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A VIBRANT DESTINATION

Aviva Studios, the home of Factory International, a landmark new cultural space for Manchester
First finding fame as the heart of the Industrial Revolution, Manchester is a city that has helped shape the world. Whether it is in industry, science or culture, Manchester has always pioneered new ways of working and thinking and has, in doing so, transformed itself into a modern cosmopolitan powerhouse.

Today, Manchester is one of Europe’s most vibrant city break destinations and is the third most visited city in the UK, welcoming visitors from all over the world looking to discover the thriving culture, energy and spirit of the city.

Exploring Manchester city centre, you’ll find it packed not only with remnants of this history but also with unique and independent restaurants, bars, shops, museums, galleries, and hotels, all gathered in neighbourhoods with their own distinct personalities.

Beyond Manchester, the surrounding nine boroughs of Greater Manchester offer some entirely different experiences including charming market towns, traditional country pubs, and beautiful green spaces and waterways.

For up-to-date information about what’s on in Manchester, as well as inspiration for what to see and do, please visit www.visitmanchester.com

The Manchester Convention Bureau has curated information specifically for visiting conference delegates, including visitor information, an Insider’s Handbook, solo travel, health & wellbeing, free activities and offers/discounts for delegates. Welcome to Manchester | Delegate Welcome
Manchester’s history is impressive to say the least, and delegates can experience examples of medieval and industrial heritage with ease.

Castlefield Viaduct | Chetham’s Library | John Rylands Library | Manchester Cathedral
Manchester Central Library | The Pankhurst Centre | Portico Library | The Monastery
Elizabeth Gaskell’s House | Ordsall Hall | East Lancashire Railway | Anthony Burgess Foundation | Victoria Baths

Attendees have a huge choice of over 90 museums and galleries – most of which are free to enter.


World-class sport is to be found in Manchester. It isn’t all about football - with an extensive calendar of fixtures as well as top-quality facilities, there are bountiful opportunities to watch or take part in sport.

Manchester City FC Stadium & Club Tour | Manchester United Museum & Stadium Tour | Emirates Old Trafford | Chill Factore | Helly Hansen Watersports Centre | National Cycling Centre | Summit Up Climbing

Manchester offers an unrivalled selection of independent brands combined with the best collection of well-known high street and department stores.

Selfridges | Harvey Nichols | Manchester Arndale | Afflecks | Trafford Centre | King Street | Spinningfields | Barton Arcade | Manchester Craft & Design Centre | Quayside MediaCity | Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet

For an entertaining insight into the stories which have shaped Manchester, delegates can join a themed walking tour.

Coronation Street Experience | Manchester Sightseeing Bus | Scranchester Tours | Invisible Manchester | Manchester Taxi Tours | Skyliner Tours | Craft Beer Tour | Locationist Film & TV Tour | Sightseeing Manchester | Manchester Wine Tours | Rock & Goal Manchester | Manchester River Cruises
HOMES & GARDENS
For a bustling contemporary city, Greater Manchester and its surrounding areas have more gardens and parks than most, all of which are just a short journey from the city centre.

RHS Garden Bridgewater | Mayfield Park | National Trust Castlefield Viaduct | Dunham Massey Hall & Gardens | Tatton Park | Hall | Lyme Park | Ordsall Hall | Bramall Hall | Smithills Country Park | Wythenshawe Hall | Bramall Hall | Chatsworth House

FAMILY FRIENDLY
For those delegates bringing their families there’s lots of activities in Manchester suitable for keeping the whole family entertained.

Sea Life Centre Aquarium | Chester Zoo | Legoland Discovery Centre | AirKix skydiving | Junkyard Golf | The Crystal Maze | Whistle Punks Urban Axe Throwing | Breakout Manchester | MeetSpaceVR | Treetop Adventure Golf | Treasure Hunt Manchester | Didsbury Bike Hire

COUNTRYSIDE
Greater Manchester has miles of inspiring countryside, crisscrossed by historical waterways and dotted with picturesque towns and fascinating attractions that make for a great day out from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Canals & Waterways | Cycle Trails | Heathen Park | Etherow Country Park | Healey Dell | Burrs Country Park | Werneth Low | Peel Park | Haigh Woodland Park | Dove Stone Reservoir | Rivington Pike | Northern Roots

THEATRE
Manchester has music in its soul. Mancunian exports including The Stone Roses, The Smiths, Take That, Bee Gees and Oasis have created world-famous music. Manchester’s diverse music venues now pave the way for the hottest new names in music.

Aviva Studios (Factory International) | The Lowry | Royal Exchange Theatre | HOME | The Palace Theatre | The Opera House | The Contact Theatre | The Dancehouse | Waterside | Z-arts

DINING
Manchester has a great reputation for its food and drink, offering cuisine from practically every nation and to suit any budget. From high-end restaurants with renowned chefs, to independent good value eateries, Manchester has cemented itself as a culinary city.

The French | Peter Street Kitchen | Hawksmoor | Dishoom | The Refuge | El Gato Negro | Mana | Gordon Ramsay’s Lucky Cat | Sexy Fish | Fazenda | Erst | MUSU | Climat | Another Hand

NIGHTLIFE & MUSIC
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Bridgewater Hall | Band on the Wall | Night & Day Café | AO Arena | Co-op Live | The Deaf Institute | Matt & Phreds | RNCM | Albert Hall | O2 Ritz | O2 Victoria Warehouse | Stoller Hall | Night & Day | New Century | The Academy | The Apollo

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PRE & POST

SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSIONS

Chatsworth Estate, Derbyshire.
Greater Manchester’s rich cultural and historical offerings present a range of exciting and engaging full and half-day excursion options, adding value for visitors.

Options within one hour of Manchester range from leisurely visits to the region’s rich array of stately homes and gardens, to experiencing the vibrancy of the city and town centres.

**FOOTBALL FANATICS ITINERARY**

Manchester is of course famous all over the world for its football and a visit to one of the city’s football stadia is a must whether it’s for a tour or the full match day experience. Delve into the social history and culture of the beautiful game, exploring football’s past and present at the world’s biggest and best football museum. Visitors can even go for full football emersion with an overnight stay at Hotel Football.

**THE QUAYS & MEDIA CITY UK**

Opened by Queen Victoria in 1894, the Salford Docks became the busiest in the UK, serving the ships that came up the Manchester Ship Canal. Today, The Quays is Manchester’s waterfront destination, the location of MediaCityUK, a huge purpose-built media hub that’s home to the BBC and ITV, as well as world-class cultural attractions.

**RHS BRIDGEWATER & WORSLEY**

The largest garden project in Europe, The RHS Garden Bridgewater is the result of a multi-million pound transformation of the historic Worsley New Hall estate, a 154 acre site in Salford that’s now home to 11 stunning garden spaces, including the largest Victorian walled garden in England.
### EAST LANCASHIRE RAILWAY & BURY
Experience the sounds, smell and stunning surroundings of this heritage railway. Winding through the scenic Irwell Vale along a 12-mile journey past quaint villages and rural vistas. 1 hour 15 mins from Manchester

- Windermere Lake Cruises
- World of Beatrix Potter
- Wordsworth’s houses
- Muncaster Castle & Gardens
- Grasmere Gingerbread Shop
- Ullswater Steamers
- Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway
- Hill Top

### DUNHAM MASSEY & ALTRINCHAM
A National Trust property set in the grounds of an 18th century house. Nearby is Altrincham, a bustling town with a popular indoor market and vintage fairs. 25 minutes from Manchester

- Dunham Massey House & Gardens
- Dunham Massey Brewing Company
- Red House Farm
- Altrincham Market

### COTTON INDUSTRY AT QUARRY BANK MILL
This former cotton mill is a National Trust property. It is a unique experience, demonstrating how cotton was processed at the height of the Industrial Revolution. 50 minutes from Manchester city centre

- Mill House
- Woodland Walks
- Apprentice House
- Working machinery

### TATTON PARK
Set in 1000 acres of beautiful open Parkland, Tatton is regarded as one of the most complete historic estates in the country, with a Mansion, Tudor Old Hall and extensive gardens. 1 hour from Manchester

- Deer park
- Formal Gardens
- Working farm
- Gardener’s Cottage
- Tea Rooms
- Japanese Garden

### JODRELL BANK RADIO TELESCOPE
One of the largest radio telescopes in the world, visitors can discover the fascinating history of the Lovell Telescope at the Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre. 1 hour from Manchester

- Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre
- The Lovell Telescope
- Gardens & Arboretum
Greater Manchester is perfectly placed to explore the rest of the UK. With Cheshire to the south, Liverpool to the west, Lancashire and Cumbria to the north and Derbyshire to the east, visitors are spoilt for choice.

Here are some suggestions for how local attractions and the delights of Northern England and the rest of the UK can be incorporated into visitors’ itineraries.

**LIVERPOOL & THE BEATLES**

Liverpool is world-famous as the home of The Beatles and visitors can relive the magic of the Beatles era with a visit to the Cavern Club or on a magical mystery tour. The city’s maritime history is on display on its historic waterfront and the Albert Dock – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Liverpool’s cultural highlights include Tate Liverpool, Walker Art Gallery and the Museum of Liverpool.

45 minutes from Manchester

- The Beatles Story
- Cavern Club
- Albert Dock
- Maritime Museum
- Tate Liverpool
- Walker Art Gallery
- Museum of Liverpool
- Mersey Ferries

**LAKE DISTRICT & CUMBRIA**

The Lake District is the most famous national park in England. Its stunning waterfalls, lakes, mountains and areas of natural beauty inspired writers such as Beatrix Potter and Wordsworth.

Cumbria’s scenery is truly unique, with picturesque towns, villages and castles. Fans of outdoor pursuits will find endless opportunities for hiking, mountain climbing, water sports and cycling.

1 hour 10 mins from Manchester

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- Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway
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**THE PEAK DISTRICT & DERBYSHIRE**

Contrasting natural beauty of moors, rivers and springs can all be found within the Peak District National Park, known and loved by millions for its breath-taking views. Chatsworth House is one of the most stunning stately homes in the country.

1 hour 15 mins from Manchester

- Chatsworth House & Gardens
- Lyme Park & Gardens
- Underwater caverns
- Bakewell
- Alton Towers Resort
LANCASHIRE

A county of contrasts, Lancashire has breath-taking countryside and is home to the Forest of Bowland and the UK's best-loved seaside holiday resort – Blackpool.

1 hour from Manchester
Lancaster Castle | Forest of Bowland | Pendle Hill | Blackpool Pleasure Beach

MEDIEVAL & VIKING YORK AND YORKSHIRE

York is renowned for its Viking and medieval history, exquisite architecture, tangle of quaint cobbled streets and the iconic York Minster. The Yorkshire coastline encompasses some of the UK’s most rugged and charming countryside, from tiny fishing villages clinging to rocky cliffs to glorious stretches of white sand and family-friendly resorts.

1 hour from Manchester
York Minster | Yorvik Viking Centre | National Railway Museum | Castle Howard | Museum of York | River Ouse | Clifford’s Tower | Whitby | Robin Hood’s Bay | Scarborough | North York Moors | Cleveland Way

ROYAL ARMOURIES IN LEEDS

The city of Leeds boasts a heady mix of arts, culture, heritage, shopping, a thriving food and drink scene and the Royal Armouries.

45 minutes from Manchester
The Royal Armouries | Kirkstall Abbey | Trinity Leeds | Harewood House

THE NORTH EAST & NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland offers spectacular vistas and ancient castles. Visitors to Newcastle will find culture, vibrant nightlife and inspiring heritage.

1 hour from Manchester
Roman heritage | City walls | River Dee cruise | Horse Races | Chester Zoo | Chester Rows
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