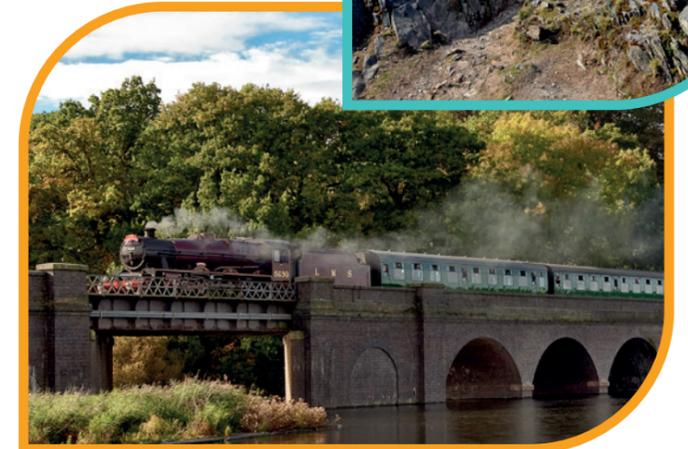
Leicestershire is famed for Pork Pies and Stilton Cheese but there is so much more to uncover. You'll find rolling hills and stunning countryside, alongside the **National Forest** and 70 miles of waterways. The city and county are packed with award-winning attractions.

This group travel guide is designed to highlight our top group-friendly attractions so you can discover some of England's most unique and unusual stories, our Hidden Gems and experience something new in a place that hasn't yet become over-visited.



Did you know group tourism started in Leicester when **Thomas Cook** ran his first railway excursion from here to Loughborough in 1841. Visitors can follow the same route by steam train today, dining in style on the **Great Central Railway**. Or take a tour of the last working bell foundry in Britain where traditional craft skills have been employed since 1859. 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*.

In the city you can enjoy a West End quality production at **Curve Theatre** and delve into our Roman origins at our newest attraction - **Jewry Wall - A Real Roman Experience**.



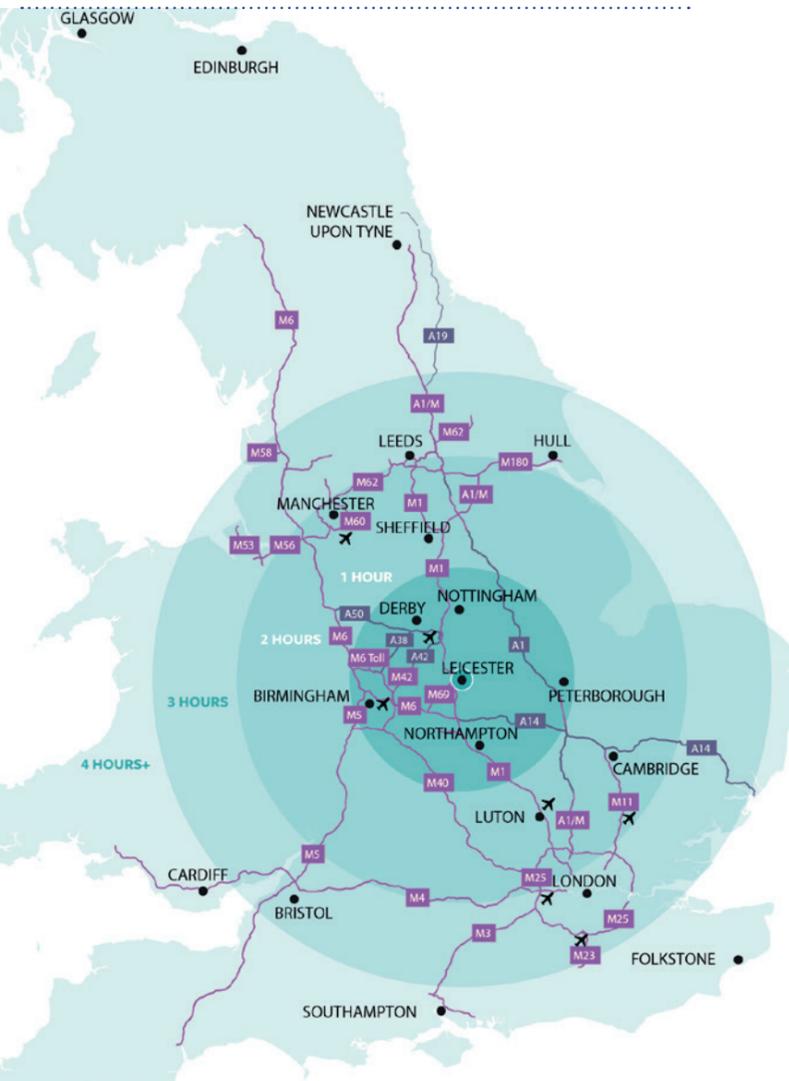
We recognise the value of group travel visitors and have curated itineraries and bookable products to make choosing Leicester and Leicestershire easy.

Attractions are accessible and inclusive, and many are focusing on sustainability as part of their everyday operations.

# Planning Your Group Visit

## Connected by ROAD, RAIL and AIR

Leicestershire is located in the centre of England and is well connected by road, rail and air. We are conveniently located within easy reach of other popular destinations and offer an array of attractions and accommodation. Leicestershire is a perfect destination for groups when exploring the Midlands region.



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 southwest.



There are six city centre locations available for drop off and parking, allowing your visitors quick and easy access to all attractions and amenities. Whether you are visiting for heritage, shopping or culture, there will be a stop for you. All parking is free of charge but must be pre-booked. Visit Leicester also offer a free 'meet and greet' service and can provide city maps for your group and can assist with any enquiries about your visit. To find out more and book your coach parking email [info@visitleicester.info](mailto:info@visitleicester.info)

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.



East Midlands Airport is approximately 20 miles from Leicester. Birmingham Airport is 37 miles away and travel time is about an hour by car or rail. The frequent and direct Skylink bus runs from East Midlands Airport to Leicester every 20 minutes, 24 hours a day. Birmingham airport has its own train station and Leicester is accessible via Birmingham New Street.



Leicester is an hour from London St Pancras on the East Midlands main line to Sheffield. Market Harborough, Loughborough, Melton Mowbray and Hinckley all have railway stations. Leicester has direct connections to Nottingham, Derby, Birmingham and onward connections to Manchester and Liverpool.

# TOP 6

## Reasons to Visit Leicester and Leicestershire

CHARNWOOD FOREST'S  
ROCKS FORMED OVER  
**580** MILLION YEARS

### 1. Our History

Leicester and Leicestershire's origins date back **half a billion years**, and you'll find some of the oldest landscapes to be discovered in the UK.

Our human history dates back **2000 years** to Roman times when an iron age settlement on the River Soar served as a regional capital and was named 'Ratae Corieltavorum'. It was developed into a significant walled town with public buildings like the **Jewry Wall baths**. You can explore the city's Roman history at our new visitor attraction, Jewry Wall - A Real Roman Experience.

We also played host to a key turning point in British history, when over 500 years ago, **King Richard III**, the last of the Plantagenets, was killed at the Battle of Bosworth and his body was hurriedly buried at Greyfriars Church. The full story of his life, death and rediscovery can be experienced through interactive displays at the King Richard III Visitor Centre. You can also visit his tomb at **Leicester Cathedral**. Complete the story with a visit Bosworth Battlefield to learn about the battle and succession that brought down a curtain on this period of English history.

### 2. Award-Winning Attractions and Events

Home to award-winning attractions including:

- King Richard III Visitor Centre,
- National Space Centre,
- Great Central Railway,
- Curve Theatre,
- Twycross Zoo,
- 1620s House and Garden,
- Melton Carnegie Museum,
- Bosworth Battlefield and
- Belvoir Castle.



Our award-winning events include

- Light Up Leicester,
- Leicester Riverside Festival,
- Leicester Comedy Festival,
- 1940s Melton Mowbray and
- The Victory Show.

Leicester also hosts a huge **Diwali** celebration on the Golden Mile each year.



### 3. Produce and Food

The region guarantees a traditional 'taste' of England and is home to the rural capital of food **Melton Mowbray**. Leicester won England's Curry Capital for 2024-26 and award-winning pies, cheese, wine, beers and spirits are all produced here. Our **Taste The Place** campaign showcases the diversity of cuisine available and with a strong reputation for sustainability, our local food producers and farms supply restaurants directly so you are assured your meal has fewer food miles. Group workshops are available to make your own pork pie, gin or chocolates.



### 4. Stunning Countryside and landscapes

The area boasts a landscape of woodlands and 70 miles of waterways perfect for gentle adventures on foot, by bike or boat, learning new skills or trying new experiences. You can wander through ancient woodlands or visit **The National Forest**, one of England's newest reforestation projects. Book a guided tour at **Bradgate Park** to discover the history, geology, Lady Jane Grey, deer, ruins and Old John Tower! Visit one of over 30 nature reserves or book a canal boat ride along the **Grand Union Canal** or River Soar, or simply take in the views at **Foxton Locks**, where ten locks take canal boats up a 70 foot hill!



### 5. Range of Activities

Leicester and Leicestershire are brimming with attractions and activities. Try thrill-seeking challenges like quad biking, axe throwing or piloting a hovercraft. Learn a new sport with archery, target shooting, canoeing or mountain biking.

If your group fancies something creative or with a wellbeing vibe you can book workshops for glass, art, textiles, willow weaving or culinary creations. You can practice meditation, forest bathing, T'ai Chi or learn traditional woodworking skills in the National Forest. In the summer your group can solve the Wistow Maze or come to the city's Cultural Quarter anytime and experience West End quality theatre at Leicester prices! There are many trails and guided tours to experience across the city and county and with the city's Volunteer Tourism Ambassadors you are guaranteed a welcome like nowhere else with knowledgeable locals who will help you get the most from your visit.



### 6. Accommodation Options

There is a great choice of accommodation options for your group. From smart city centre, boutique and aparthotels to opulent country house retreats, glamping or barn conversions, and a Victorian hotel with one of the best outdoor theatres in the UK. Make your choice of accommodation part of your group's short break experience.



# THE TOP 12

Experience the best of Leicester and Leicestershire by visiting some of our most iconic attractions. These are ideal for maximising your visit and filling multiple day itineraries with fascinating and unique experiences.

## CITY

### 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.

Experience the Voice of Richard Project, a new interactive feature where visitors can see and hear what King Richard III is believed to have sounded like, brought to life through advanced scientific research.



**KING RICHARD III**  
WAS FOUND HERE AFTER  
**527 YEARS**

#### Experience highlights:

- 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+



1.5 hours



From £8.50pp

**Parking facilities**  
Coach parking available in the city centre by arrangement

**Availability**  
Throughout the year. Booking essential.

**Accessibility**  
• Level access to visitor centre with lift access to first floor.

**Languages**  
English.

#### AWARDS:

- Over 60 accolades including Silver - Visit England Awards for Excellence, Small Visitor Attraction 2025

**Contact Information**

**Bookings Team**  
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Tel: +44 (0)116 299 4444  
kriii.com

## 2. Bosworth Battlefield

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 the Battlefield Guides for a fun and informative 2 km guided walk, exploring the local area and its fascinating story. Themed walks are available including Women of the Wars of the Roses and The Archaeology of Bosworth Battlefield. Groups can also book to meet our Bosworth Soldier for a living history experience.

The 1485 Tithe Barn cafe serves a range of hot and cold food, and the gift shop offers a unique range of Bosworth related gifts, souvenirs and books.



### Experience 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+ 1.5 hours From £8pp

**Parking facilities**  
Car parking charges apply. Free coach parking.

**Availability**  
February - December  
**Languages**  
English.

**Accessibility**

- Accessible exhibition and toilets.
- Hearing loop/access available.

#### Contact Information

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bosworthbattlefield.org.uk



## 3. Leicester Cathedral

Our church, built on a Roman site and dedicated to St Martin of Tours, has been embedded in the public, economic, cultural and religious life of this community for over 1,000 years. Since 1927, as the city's cathedral, we now gather people together for worship, celebration, lament, debate and service of the poor and vulnerable.

We offer hospitality to the city and county, the communities of faith that make up our multicultural society, and those who come as visitors to the East Midlands, especially in search of the story of King Richard III.

The 2012 discovery of the remains of **King Richard III** captured public imagination. The 2015 reinterment of his remains in the presence of the Royal Family and other guests, was watched by a television audience of hundreds of millions across the globe.

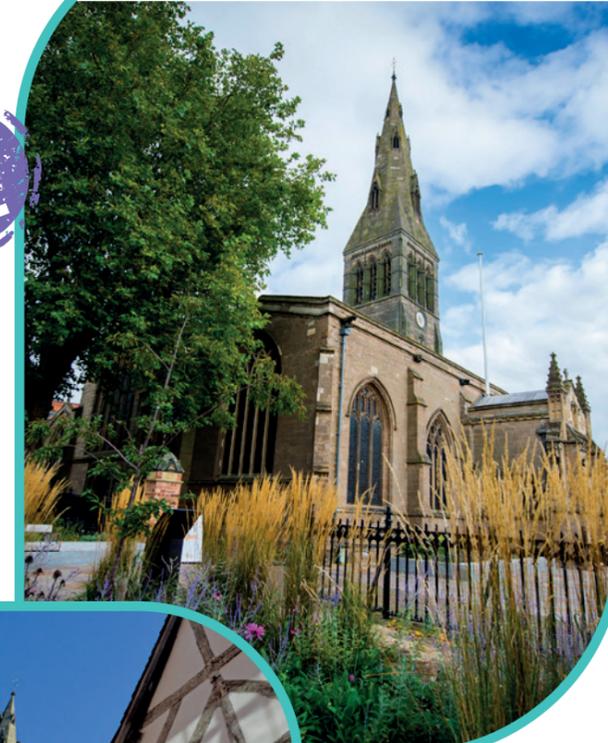
You can visit the Tomb of Richard III along with our Heritage & Learning Centre. This is a new, immersive exhibition space celebrating the city and county's past while contemplating the significance of faith, art, and heritage in today's world.

Leicester Cathedral has a fascinating history to share and offers a broad range of tours and talks. All tours requiring a trained guide can be booked either via Eventbrite or at our Welcome Desk.

All are welcome.

### Experience highlights:

- Tomb of King Richard III
- Heritage & Learning Centre
- Stained glass windows



#### Experience details

5+ 2 hours From £3.50pp

**Parking facilities**  
No on site parking. Coach drop off available nearby. Limited Blue Badge parking in Applegate Car Park (150m away).

**Availability**  
There may be special services or events that affect our opening hours. This would be discussed in the booking process.

**Accessibility**  
Main entrance is wheelchair-accessible. Level floors throughout the building. Public toilets in the Heritage & Learning Centre, including baby changing and an accessible toilet. BSL videos accompanying our Welcome guide. Hearing loop at Welcome Desk. Assistance dogs welcome.

**Languages**  
English.

**Daily visiting times:**  
Monday to Saturday:  
10.30am-4.30pm  
Sunday:  
12.00pm-3.00pm

#### Contact Information

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leicestercathedral.org

## 4. Jewry Wall

A real Roman Experience. The Jewry Wall is one of the largest surviving Roman structures in Britain and a key Roman heritage attraction in Leicester. Following several years of major refurbishment, the site now features a new immersive Roman experience, offering visitors a compelling journey into life in Roman Leicester, known historically as Ratae Corieltavorum.



At the heart of the experience is the Jewry Wall Museum, where cutting-edge interpretation, digital media, and storytelling bring the past to life. Visitors are guided through the streets of Roman Leicester by Marcellus, a Roman boy whose story provides a personal and engaging way to explore everyday Roman life. This immersive approach appeals to families, cultural tourists, school groups, and history enthusiasts alike.

The museum showcases over 100 Roman artefacts discovered beneath the streets of Leicester, many displayed together for the first time. Key highlights include Roman mosaics, jewellery, coins, pottery, and domestic objects, offering valuable insight into Roman trade, culture, and daily routines. Interactive displays and atmospheric soundscapes enhance engagement while preserving historical accuracy.

Located in Leicester's historic city centre, Jewry Wall is within easy walking distance of Leicester Cathedral, the King Richard III Visitor Centre, and the Old Town, making it an ideal addition to heritage tourism itineraries and group travel programmes.

### Experience highlights:

- **Immersive Roman Experience:** Story-led interpretation with Marcellus sets the scene before exploring the site.
- **Roman Bath Site:** One of the largest surviving Roman bath remains in Britain with impressive outdoor ruins.
- **Roman Artefacts Collection:** Over 100 artefacts uncovered beneath Leicester's streets, revealing everyday Roman life.



### Experience details



15+



2 hours



From £8.50pp

#### Parking facilities

Limited on-street parking for coaches is available free of charge in the city centre. Spaces must be booked in advance through our group bookings team.

#### Availability

Throughout the year. Booking Essential.

#### Languages

English.

#### Accessibility

The building is fully accessible for wheelchair users. The museum also has a wheelchair available at reception upon request. Portable perching gallery stools are available that can be used as walking aids and temporary seating within the exhibition. Please ask at reception.

### Contact Information

#### Bookings Team

jewry.wall@leicester.gov.uk  
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jewrywall.com



## 5. Curve Theatre

Set in the heart of the city's vibrant Cultural Quarter, Curve is "now officially the home of the world-class productions" The Daily Telegraph, and "a venue with a truly impressive musical pedigree" The Times.

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 almost two decades.

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 group visit or booking your annual social club outing? Take your seat at Curve for a great night out at the theatre where you will be treated to a spectacular visual treat and guaranteed top class entertainment.

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 available. Theatre is better enjoyed together! Bring a group of 6 or more people and save a minimum of £2 per ticket.

### Experience highlights:

- World-class theatre productions
- 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



6+



Varies



From £17.95pp

#### Parking facilities

Coach drop off point  
Pay & Display car parking.

#### Availability

See website.

#### Group discounts available

#### Languages

English.

#### Accessibility

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

### Contact Information

#### Box Office

groupbookings@curvetheatre.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)116 242 3595  
curveonline.co.uk

## 6. National Space Centre

Planning a successful group visit starts with choosing a destination that is easy to access, flexible to book and designed with group travel organisers in mind. The National Space Centre offers all of this and more, making it an ideal choice for memorable half-day or full-day group experiences.

We work closely with group travel organisers to create tailored visit packages to suit a wide range of itineraries. Options can include guided tours, delicious afternoon teas, and bespoke gift bags from our shop for guests to take home (additional costs apply). Our experienced team is on hand throughout the booking process to help build a package that fits your group's interests, timings and budget. To help every visit run seamlessly, our team can meet and greet your group on arrival, ensuring guests know exactly what to expect and where to go, helping everyone enjoy the very best experience possible.

All group packages include an award-winning full-dome show in the UK's largest planetarium, offering a spectacular shared experience that consistently delights audiences. Alongside interactive galleries, hands-on exhibits, the iconic Rocket Tower, café and gift shop, there is plenty for groups to explore at their own pace.

The National Space Centre makes organising your next group trip simple, rewarding and truly out of this world.



### Experience highlights:

- UK's largest planetarium
- Free Organiser Entry
- Café and shop on site



### Experience details



15+



3-4 hours



From £18.95pp

#### Parking facilities

Free coach park and 400 parking spaces

#### Accessibility

- Accessible toilets
- Changing places
- Textured flooring
- Lifts
- BSL and subtitled shows
- Loan wheelchairs (book in advance)
- Assistance dogs friendly
- Free Carer tickets
- Portable induction loop
- Sensory sessions and backpacks
- Sensory maps in advance
- Accessibility trained staff to assist

#### Availability

Group bookings must be made in advance. We do not take group bookings during school half term periods.

#### Languages

English. However, we have Spanish, French, Gujarati and Urdu speaking members of staff able to help on the day if booked in advance.



### Contact Information

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bookings@spacecentre.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)116 261 0261  
spacecentre.co.uk

## 7. Great Central Railway

A day at the Great Central Railway isn't just a train ride — it's a step back in time and an outstanding destination for group travel.

From the moment your group arrives, they are immersed in the authentic sights, sounds and atmosphere of Britain's railway golden age. Beautifully restored, period stations are combined with heritage steam and diesel locomotives pulling historic carriages to create an unforgettable experience that appeals to visitors of all ages looking for an enjoyable and relaxing day out.

As the UK's only double-track, main line heritage railway, the Great Central Railway is the only place where steam trains can pass each other at speed in an authentic historical setting. Trains operate between a series of characterful, period-dressed stations, each reflecting a different era of railway history. Our accessible stations feature welcoming cafés and facilities and offer flexible starting points for group itineraries including convenient coach access and parking, making planning straightforward for tour operators.

Stretching across eight miles of Leicestershire countryside, the journey itself offers a magical escape from the everyday world. The sound of the whistle, the gentle rhythm of the coaches and ever-changing countryside views provide a nostalgic and relaxing experience for all to enjoy.

There's a wide range of First-Class Dining and hospitality experiences on offer. From the elegance of First-Class Dining, where gourmet meals are served in beautifully restored vintage carriages, to traditional Afternoon Teas, Fish and Chip trains and popular themed events such as Murder Mystery evenings.

Open throughout the year, the railway hosts a varied programme of special events including the 1940s Weekend, Autumn Beer Festival and much-loved Steam and Diesel Galas. As a not-for-profit heritage organisation, every group booking directly supports the preservation of this unique railway for future generations to enjoy.



### Experience highlights:

- Vintage Steam Trains
- First Class Dining Carriages
- Period Stations



### Experience details



Up to 168



2+ hours



See website

#### Parking facilities

Car parking at all stations

#### Availability

Available throughout the year.

#### Accessibility

- All stations accessible
- Accessible first class dining carriage and general carriage
- Accessible toilet facilities including stoma changing facility

#### Languages

English.

### AWARDS:

- Best Day Out in Leicestershire 2025 - Leicestershire Tourism & Hospitality Awards

### Contact Information

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gcrailway.co.uk

## 8. Belvoir Castle



Perched high above the Vale of Belvoir on the border of Leicestershire, Belvoir Castle is an unforgettable destination for group tours seeking history, heritage and a true sense of occasion. Pronounced ‘Beaver’, the castle has been the ancestral home of the Dukes of Rutland for over 1,000 years and offers a rich, welcoming experience for visitors of all ages.

Designed in a romantic **Regency style**, the castle’s dramatic towers and sweeping views provide an instant wow-factor on arrival. Inside, guided tours lead groups through magnificent state rooms filled with priceless art, fine furniture and fascinating stories of royal connections, historic fires and family life across the centuries. Knowledgeable guides are well-versed in hosting groups, ensuring visits are engaging, well-paced and tailored to your interests.

The **Elizabeth Saloon** is the showpiece of Belvoir Castle. This grand, light-filled room was designed by 5th Duchess of Rutland, Elizabeth Howard and showcases lavish decoration, impressive portraits and exquisite craftsmanship.

Beyond the castle walls, groups can enjoy beautifully landscaped gardens, woodland walks and panoramic viewpoints ideal for photography. Seasonal highlights, from spring blooms to autumn colour, make Belvoir an appealing year-round destination. Special exhibitions and themed events add further variety for repeat visits.

Belvoir Castle is exceptionally well set up for group travel. Dedicated group rates, pre-booked time slots and ample coach parking make planning straightforward and stress-free. The on-site café and tearooms offer excellent options for group refreshments, from light lunches to indulgent cream teas, while the gift shop showcases locally inspired souvenirs and Rutland specialities.

Whether you’re organising a heritage society outing, a coach holiday stop or a private group visit, Belvoir Castle delivers history, hospitality and atmosphere in equal measure. A visit here isn’t just a tour, it’s a memorable shared experience set against one of England’s most striking historic landscapes.

### Experience highlights:

- **Birthplace of Afternoon Tea**  
Introduced by Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford, in the 1840s.
- **Capability Brown Landscape**  
The gardens offer a sweeping parkland, carefully framed views and gentle walking routes.
- **Guided tours available for both the castle and grounds.**



#### Experience details

15+ 1.5 hours From £20pp

**Parking facilities**  
Coach parking available plus on-site car park

**Availability**  
March - October. (see website)

**Accessibility**

- Accessible parking on the castle terrace
- Ground floor access only (no lifts)

**Languages**  
English.

#### AWARDS:

- **Best Told Story by Visit England**

Contact Information

Beth Cox  
Groups@belvoircastle.com  
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belvoircastle.com

## 9. Loughborough Bellfoundry Tours & Museum

Loughborough Bellfoundry, home to John Taylor & Co, was purpose-built in 1859 and is one of the world’s oldest operational bell foundries. It is a working factory, not just a museum, where bells continue to be made, tuned, repaired and dispatched for churches, civic buildings and special commissions today.

For more than 160 years, Taylors has cast over 25,000 bells, now hung in more than 100 countries worldwide. A visit offers a rare chance to experience a living heritage site where historic skills are practised every day within the original Grade II\* listed Victorian buildings.

Visitors can choose from a range of expert-led guided experiences, including Group Tours, Classic Tours and Casting Tours. These tours take you behind the scenes of this unique industrial environment, offering insight into the craftsmanship, precision and teamwork required to create bells of exceptional quality and sound.

The visit includes access to the bellfoundry museum, home to one of the most comprehensive collections of bell- and ringing-related artefacts in the UK. Visitors can enjoy hands-on opportunities to chime selected historic bells and, from the museum balcony, don’t miss the chance to watch skilled foundrymen at work in the dramatic casting hall below.

Casting Tours offer a particularly memorable experience but have limited availability. Visitors are advised to check the website for tour times, dates and booking details.

Ideal for groups, enthusiasts and curious visitors alike, a visit to Loughborough Bellfoundry combines heritage, craftsmanship and the excitement of seeing a working factory in action.



### Experience highlights:

- **Behind-the-scenes access to a historic working bellfoundry**
- **Expert-led tours of traditional bellmaking in action**
- **Museum access with bell chiming and balcony views of the casting hall**

#### Experience details

10+ 1.5-2 hours From £17.50pp

**Parking facilities**  
Limited on-site, free on-street parking

**Availability**  
Wednesday -Friday & 1st Sat each month. See website

**Accessibility**

- Lifts & accessible toilets
- Accessible for wheelchairs

**Languages**  
English.

#### AWARDS:

- **Leicestershire & Rutland Heritage Forum: Museum of the Year 2023**

Contact Information

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belltrust.co.uk



**Experience details**

10+ 2-3 hours From £9pp

**Parking facilities**  
Public car parking is nearby. Abbey Pumping Station has disabled spaces.

**Accessibility**

- Leicester Museum and Art Gallery: entrance ramps and automatic doors. Lift access to first floor. Accessible toilet. Wheelchair loans. Hearing loop and BSL welcome video. Assistance dogs welcome.
- Other museum sites have ground floor access for wheelchairs and accessible toilets. First floors only accessible by stairs.

**Costs**  
Leicester Museum and Art Gallery guided tour costs £9 per person, minimum group size of 15 or £135 for groups of less than 15  
Abbey Pumping Station guided tour costs £9.50 per person and includes the popular Steam with the Team activity.

All Leicester museums are **free entry**, except on event days.

**Availability**  
Tours can be booked from 11-4pm during opening hours. Pre-opening tours from 10-11am are also available.

**Languages**  
English.

**Contact Information**  
Bookings Team  
museums@leicester.gov.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)116 2554900  
leicester museums.org

## 10. Leicester Museums

### Leicester Museum & Art Gallery

The museum was founded in 1849 and is one of the oldest civic museums in the UK. A redisplay of the ground floor art galleries will be opening in 2026 after a major refurbishment with collections and displays spanning the natural and cultural world. The museum welcomes group visitors, either through a free self-led group visit or book a private tour.

### Abbey Pumping Station

Leicester's industrial museum, just outside the city centre, boasts 4 magnificent beam engines, all restored to working order. These industrial buildings house displays on the history of science, industry, transport, health and hygiene. Descend into the depths of the hidden workings, whilst the massive engine turns above you with the hiss and heat of real steam!

### 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

### Experience highlights:

- A private tour with one of our knowledgeable guides is an excellent way to make the most of your visit.



## 11. Leicestershire Museums

### Melton Carnegie Museum

Housed in the town's former Carnegie Library that was built in 1905, Melton Carnegie Museum offers an insight into the market town's intriguing past. As well as the collections of Rural Life and Melton Through The Ages, the museum has displays and galleries exploring the Burrough's prehistoric past through to post-medieval Melton.

Highlights include Painting the Town Red, which uncovers Melton's history of countryside sports, Rural Life that cements Melton as the home of the pork pie and stilton cheese and a stunning portrait of King James I's favourite, George Villiers which takes visitors on a journey of discovery from his local origins to high society.

**Contact Information**  
Melton Carnegie Museum  
meltonmuseum@leics.gov.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)116 305 3860  
meltonmuseum.org

### Charnwood Museum

Leicester's industrial museum, just outside the city centre, boasts 4 magnificent beam engines, all restored to working order.

These industrial buildings house displays on the history of science, industry, transport, health and hygiene. Descend into the depths of the hidden workings, whilst the massive engine turns above you with the hiss and heat of real steam!

**Contact Information**  
Charnwood Museum  
museum@charnwood.gov.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)1509 233 754  
charnwoodmuseum.co.uk

### Experience highlights:

- A private tour with one of our knowledgeable guides is an excellent way to make the most of your visit.

### Harborough Museum

Sitting at a crossroads at the edge of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, the Harborough Museum collects material relating to the landscape and communities of Market Harborough and its surrounding area as defined by the 18th and 19th century carrier routes.

At the heart of the museum is the internationally important Iron-Age Hallaton treasure and the town's longstanding collections that have grown from historic trade and commercial activity in the area, including fashions from the Symington archive.

**Contact Information**  
Harborough Museum  
harboroughmuseum@leics.gov.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)116 305 3627  
harboroughmuseum.org.uk



### Experience details

10+ 1-2 hours FREE

**Parking facilities**  
Public car parking is nearby. Abbey Pumping Station has disabled spaces.

**Availability**  
Check websites for opening times.  
**Languages**  
English and foreign language guides.

**Accessibility**  
• Accessible toilets. See individual sites for details.

### AWARDS:

- Melton Carnegie Museum: Visit England's Hidden Gem 2024-25, VisitEngland Quality Assured
- Charnwood and Harborough Museums: VisitEngland Quality Assured

## 12. Gates Garden Centre

Established in 1948, Gates Garden Centre in Oakham began within the walled Victorian kitchen garden of Cold Overton Hall, on the Rutland/Leicestershire border.

Still on the same site today, Gates Oakham has grown into one of the largest destination garden centres in the UK, featuring an award-winning Farm Shop, two restaurants, expansive plant areas and inspiring retail spaces. Despite its growth, the centre continues to uphold the family values on which it was built - exceptional customer service and great value for money.

### Gates Woodlands Hinckley

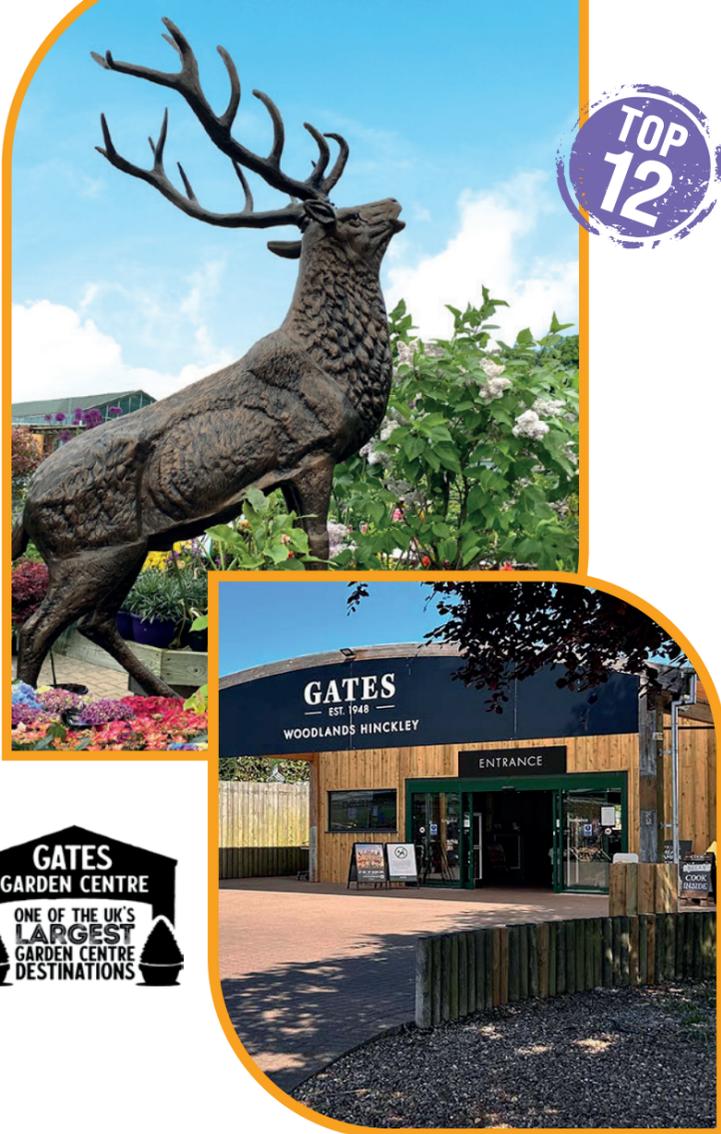
In February 2025, Gates expanded with the opening of Gates Woodlands. Formerly known as Dobbies Stapleton or Woodlands Garden Centre, this cherished site on the A447 Ashby Road near Hinckley has been beautifully refreshed. Visitors will find familiar faces and popular concessions, alongside an extended plant area, a brand-new Farm Shop and Fred & Ivy's, the stylish new restaurant.

Gates Woodlands Hinckley is proud to offer the same exceptional shopping and dining experience enjoyed by visitors to Gates Oakham.

Throughout the year, Gates delivers an exciting programme of workshops, from creative wreath-making to expert-led pruning sessions, as well as engaging family-friendly events such as Cirquise, the much-loved circus experience. There truly is something for all the family.

### Experience highlights:

- A vibrant range of plants, unique giftware, and a charming Farm Shop filled with tasty finds.
- Enjoy a delicious meal, indulge in afternoon tea, or simply relax with a coffee.
- Shop for a new outfit at Gates Wardrobe, explore the outdoor furniture ranges, or share a brunch platter.



#### Experience details

N/A
 1-3 hours
 FREE

**Parking facilities**  
Free parking and disabled spaces

**Availability**  
Check website for opening times.

- Accessibility**
- Accessible toilets
  - Lift and ramp access
  - Wheelchairs available

**Languages**  
English.

#### AWARDS:

- 2025 English Tourism and Hospitality Award for Best Garden Centre
- Best Destination Garden Centre Farm Shop in the UK by the Garden Centre Association

#### Contact Information

Gates Garden Centre  
info@gatesgardencentre.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)166 445 4309  
gatesgardencentre.co.uk



### Taste The Place

Taste the Town's Foodie Heritage on a Hidden Food Tour or a Pork Pie Experience.



### Belvoir Castle

Leicestershire's 'Crowning' Glory Since 1066.



### Melton Market

England's Third-Oldest Market, every Tuesday.

# Discover Melton

Melton offers the perfect blend of warm welcomes, easy access and unforgettable experiences. Whether you're organising a club outing, arranging travel for a tour company or curating a bespoke itinerary for special-interest groups, we're here to help you make it exceptional.



### Painting the Town Red Since 1837

Take a Guided History Tour or Visit the Museum.



### Events

Experience Year-Round Events & Food Festivals.

### Perfect Pit Stops



Visit the Group Travel page on the Discover Melton website.

Website: [discovermelton.com/grouptravel](https://discovermelton.com/grouptravel)  
Email: [discover@melton.gov.uk](mailto:discover@melton.gov.uk)

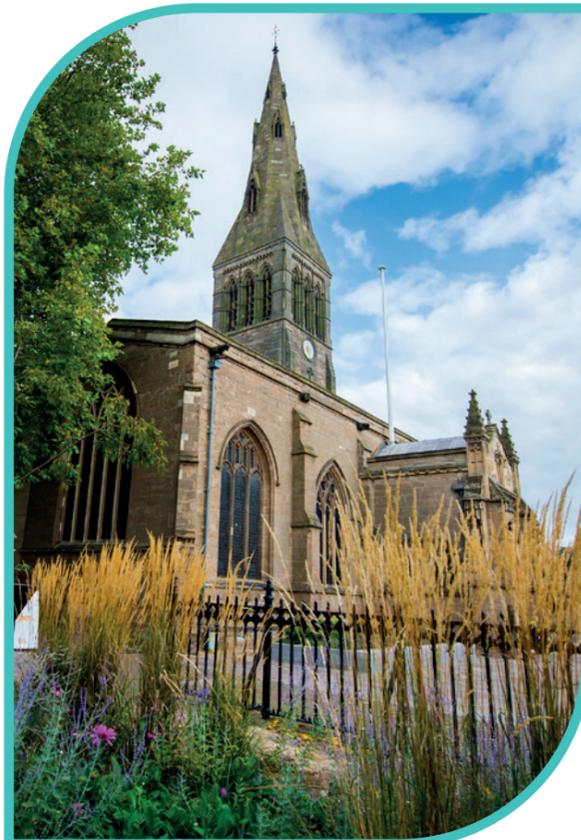


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# 2 Day Itinerary Leicester

Experience the best of historic Leicester with this itinerary that takes you through a 2000-year journey from Roman times to Space exploration.

Coach parking is free in the city but must be pre-booked



## Day 1: MORNING

### KING RICHARD III VISITOR CENTRE

Take a step back in time at the award-winning King Richard III Visitor Centre where you can discover the incredible story of the King's life and death through beautiful story-telling and cutting-edge interactives.

A glass floored space allows you to see the exact spot where the King's remains were buried over 500 years ago and learn how he was dramatically identified to the world.

### LEICESTER CATHEDRAL & GUILDHALL

Leicester Cathedral sits at the heart of Leicester's Old Town.

Built on the site of Roman ruins, it offers over 900 years of history and is known today for being King Richard III's final resting place. Explore the tranquil gardens and relish in the fine architecture of this beautiful and peaceful cathedral.

Leicester Guildhall is next door and is one of the UK's best preserved timber-framed halls. It's Leicester's oldest civic building, so well worth a visit.

### LUNCH

Enjoy a light lunch at Wygston's House - the oldest house in Leicester that has been here since medieval times and is now a beautiful restaurant and bar.

Alternatively, head to your afternoon destination and have lunch at Jewry Wall café with its spectacular outlook across the ancient Roman bath remains.

## Day 1: AFTERNOON

### JEWRY WALL

A Real Roman Experience.

See the finest collection of Roman discoveries in the Midlands including expertly crafted mosaics, glass and jewellery and experience everyday life in Roman Leicester through this immersive and interactive multimedia exhibition.

## Day 2: MORNING

### NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE

Get an out of this world experience at the National Space Centre, home to the UK's largest planetarium and six galleries crammed full of rockets, satellites and meteorites.

Just across the road pop to.

### ABBEY PUMPING STATION

Opened in 1891, Abbey Pumping Station revolutionised Leicester's sewage system.

A grand building with a 150ft chimney, it is now a museum and houses the famous Woolf steam-powered engines, the only machines of their kind in the world.

## Day 2: AFTERNOON

### LUNCH - ON A STEAM TRAIN!

### GREAT CENTRAL RAILWAY

Take an exciting excursion through the idyllic English countryside on the UK's only double track heritage railway.

Experience the magic of the golden age of steam as you make your way from Leicester to Loughborough aboard a restored railway carriage. Dine on the train or jump off for lunch at one of the heritage stations.

Depart at leisure.



Coach parking is available at the National Space Centre



### ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:

#### The Gresham Aparthotel

Self-contained luxury apartments in a restored historic building.

#### Grand Hotel Leicester

Newly refurbished Grade II listed Victorian hotel close to the train station.

#### Holiday Inn Leicester City

The very first Holiday Inn in England with spacious rooms and modern contemporary design.

#### The Belmont Hotel

Beautiful 19th century property located on leafy New Walk, close to the railway station.

#### Voco Leicester

Very modern and stylish hotel in the heart of the city with gold standard accessibility

- Dine in your hotel or head into the city for an array of restaurants and cafes.
- Check out the restaurant and cafe options on the Visit Leicester website.
- If you fancy a show book seats at The Curve theatre for a world-class theatre experience.

Experience the best of historic Leicester

from Roman times to space exploration

# 2 Day Itinerary Leicestershire

Experience the best of historic Leicestershire with this itinerary that takes you from the place that changed English history forever to a Regency Castle featured in film and TV.

## Day 1: MORNING

### BOSWORTH BATTLEFIELD HERITAGE CENTRE

Offers a relaxing and picturesque location to explore one of the turning points of British and Medieval history.

The purpose-built, colourful, multi award-winning and interactive centre tells the story of the Battle of Bosworth in 1485 that heralded the start of the Tudor dynasty and marked the last time an English King was to die on the battlefield. Informative guided walks to explore the Battlefield site and its fascinating story can be booked.



### LUNCH

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

## Day 1: AFTERNOON

### THE BATTLEFIELD LINE

Take a trip along the Battlefield Line, a must-see Victorian Heritage railway line in the heart of Leicestershire's rural countryside.

With three stations – Market Bosworth, Shenton (for the Battle of Bosworth Visitor Centre) and Shackerstone where there is a lovely Victorian Tea Room, railway museum and gift shop.



## Day 2: MORNING

After breakfast head to Melton

### BELVOIR CASTLE

visit this 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 and opulence in the country. The Castle stood in for Windsor Castle in Netflix's The Crown and has beautiful gardens designed by Capability Brown.

### LUNCH

Take lunch in the castle beautiful Aviary tearoom, serving afternoon tea at the place it was invented, or wander to the Engine Room retail village where you will find the best of local food and country living.



## Day 2: AFTERNOON

### THE PORK PIE EXPERIENCE

Hand Raise a Melton Mowbray Pork Pie.

Pork Pie workshops, designed specifically for groups, are a master-class in the art of pie making and tell the fascinating story of how Melton Mowbray became associated with the pork pie and Stilton cheese. You'll get a step-by-step demonstration of hand-raising a Melton Mowbray Pork Pie and then make your own to take away.

Depart at leisure.

### ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:

#### Leicester Marriott

Easy to access central location just off J21 on the M1, this modern 227 bedroom hotel is just 3 miles from the city centre of Leicester with the rural county on the doorstep. Unwind in modern guest rooms each one brimming with amenities.

#### Hinckley Island Hotel

Set in the picturesque Leicestershire countryside the hotel offers the perfect blend of relaxation and comfort with modern accommodation and leisure facilities.



Experience the best of Leicestershire

from historic battlefields to Regency castles

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History & Heritage

Adventure & Leisure

Town & Rural

Group visitors can discover it all here! A visit to Foxton Locks, the longest flight of staircase locks in Britain is a must. Capture the culture at Kilworth House Theatre and Nevill Holt Festival. Find picturesque market towns, independent shopping, great eateries, exciting events and more!  
Only a few miles from M1, A14 & A6 in the heart of south Leicestershire.




[www.visitharborough.com](http://www.visitharborough.com)  
@VisitHarboroughDistrict



### 13. Everards Brewery Tour

Step inside our 'home of great beer', a sustainable brewery set within Everards Meadows which boasts 70 acres of beautiful landscape. You'll find out how we brew our amazing beers, from our much-loved Tiger, right through to our limited-edition and small batch beers.

Your guided tour will last approximately 90 minutes and will look behind the scenes of our working brewery. You'll learn about our family history, enjoy the taste and smell of the premium ingredients that we use, discover how we brew our beers and finish with sampling of some of our favourite beers from the bar!

Experience Highlights:

- Guided brewery tour
- Beer tasting (3 x 1/3 pints of Everards beers)
- 15% discount in-store on day of your visit
- Up to 5 hours free parking
- Free organiser place for group booking of 10



Experience details:

10+	1.5 hours	From £20pp
<b>Parking facilities</b> Free parking for 5 hours	<b>Availability</b> Fridays and Saturdays only	<b>Accessability</b> Wheelchair accessible
<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Claire Cannell</b> experience@everards.co.uk Tel: +44 (0)116 201 4102 everards.co.uk	

### 14. Cocoa Amore Chocolate Workshop

Cocoa Amore is a prominent artisan chocolatier and Leicester's original and longest running immersive 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.

Experience 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	1.5-2 hours	From £31.50pp
<b>Parking facilities</b> City centre car parks or coach drop off nearby	<b>Availability</b> Please contact us	<b>Accessability</b> First floor (no lift)
<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Cocoa Amore</b> workshop@cocoa-amore.co.uk Tel: +44 (0)116 262 3278 cocoa-amore.co.uk	

## 15. 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. Learn about the daily activities in the kitchen and scullery, the secrets of a Catholic home and how the family entertained themselves and guests.

One of the prize exhibits at the house is the fourposter 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.

### Experience 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



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### Experience details:



10+



1.5 hours



From £5pp

#### Parking facilities

Free on site car, coach and disabled bays.

#### Accessibility

Ground floor and gardens only. Accessible toilets. Hearing loop available. Virtual tour on iPad.

#### Availability

April - October

#### Languages

English

### Contact Information

Liz Esnouf

1620shouse@leics.gov.uk

Tel: +44 (0)1455 290 429

1620shouse.org.uk

## 17. The Grand Hotel Afternoon Tea at O.W. Restaurant

Our Afternoon Tea is served within O.W. Restaurant and offers a timeless British experience reimaged with Art Deco sophistication.

Guests enjoy a selection of classic finger sandwiches including Roast Ham & Grain Mustard, Smoked Salmon with Lemon Butter, Egg Mayonnaise & Watercress, and Cucumber Cream Cheese & Dill. Traditional freshly baked scones served with Cornish clotted cream and strawberry jam. An indulgent patisserie selection including Chocolate Baked Cheesecake, Mini Victoria Sponge, Tart Citron, Apple Tart, Carrot Square and Strawberry Glazed Cheesecake. Afterwards, enjoy a premium loose-leaf tea selection from Newby Teas, London

We also offer Vegan afternoon tea (plant-based savouries, fruit scones with vegan cream, handcrafted vegan patisserie) with sparkling, Nyetimber or Champagne upgrade options

### Experience Highlights:

- Art Deco setting within our restored Grade II listed hotel
- Premium Newby loose-leaf tea programme
- Celebration upgrades including Nyetimber and Taittinger Champagne



### Experience details:



2+



1.5 hours



From £34pp

#### Parking facilities

On-site car parking available

#### Accessibility

Bar and restaurant access. Lift available.

#### Availability

Advance bookings required

#### Languages

English

### Contact Information

Reservations Desk

thegrand.leicester@the-ascott.com

Tel: +44 (0)116 214 9257

discoverasr.com

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## 16. Jewry Wall Afternoon Tea

Enhance your group visit to Jewry Wall with the option to enjoy a traditional afternoon tea in a truly unique historic setting.

Set beside one of Leicester's most important Roman landmarks, it's a relaxed and memorable way for groups to spend time together.

Group visits focus on exploring the Jewry Wall Museum, where visitors can enjoy an immersive film that places them on the streets of Roman Leicester and discover over 100 Roman artefacts found beneath the modern city. With nearly 2,000 years of history to uncover, the museum offers a fascinating and engaging experience for all.

Afternoon tea is available as an optional extra. It's the perfect addition for groups to add something special to their visit.

### Experience Highlights:

- A classic selection of sweet and savoury treats served in a welcoming space overlooking the Roman remains



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### Experience details:



Up to 30



2 hours



£17.50 pp

#### Parking facilities

City centre car parks or coach drop off nearby

#### Accessibility

Fully accessible

#### Availability

All year

#### Languages

English

### Contact Information

Jewry Wall Roman Experience

jewry.wall@leicester.gov.uk

Tel: +44 (0)116 454 4554

jewrywall.com

## 18. Kilworth House Theatre

Opened in 2007, 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.

### Experience Highlights:

- Unique Outdoor Theatre Experience
- All our productions are created and produced exclusively for Kilworth
- Our creative team, company and orchestra are all drawn from the West End
- 550 seat, tiered auditorium
- Located in a wooded-glade offering all weather cover
- One FREE ticket for every ten purchased



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### Experience details:



2-50



Varies



From £44pp

#### Parking facilities

Free car and coach parking

#### Accessibility

Accessible seating  
Disabled parking spaces

#### Availability

Seasonal. See website

#### Languages

English

### Contact Information

Theatre Box Office

boxoffice@kilworthhousetheatre.co.uk

Tel: +44 (0)1858 880 058

kilworthhouse.co.uk

## 19. Hanwell Wine Estate, Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting

Enjoy a vineyard experience that begins with tales of life on the vineyard going back to the 1970's.

Visit the vines and hear how the vines are expertly tended by hand through the seasons. Sip your way through a tutored tasting of 6 family made wines. Perhaps add a local cheese board or nibbles to complete the experience.

### Experience Highlights:

- Family owned vineyard established in 1975,
- 50 years of wine experience.
- Beautiful vineyards growing the champagne grapes.
- Taste 6 family made wines



### Experience details:

30-40 1.5 hours+ From £25pp

**Parking facilities**  
Large car park, enough space for a coach.  
**Languages**  
English

**Accessibility**  
Accessible toilets, buildings all same level, vineyard not suitable for wheels  
**Availability**  
Any day, please book

### Contact Information

**Helena Brown**  
hello@hanwellwine.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)1949 81393  
hanwellwine.co.uk

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## 21. Foxton Locks

A fascinating destination for group days out, boasting Britain's longest staircase flight of locks and the remains of a historic boat lift, along with cafes, pubs and a charming museum.

Sitting in 34 acres of green space, Foxton Locks offers everything you need for an enjoyable visit.

Groups can enjoy bespoke guided tours of the famous Inclined Plane and Foxton Canal Museum or take a relaxing canal-side stroll with refreshments from Top Lock Cottage or the Bridge 61 pub. Browse the traditional shop for gifts and local treats or enjoy classic pub food at Foxton Locks Inn.

### Experience Highlights:

- Britain's longest staircase flight of locks
- 34 acres of beautiful green space
- Perfect for scenic walks along the towpath
- Spot a wide variety of canalside wildlife



### Experience details:

Up to 12 Larger groups can be split 2-3 hours From £4pp

**Parking facilities**  
Car and coach parking  
**Availability**  
All year

**Accessibility**  
Accessible toilets, designated parking, footpaths suitable for wheelchairs & prams  
**Languages:** English

### Contact Information

**Foxton Locks**  
Enquiries.FoxtonLocks@canalrivertrust.org.uk

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## 20. Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe Experience

Indulge in Melton Mowbray's finest tasting and making experience at Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe, located in the very home of the iconic Melton Mowbray pork pie.

This immersive masterclass, led by the expert team, reveals what makes their pies so special, drawing on 175 years of craftsmanship and tradition.

Enjoy a delicious selection of hand-crafted samples in the refurbished and expanded Shoppe, complete with its own dedicated Tasting Room. Guests will also learn how to make their own Melton Mowbray pork pie to take home and bake themselves.

Beyond the masterclass, the Shoppe proudly champions local producers, offering an extensive range of cheeses, chutneys, craft beers, and small-batch spirits from passionate independent makers. You can relax in the Tasting Room, pairing pork pies with savoury and sweet treats. Warm, welcoming, and proudly independent, it's a must-visit destination for food lovers.

### Experience Highlights:

- Learning the origin and heritage of the Melton Mowbray pork pie
- Step-by-step hand raising demonstration
- Pork Pie tasting experience
- Pork Pie handraising to take home and bake



### Experience details:

14 1.5 hours From £40pp

**Parking facilities**  
St. Mary's Car Park  
**Accessibility**  
Wheelchair accessible

**Availability**  
Tuesdays 3pm

**Languages**  
English

### Contact Information

**Richard Griffiths**  
hello@porkpie.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)1664 482 068  
porkpie.co.uk

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## 22. Axceler-8 Hovercraft Experience

Experience the thrill of hovercrafting at the Axceler-8 UK hovercraft centre. From an introduction to hovercrafting in a HoverBlast experience to a full Hover Day, you are guaranteed a day to remember.

Axceler-8 are a well-established family run activity centre specialising in hovercraft experiences, using the latest equipment and technology to ensure a safe and enthralling time.

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

### Experience Highlights:

- Expert tuition
- Protective gear supplied
- Range of experiences available for all levels
- Wide range of additional experiences from archery to power buggy driving



### Experience details:

Up to 80 1 hour + From £25pp

**Parking facilities**  
On site  
**Accessibility**  
Accessible activities available

**Availability**  
All year, weather dependent  
**Languages**  
English

### Contact Information

**Marc Bradley-Upton**  
bookings@hovercraftcentre.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)845 272 2378  
hovercraftcentre.co.uk

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## 23. Century Theatre and Snibston Colliery Park

There's so much to enjoy at Snibston Colliery Park, making it ideal for a full day out.

Alongside your visit to Century Theatre, you can see the original Colliery buildings and machinery close up, explore the nature reserve, fishing lakes, cycle the bike trail and stroll along the heritage trail enjoying sculptures along the way.

Designed and built between 1948 and 1952, Century Theatre is Britain's oldest surviving travelling theatre. It was later renovated and reassembled on a purpose-built site, adjoining the historic mine buildings of the former Snibston Colliery in Coalville, Leicestershire.

Now, the theatre plays an ever-increasing role in the local community and surrounding area, hosting a vast range of high quality shows and arts activities, including classic drama, live music, comedy, dance and films.

The Colliery Park was transformed in 2020 to include modern amenities including a cafe, studio, bike trail, pump track and adventure playground.

### Experience Highlights:

- Home to 40 acres of mixed habitats it fishing lakes, nature trails and history trails.
- 4km blue grade mountain track packed with jumps, bumps and berms.
- Unique theatre complete with studio, mezzanine and auditorium.



### Experience details:

Any	2-4 hours	Free
<b>Parking facilities</b> Paid for car park. Disabled parking. EV points.	<b>Accessibility</b> Disabled toilets, accessible paths. Induction loop, lift, indoor ramps, priority seats and lowered bar.	<b>Availability</b> All year, opening varies.
<b>Languages</b> English		

### Contact Information

**Lizzie Dennis/James Lovatt**  
countryparks@leics.gov.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)1530 278 444  
leicscountryparks.org.uk

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## 25. 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 its headquarters at Shackerstone where you will find a fascinating **museum, gift shop and tea room.**

Check the website for details of our dining trains and special events held throughout the year.

### Experience Highlights:

- Vintage railway trip through Leicestershire's countryside
- Gift shops and refreshment outlets
- Exciting special events throughout the year

### Experience details:

Any	1-3 hours	From £10pp
<b>Parking facilities</b> Free & paid parking	<b>Availability</b> Refer to website	<b>Languages</b> English
<b>Accessibility</b> Disabled toilets, limited wheelchair access.		

### Contact Information

**The Battlefield Line Railway**  
info@battlefieldline.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)1827 880 754  
battlefieldline.co.uk

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## 26. Brockleby's Pies Food Experiences

Led by friendly **expert bakers**, these **workshops** make it easy for all abilities to create something delicious — from hand-raised pork pies and artisan bread to handmade sausages, wood-fired pizza or fresh pasta. Visitors roll up their sleeves, learn authentic techniques and enjoy a relaxed, confidence-building experience that many describe as the highlight of their trip to Melton Mowbray and Leicestershire.

### Experience Highlights:

- World famous Melton Mowbray Pork Pie
- Learn how to hand raise your own pork pie
- Take one home to eat!
- Ideal for groups, families and coach tours.
- Steeped in local history, a hands on heritage experience.

### Experience details:

Up to 50	2-3.5 hours	From £35pp
<b>Parking facilities</b> Free car and coach parking	<b>Availability</b> All year	<b>Languages</b> English
<b>Accessibility</b> Good. Please enquire		

### Contact Information

**Louise Hynard**  
louise.hynard@brocklebys.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)7799 891 452  
brocklebys.co.uk

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## 24. Beaumanor Hall's Outdoor Experiences

Beaumanor Hall is a **Victorian country house** located in Woodhouse near Loughborough. Set in 34 acres of idyllic Leicestershire countryside, it's the perfect setting for groups looking for a unique experience that's both challenging and unforgettable.

Suitable for corporate team building, groups or private parties, these outdoor activities delivered by experienced professionals offer the perfect social or get together.

Beaumanor Hall has long been a destination for outdoor learning and experiences for people of all ages. Enjoy the thrill of high-octane activities on the high rope and zip wire aerial courses or immerse yourself in history with codebreaking activities inspired by the Hall's historic links with World War II.

Experience the wide range of activities and challenges available including high ropes course, zip-wire, climbing, abseiling, canoeing, kayaking, archery, survival skills, orienteering, team challenges and land buggies.

### Experience Highlights:

- Fully immersive experiences that can be either tailored to indoor or outdoor preferences.
- Set in beautiful historic grounds with links to World War II
- View the Hall's original air raid shelter and cellars.



### Experience details:

10+	From 2 hours	On request
<b>Parking facilities</b> Free car and coach parking Disabled parking.	<b>Availability</b> All year	<b>Languages</b> English
<b>Accessibility</b> Facilities available, please enquire.		

### Contact Information

**Jon Heather**  
beaumanor.activities@leics.gov.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)1509 890 119  
beaumanorhall.co.uk

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## 25. 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 the British heritage in this unique, immersive visitor experience. There are opportunities to get up close to some of the most iconic Triumphs of all time and a priceless collection of **motorcycle memorabilia**. Also available is a fully guided Triumph Motorcycle Factory Tour.

### Experience Highlights:

- Fully guided Triumph Motorcycle Factory Tour.
- Fully immersive Free Visitor Experience Exhibition.
- 1902 Café and Official Triumph Factory Shop on site.

### Experience details:

4-15 Tour 50+ Museum	1.5-4 hours	From £30pp
<b>Parking facilities</b> Free on site parking	<b>Availability</b> All year. Wednesday - Sunday	<b>Languages</b> English
<b>Accessibility</b> Fully accessible		

### Contact Information

**Triumph Factory Tours**  
factory.tours@triumph.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)1455 453 088  
triumphmotorcycles.co.uk

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## 26. Round Corner Brewing Brewery Tour & Tasting

Discover what it takes to make Uncommonly Good Beer with this guided tour and tasting in an award-winning brewery in the heart of Melton Mowbray's 1000-year-old cattle market. Receive an exclusive insight into how highly drinkable and incredibly moreish beer is created by a team who believe craft beer is about the relentless pursuit of perfection, then sample those beers. A uniquely informative, engaging and entertaining glimpse into the world of Round Corner Brewing.

### Experience Highlights:

- Tour of an award-winning brewery.
- A guided tasting of four of our Uncommonly Good Beers.
- An additional free pint.
- 10% off all purchases in the Taproom and Brewery Shop.

### Experience details:

Up to 12	2-3.5 hours	From £25pp
<b>Parking facilities</b> Free onsite parking. Please enquire.	<b>Availability</b> Last Saturday of the month, 2 - 3:30pm	<b>Languages</b> English
<b>Accessibility</b> Please enquire		

### Contact Information

**Sam Crate**  
info@roundcornerbrewing.com  
Tel: +44 (0)7585 792 494  
roundcornerbrewing.com

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## 27. Leicester City Football Club Stadium Tour Experience

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Book a guided tour of Leicester City's famous home and walk in the footsteps of Foxes players past and present. Beginning 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** and **2021 FA Cup success** can be seen. Then, head to the Directors' Lounge and see how matchday operations run in the state-of-the-art Foxes Hub studio. You'll 'walk the walk' down the iconic Filbert Way tunnel and explore pitch side, take a seat in the home dugout and conclude your visit in the Foxes Fanstore.

### Experience Highlights:

- Go behind the scenes at Leicester City Football Club.
- See the home and away changing rooms.
- Tunnel area, managers room and much more.

### Experience details:

 20  1.5 hours  From £20pp

#### Parking facilities

Limited on-site

#### Availability

Please enquire

#### Accessibility

Hearing loops and wheelchairs available. Book in advance.

**Languages**  
English

### Contact Information

**Leicester City Football Club**  
tours@lfc.co.uk for all enquiries  
Tel: +44 (0)344 815 5000 (option 1)  
LCFC.com/tickets

## 28. Leicester Tigers Stadium Tours

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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. This tour through English sporting history is an education whilst enjoying privileged access to the parts of the stadium normally inaccessible to the public.

### Experience Highlights:

- Fully guided stadium tour.
- A unique insight behind the scenes into the normally off-limits areas of the stadium.
- Visit the official Tigers Shop and Jennos café on-site.

### Experience details:

 30  2 hours  From £15pp

#### Parking facilities

On site

#### Availability

Please enquire

#### Accessibility

Fully accessible.

**Languages**  
English

### Contact Information

**Sam Swift**  
sam.swift@tigers.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)7590 890 876  
tickets.leicestertigers.com

## 29. Hidden Food Tours

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Award winning walking food tours in Melton Mowbray, the Rural Capital of Food. Discover the heart of Melton through its food on a relaxed, guided walking tour, led by passionate foodies Matt and Charla. The tours celebrate the area's culinary evolution, showcasing vibrant food scene while supporting local businesses. It's constantly updated to reflect developments in the East Midlands. Hidden Food Tours combine exploration, fascinating food stories and delicious local tastings

### Experience Highlights:

- Personal expert guides.
- Meet the artisan producers and experts.
- Visit five different locations for food and drink tastings.

### Experience details:

 4-8  3-5-4 hours  From £75pp

#### Parking facilities

Town Centre parking nearby

#### Availability

Please enquire

#### Accessibility

Very accessible - please enquire.

**Languages**  
English

### Contact Information

**Charla Forinton**  
charla@hiddenfoodtours.co.uk  
hiddenfoodtours.co.uk

## 30. HistoryFare Tours

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HistoryFare Tours offers guided walking tours of Melton Mowbray, exploring its rich history beyond Pork Pies and Stilton Cheese. The two-hour town centre guided tours highlight fascinating stories and notable figures. Additionally, HistoryFare provides Battlefield Tours across the East Midlands, focusing on World War II heritage, including Bomber Command; British, Polish and US Airborne paratroopers, taking participants to significant sites where Allied missions over occupied Europe began.

### Experience Highlights:

- Tours led by an experienced local guide.
- All the highlights of the relevant history topics.
- Easy walking on level ground.
- Bespoke walks or tours can be arranged

### Experience details:

 Up to 25  2 hours  From £7.50pp

#### Parking facilities

Parking available

#### Availability

All year

#### Accessibility

Always considered - please enquire.

**Languages**  
English

### Contact Information

**Brian Fare**  
meltonhistoryfare@gmail.com  
Tel: +44 (0)7885 938 945  
historyfare.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.

### Leicester

Leicester city centre offers a great mix of high street giants and independent stores, making it a shopping destination of choice. Highcross is the city's top indoor shopping experience, perfect for those wanting to indulge in a spot of retail therapy. Featuring a flagship John Lewis store and two floors of top retail names, the centre includes St Peter's Square which offers great events and a whole range of nationally recognised restaurants.

If you want to discover new brands, pre-loved vintage clothes or find something a little different, head to The Old Town to meander where the narrow Victorian streets and arcades are packed with fantastic independent stores, vintage shops and curios.

Named for what is rumoured to be the highest concentration of Indian Jewellery shops in the UK, the Golden Mile is a cultural experience like no other and not to be missed.



### 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, huge M & S and Next. Discover over 80 brands in fashion, home and food.

### Market Towns

Leicestershire's Market Towns such as Market Harborough, Melton Mowbray, Loughborough or Ashby de la Zouch offer a huge variety of fantastic shops and different shopping experiences. From foodie heaven to designer shops.

# 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.

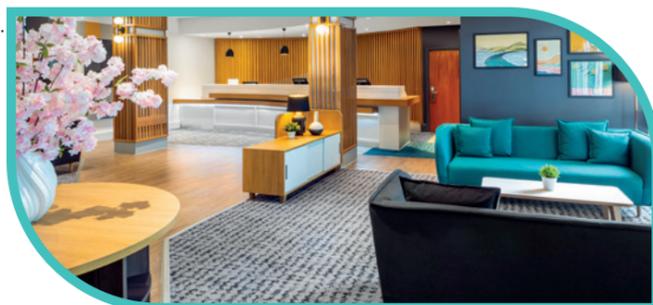
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## A. Holiday Inn Leicester City

Ideally located for exploring the city and the wider Midlands, Holiday Inn Leicester offers a comfortable, modern base for leisure groups, business travellers and tour operators alike. The hotel combines contemporary style with the warm, welcoming service the Holiday Inn brand is known for, making it a reliable and appealing choice for a wide range of guests.

The hotel features 194 well-appointed bedrooms, designed with comfort and practicality in mind. All rooms are equipped with modern amenities, including air conditioning, Wi-Fi, workspaces and flat-screen TVs, ensuring a relaxing stay whether guests are visiting for business or leisure.

For group travel and coach tours, the hotel offers the added convenience of on-site coach parking. Guests can also enjoy the hotel's public areas, including a welcoming bar and restaurant, perfect for unwinding after a day of sightseeing or meetings.



### Accommodation Highlights:

- Prime city-centre location.
- Recent modern refresh.
- Large twin rooms with two double beds.

### Accommodation details:

 194

#### Min. Booking Term

1 Night: Groups considered as 9 rooms +

#### Parking facilities

Discount parking nearby and coach parking on-site.

#### Accessibility

4 accessible rooms, and all bedrooms and function spaces are wheelchair accessible.

 From £90 B&B

#### Availability

All year

#### Pick up service

Yes, at entrance.

#### Languages

English, Dutch, Hindi, Polish, Punjabi

#### Food

Welcoming Bar and Restaurant  
Buffet catering services are available on request

### Contact Information

**Jo Peck (Sales Manager)**  
reservations@hileicester.com  
Tel: +44 (0)116 242 8706  
ihg.com/holidayinn

## B. The Gresham Aparthotel

Experience luxury at The Gresham Aparthotel, located in the vibrant heart of Leicester, offering the perfect base for exploring the city's shopping, dining, and cultural attractions.

Our iconic building, a former Fenwick's department store, was originally designed in the 1800s by renowned architect Isaac Barradale. Meticulously restored to blend its rich historic character with contemporary style, it remains a cherished landmark among local residents.

Inside, you will find 121 beautifully appointed, thoughtfully designed apartments. We provide the ideal balance of boutique hotel service with the freedom and space of your own private residence.

Each apartment features modern kitchenettes, comfortable living areas, and stylish interiors, making them perfect for city breaks, business travel, or extended stays.

The Gresham Aparthotel offers everything you need for a memorable stay under one roof, including a vibrant on-site bar, laundry facilities, a fitness centre, and 24-hour reception.

### Accommodation Highlights:

- Prime central location.
- Distinctive luxury meets modern comfort.
- On-site bar, fitness center, laundry facilities
- 24-hour reception.



### Accommodation details:

 121

#### Min. Booking Term

1 Night. 10 rooms

#### Parking facilities

Offsite parking at Newarke Street Car Park.

#### Accessibility

Fully accessible.

#### Languages

English

 On request

#### Availability

All year

#### Pick up service

No.

#### Food

Onsite bar providing drinks and snacks.  
Breakfast available on request.

### Contact Information

**The Gresham**  
reservations@thegreshamaparthotel.com  
Tel: +44 (0)116 243 7666  
thegreshamaparthotel.com

## C. Belmont Hotel

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

From its origins as a bed and breakfast in the 1930s, The Belmont is now 4 Star 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. And most importantly, the ability to be flexible to groups' needs.

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.



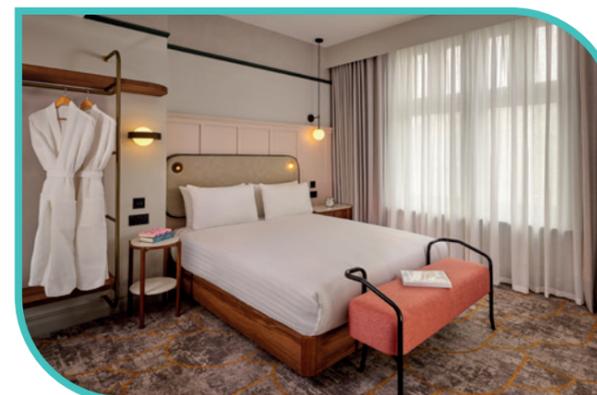
## D. The Grand Hotel Leicester

An iconic Grade II-listed landmark, The Grand Hotel Leicester blends Victorian architectural grandeur with refined contemporary interiors, offering a distinguished stay in the heart of Leicester's Cultural Quarter.

Located just four minutes' walk from Leicester Railway Station, the hotel provides an exceptional central base for both leisure and group travellers.

Bedrooms are thoughtfully designed for comfort and convenience, featuring high-definition entertainment, high-speed WiFi, curated sustainable bathroom amenities, and selected room categories offering Nespresso coffee machines. The hotel also offers a fully equipped on-site gym for resident use.

Originally opened in 1898, The Grand has long held a prominent place in the city's history, welcoming generations of guests and serving as a backdrop to civic and cultural occasions.



### Accommodation Highlights:

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

### Accommodation details:

 74

#### Min. Booking Term

1 Night. 10 Rooms

#### Parking facilities

60 free spaces, including disabled parking.

#### Accessibility

All public areas, disabled toilet, lifts, 2 ground floor rooms, assistive listening devices.

 Please enquire

#### Availability

All year

#### Pick up service

None.

#### Languages

English, Polish, French, Russian, Hindi, Gujarati.

#### Food

Bar and Restaurant onsite

### Contact Information

**Belmont Hotel**  
reservations@belmonthotel.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)116 252 9602  
belmonthotel.co.uk

### Accommodation Highlights:

- Iconic Grade II-listed Victorian hotel
- Fully refurbished throughout
- Four minutes' walk from Leicester Railway Station
- Located within the Cultural Quarter

### Accommodation details:

 104

#### Min. Booking Term

1 Night. 8 rooms

#### Parking facilities

On-site car parking.

#### Accessibility

Lift to all floors. 3 accessible rooms with wet rooms. Step-free access to bar and restaurant.

 On request

#### Availability

All year

#### Pick up service

Local taxi service.

#### Food

Dinner, bed and breakfast.

24-hour room service.

Fine dining.

#### Languages

English, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Slovak, Hindi

### Contact Information

**Reservations Desk**  
thegrand.leicester@the-ascott.com  
Tel: +44 (0)116 214 9257  
discoverasr.com

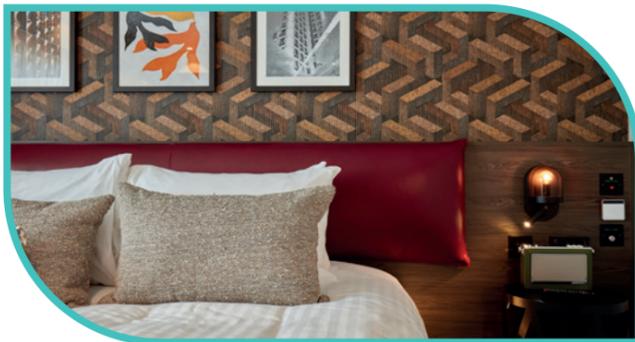
## E. Voco Leicester

Perfectly positioned in the heart of Leicester, we're just a free-kick from the Leicester City Football Club's King Power Stadium and a short punt from Leicester Tigers at Mattioli Woods Welford Road, as well as De Montfort University.

With 191 stylish bedrooms, voco Leicester invites you to unwind in comfort and enjoy some well-deserved me time. Choose from standard and premium rooms plus luxurious skyline suites, hot-tub terraces, and executive suites with elegant free-standing baths.

All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, free high-speed Wi-Fi, Smart TV, USB charging points, tea and coffee facilities, and a workspace. Guests also enjoy premium bedding, hair dryers, safes, mini-fridges, refillable toiletries, and iron with ironing board.

At The Lair, our vibrant restaurant showcases a diverse menu designed to help you savour every moment. From corporate meetings to unforgettable celebrations, voco Leicester provides a stylish, welcoming setting to make any event truly remarkable. We are an inclusive & dog-friendly hotel.



### Accommodation Highlights:

- Prime city-centre location, making it ideal for business, leisure and event guests.
- Stylish & Inclusive Accommodation including skyline suites, hot-tub terraces and executive suites with freestanding baths.
- Sustainability & Dining Excellence. Proud holder of the Green Tourism Gold Award

### Accommodation details:



**Min. Booking Term**  
1 Night. 10 rooms.

**Parking facilities**  
On-site - please book.  
Parking also nearby.

**Accessibility**  
Accessible rooms, step-free access, accessible public toilets and parking.



**Availability**  
All year

**Pick up service**  
Local taxi service.

**Food**  
Restaurant, Bar & Lounge, In-room Dining, Afternoon Tea.

**Languages**  
English, French, Greek and Arabic.

### Contact Information

**Voco Leicester**  
reservations@vcoleicester.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)116 366 5693  
vcoleicester.co.uk

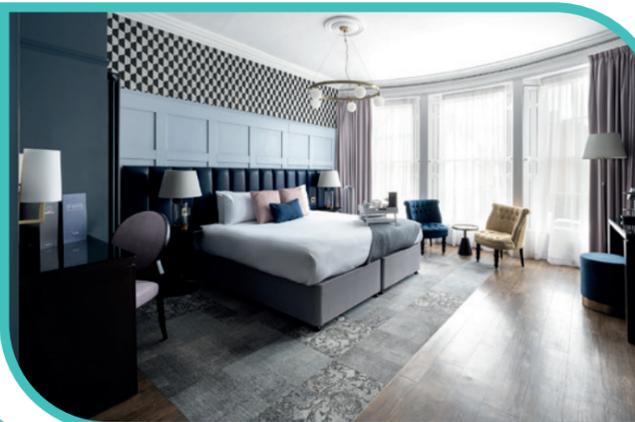
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## F. St. Martins Lodge

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 Guild Hall and only a short walk away from Highcross Shopping Centre and De Montfort University.



### Accommodation Highlights:

- Central location in historic old town area of Leicester.
- Boutique luxury accommodation in historic building.
- Free car parking.
- Winner – Booking.com traveller review award 2026.
- Silver Award – Ecosmart 2025.
- Winner – Leicestershire Tourism and Hospitality Awards 2024.

### Accommodation details:



**Min. Booking Term**  
1 Night.

**Parking facilities**  
On-site FOC to guests.

**Accessibility**  
Ground floor accessible rooms.

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



**Availability**  
All year

**Pick up service**  
No.

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

### Contact Information

**St. Martins Lodge**  
info@stmartinslodge.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)116 261 5200  
stmartinslodge.co.uk

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## G. Marriott Hotel

The fully accessible Leicester Marriott Hotel offers a central Midlands location, superb transport links whether air, rail or road. 3 miles from the city centre with the rural county on the doorstep and an hour's train journey to London.

Located close to a range of celebrated attractions including Fosse Park & Everards Meadows, the Space Centre, Donington Park, the King Richard III story at Leicester Cathedral, the visitor centre and Bosworth Battlefield. Minutes to Leicester football, rugby & cricket grounds.

Relax in our modern refurbished rooms, enjoy dining in our signature restaurant or all-day drinks and light bites in the Atrium Lounge bar. Our thoughtfully crafted menus offer something for everyone from hearty comfort classics to fresh, lighter fare, bold global flavours to familiar favourites. The hotel is an outstanding destination for business & leisure groups.



### Accommodation Highlights:

- 227 double, twin, deluxe and executive rooms
- Flat screen TV, coffee maker and mini refridgertor in all rooms
- 24 hour Room Service Available

### Accommodation details:



**Min. Booking Term**  
1 Night. 10 rooms.

**Parking facilities**  
280 car spaces, coach parking and electric charging facilities.

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



**Availability**  
All year

**Pick up service**  
No.

**Languages**  
English, Polish, Romanian, Spanish, Turkish, Asian languages.

**Food**  
Lobby bar, restaurant, Executive lounge

### Contact Information

**Marriott Leicester**  
events@mhrleicester.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)116 2820 100 Option 3  
marriott.com

## COUNTY

## H. Kilworth House Hotel

Kilworth House Hotel offers a one-of-a-kind stay - an experience you won't find anywhere else.

Our four AA Red-star luxurious hotel is the epitome of 19th century elegance. A grade II listed former family home, guests really do feel a sense of occasion when they stay here. 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.



### Accommodation Highlights:

- Excellent location
- Perfect for local activities and attractions.
- Dining in the Victorian Orangery
- Beautiful views across the parkland.

### Accommodation details:



**Min. Booking Term**  
1 Night.

**Parking facilities**  
100 parking spaces, Electric charging points available.

**Accessibility**  
Two bedrooms provide disabled facilities. Disabled parking.



**Availability**  
All year

**Pick up service**  
No.

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

**Languages**  
English

### Contact Information

**Sarah Johnston**  
sarah.johnston@kilworthhouse.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)1858 880 058  
kilworthhouse.co.uk

## COUNTY

## I. Burleigh Court and The Link Hotel

Imago Venues, part of world-renowned Loughborough University, offers award-winning hospitality rooted in a campus internationally recognised as a training ground for elite sport and performance.

Burleigh Court provides four-star comfort with stylish bedrooms, quality dining, leisure facilities, and flexible meeting spaces. The Link Hotel offers modern, great-value accommodation with excellent motorway access. Both deliver warm service, free parking, and superb accessibility, making them ideal bases for group tours across Leicestershire and the Midlands.



### Accommodation Highlights:

- Unmatched location with superb access by road and rail.
- Part of Loughborough University – a world-class campus.
- Two group-friendly hotels offering four-star comfort

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# Get in touch with us today

to discuss your group travel requirements.

## Useful Contacts

For help and advice contact

### Visit Leicester Information Centre

located at

**King Richard III Visitor Centre,  
4A St Martins, Leicester LE1 5DB.**

**Tel: 0116 299 4444**

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

For information for coach operators visiting Leicester go to:

[visitleicester.info/visitor-information/coach-parking-in-leicester/](http://visitleicester.info/visitor-information/coach-parking-in-leicester/)

or contact **Visit Leicester Information Centre**



### Accommodation details:

 **185 Burleigh  
94 Link**

**Min. Booking Term**  
1 Night. 10 rooms.

**Parking facilities**  
Approx 200 FOC spaces  
at each venue.

**Accessibility**  
One of only nine UK hotels  
with Mobility 3 accreditation.  
Both venues have accessible  
rooms and wheelchair access.

 **On request**

**Availability**  
All year

**Pick up service**  
No.

**Food**  
Breakfast, lunch and dinner.  
24 hour room service.  
**Languages**  
English.

### Contact Information

**Hayley Hardy**  
[h.hardy@welcometoimago.com](mailto:h.hardy@welcometoimago.com)  
Tel: +44 (0)1509 633 030  
[welcometoimago.com](http://welcometoimago.com)

## J. Leonardo Hotel & Conference Venue Hinckley Island

Leonardo Hotel Hinckley Island is a modern, spacious hotel set in the picturesque Leicestershire countryside, offering contemporary rooms, including a large selection of family rooms, for comfortable stays.

Guests can unwind in the leisure club, featuring a gym, pool, sauna, and steam room. The Triumph Bar provides a relaxed setting for food and drinks, while ample parking and easy access to major routes make it a convenient base for leisure stays or events.



### Accommodation Highlights:

- Best UK hotel/Conference Venue - M&IT Awards 2024/25.
- Contemporary leisure facilities.
- Easily accessible location
- Large Hotel of the Year - Highly Commended at the Leicestershire Tourism Awards 2024

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### Accommodation details:

 **362**

**Min. Booking Term**  
1 Night. 10 rooms.

**Parking facilities**  
600+ spaces  
4 fast-charge EV chargers.

**Accessibility**  
All bedrooms accessible.  
4 fully accessible rooms with  
wet rooms.

 **On request**

**Availability**  
All year

**Pick up service**  
No.

**Food**  
Bar & Grill Restaurant.  
Daytime Coffee Bar.  
**Languages**  
English

### Contact Information

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[leonardo-hotels.com/hinckley](http://leonardo-hotels.com/hinckley)

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