SHOPPING IN LEICESTER

Leicester is the perfect place to find a gift! We're home to big-name brands, a bustling high street and two shopping centres. Why not beat the crowds and enjoy late-night shopping at the Haymarket and Highcross.

Looking for something unique? Leicester's brilliant independent businesses are bursting with festive finds, from thoughtful gifts and hidden gems to delicious food and drink. Follow Independent Leicester on social media for a little inspiration and to discover some of the city's best independents.

More info: visitleicester.info/christmas



YOUR FESTIVE CITY COMPANION

Make the most of Christmas in Leicester with the free My Leicester App! Discover festive events, seasonal offers and family-friendly activities, all in one place. Explore the city with Christmas-themed trails, enjoy exclusive food and drink deals, find affordable parking and collect loyalty rewards as you shop and explore. You can also enter competitions, discover local businesses, and find out more about what's happening across Leicester city centre this Christmas.

Download for free from your app store

MY LEICESTER



HAYMARKET'S FESTIVE FUN

Enjoy late-night shopping at Haymarket Shopping Centre this festive season! You can also see Santa, spot the festive reindeer display, and see new decorations throughout the centre.

CHRISTMAS AT HIGHCROSS

Head to Highcross to enjoy festive shopping, late-night openings, their Gingerbread Pop-up Panto, and plenty of festive cheer across the centre in the run-up to Christmas!

If you're feeling peckish, you can head to St Peter's Square for the delightful festive fayre from the all-new Alpine Bar!

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CHRISTMAS IN LEICESTER



WHAT'S ON THIS CHRISTMAS:

- Enter our Christmas Competition (worth £1,000)
- Christmas Market on Gallowtree Gate
- Ride the 35ft Wheel of Light
- Illuminations and Nativity Scene
- Festive Map inside for What's On

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A MAGICAL FESTIVE GIVEAWAY WITH £1,000 WORTH OF PRIZES

Two lucky prize winners will each win a fantastic festive getaway to Leicester, packed with an overnight stay, delicious food, drinks, an exciting activity, and shopping vouchers!

There are two separate prize packages to be won, giving you two chances to enjoy everything you need for the perfect weekend in Leicester!

A huge thank you to all the brilliant local businesses involved for supporting this competition. Scan the QR code below to enter now and be in with a chance of winning:



Scan to enter:

Closes 13 December at 5pm. Printed entry forms can be found at the Visit Leicester Information Centre. Terms and conditions can be found on the Competition webpage.

FESTIVE ILLUMINATIONS TOWN HALL SQUARE

Wednesday 18 November to Sunday 3 January

Every evening, Town Hall Square will be illuminated with a beautiful lighting installation.

Bring the family along to the traditional Nativity Scene and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Support local artists and unleash your creative side with these festive activities

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Leicester Guildhall - Saturday 28 November & Sunday 29 November

Enjoy lots of exciting and original stalls selling handmade arts and crafts from local artists and makers in a beautiful setting.

Entry: £1 (Under 16s Free) - 11am to 4:30pm

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Leicester Guildhall - Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December

Book your place for traditional wreath making in the stunning Leicester Guildhall

Entry: £40 per workshop - Saturday 2pm and Sunday 11am

Find out more at:
leicestermuseums.org/whats-on

IT'S SHOWTIME

Enjoy a range of Christmas pantos this year. Beauty and the Beast at **De Montfort Hall**, Mother Goose at **The Little Theatre**, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at **The Curve**, and a host of festive shows at **The Y**.

Book at: **visitleicester.info/christmas**





CHRISTMAS MARKET GALLOWTREE GATE

Sunday 8 November to Sunday 3 January

Starting at the Clock Tower along Gallowtree Gate, find an array of beautifully crafted items alongside classic festive fayre. The perfect place to pick up a gift and enjoy a classic German sausage at the same time!







CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Wednesday 18 November | From 5pm



The most wonderful time of the year kicks off with the Christmas Lights Switch-On.

This year's event runs from 5pm until 8pm and features a packed programme of entertainment, including musical performances in Town Hall Square, street performers, funfair rides, festive market stalls, and three separate light switch-on moments across the city centre.

There's so much to enjoy on Leicester's Light Switch-On day! It's the perfect start to the festive season and completely free for all the family. Watch as the city lights up with switch-ons at 6.30pm at the Clock Tower, 6.45pm at Haymarket Shopping Centre and 7pm at Highcross. Look out for the all-new LED tree, which will be lit up in every colour you could imagine!

The evening will be hosted by BBC Radio Leicester's Ady Dayman and DJ OPD, live from the Roxy Ballroom balcony on Humberstone Gate, alongside special appearances from the De Montfort Hall pantomime stars. Don't miss the Wheel of Light in Jubilee Square, the return of the roaming SPARK drummers, BUSK Leicester performances and plenty more festive surprises.