



## **Manchester**

*The birthplace of the industrial revolution, Manchester is now one of the most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities in the UK, yet it retains its own unique character. Set in a region that offers great value for money, Manchester welcomes visitors with its fine traditions of culture, music, sport and top class events. Its vitality is expressed through its fascinating history, interactive attractions, magnificent architecture and most of all, the spirit of its people. [www.visitmanchester.com](http://www.visitmanchester.com) Twitter: [@visit\\_mcr](https://twitter.com/visit_mcr)*

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### **Getting around:**

Manchester has a free bus service called the **Metroshuttle**. The green, purple and orange coloured **Metroshuttle buses** loop around the city centre on three different routes. The service numbers are 1, 2 and 3, and stops are clearly marked on the all maps.

Manchester also has a tram service called the **Metrolink** which visitors can use to reach slightly out of town places such as Salford Quays or Old Trafford. There is a charge for using the trams and payment must be made at the machines before boarding.

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## Day one

Early AM Arrive in Manchester.

Upon arrival please make your way to your accommodation. Some suggestions are below;

### **Boutique:**

#### **Velvet**

2 Canal Street, M1 3HE

T: +44 (0) 161 236 9003 W: [www.velvetmanchester.com](http://www.velvetmanchester.com) Tw: [@velvethotel](https://twitter.com/velvethotel)

*A sumptuous Bar, Restaurant & Hotel in the heart of Manchester city centre on bustling Canal Street, a stones throw from Piccadilly train station, amidst lively & vibrant bars & close to the main shopping area. The Bespoke 19 bedroom Hotel, occupies the four floors above the Bar & Restaurant, offering individually designed Velvet King rooms, 3 Balcony King Rooms overlooking Canal Street, and 3 luxurious Duplex Suites.*

### **Modern:**

#### **Radisson Blu Edwardian Manchester**

"Free Trade Hall" Peter Street, Manchester, GB M2 5GP

T: +44 (0) 161 835 9929 W: [www.radissonedwardian.com](http://www.radissonedwardian.com) Tw: [@RBEhotels](https://twitter.com/RBEhotels)

*Located in one of Manchester's most celebrated building, the historic Free Trade Hall, stylish spaces create a mood of understated luxury in the city centre, moments from Manchester Central and MCCC. Sienna Spa, deep in*

*the building's vaults, is a blissful urban hideaway, and dramatic red lanterns lend a decadent air to Opus One bar and restaurant. Through the hotel's soaring lobby, Alto is a relaxed alternative for dress-down dining.*

**Traditional:**

**The Midland Hotel Manchester**

Peter Street, Manchester, M60 2DS

T: +44 (0) 161 236 3333

W: <http://www.qhotels.co.uk/hotels/the-midland-manchester.aspx>

Tw: @Qhotels

*The Midland Hotel Manchester, a four star deluxe hotel, is situated at the heart of the city and overlooks St Peter's Square, Manchester Central Library, Albert Square, Manchester Central as well as Bridgewater Hall. The hotel is also conveniently located near shopping district and theaters. One of the most well known features of the hotel is the afternoon tea as well as the iconic restaurant The French, which now boasts Michelin star chef Simon Rogan at its helm.*

**Apartment:**

**Roomzzz Manchester**

36 Princess Street, Manchester, M1 4JY,

T: +44 (0) 844 704 4048 W: [www.roomzzz.co.uk/manchester-city](http://www.roomzzz.co.uk/manchester-city)

Tw: @Roomzzz

*48 individual apartments fully fitted for the practicalities of daily life, finished with a subtle suggestion of the Orient inspired by the bustle of nearby Chinatown. As you'd expect from a luxury hotel, there's every concession to contemporary style and comfort.*

**Budget:**

**Holiday Inn Express Oxford Road**

Oxford Road, Manchester, M1 5QA

T: +44 (0)843 208 3005 W: [www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com) Tw: @HIExpress

*The gleaming Holiday Inn Express Manchester City Centre-Oxford Road is a convenient choice whether you're doing business at one of the major convention centres or simply looking for world-class sport, shopping and entertainment. Rates for a standard double start from £59 per room per night inclusive of complimentary breakfast. (Please note accommodation on this trip is complimentary)*

Late AM

Undertake a two-hour **Discover Manchester Tour** of the city centre, which highlights key city centre locations, landmarks and attractions.

[www.visitmanchester.com/walks](http://www.visitmanchester.com/walks)

Public tours generally depart from **Manchester Visitor Information Centre** which is located in on Portland Street, Piccadilly Gardens. However private tours can be booked with guide able to meet you at your hotel.

Nb. Specialist tours covering all sorts of subjects – from **Music Pub Walks** to those focusing on **The Gangs of Manchester** or even **Show Me Germanchester** - are also available. See [www.visitmanchester.com/walks](http://www.visitmanchester.com/walks) for more details.

Lunch

Try one of the following:

### **Afternoon Tea at The Octagon**

The Midland Hotel, Peter Street, Manchester, M60 2DS

T: +44 (0) 161 236 3333

W: <http://www.qhotels.co.uk/hotels/the-midland-manchester.aspx>

*The Octagon Lounge, with its magnificent Moorish ambience, is a truly splendid place to take afternoon tea, sampling a mouth-watering menu amid real glamour. Afternoon tea is served from 2.30pm till 5.00pm.*

### **Teacup and Cakes**

55 Thomas Street, Manchester, M4 1NA

T: +44 (0) 161 832 3233 W: [www.teacupandcakes.com](http://www.teacupandcakes.com)

Tw: [@teacupandcakes](https://twitter.com/teacupandcakes)

*Teacup began as a record shop nearly a decade ago, and has since transformed into a foodie favourite and powerhouse of the Northern Quarter. The restaurant is owned by acclaimed Manchester DJ, Mr Scruff, and his manager Gary McClarnan, both of whom are passionate about tea. Teacup serve one of the widest ranges of loose leaf teas available in the city, including a rolling selection of speciality Oolongs, as well as artisan coffee, a winelist from Hanging Ditch, breakfasts, soups and stews.*

### **Second Floor Manchester at Harvey Nichols**

21 Cathedral Street, Manchester

W: [www.harveynichols.com/second-floor-manchester](http://www.harveynichols.com/second-floor-manchester)

*The Second Floor at Harvey Nichols Manchester is one of the city's ultimate dining destinations. Choose from a Modern European menu or just spend some time socialising and sipping cocktails at the bar - there's no more glamorous place to while away the hours.*

PM

Free time to explore Manchester's city centre shopping or cultural offering:

#### **Shopping suggestions:**

*- In the **Northern Quarter** you will find vinyl record shops, vintage boutiques, art galleries and craft stores. We particularly recommend Afflecks and Manchester Craft and Design Centre:*

#### **Affleck's**

52 Church Street, Northern Quarter, M4 1PW

T: +44 (0) 161 839 0718 W: [www.afflecks.com](http://www.afflecks.com) Tw: [@affleckspalace](https://twitter.com/affleckspalace)

*Afflecks is an emporium of eclecticism, a totem of indie commerce in Manchester's Northern Quarter and above all else a fantastic place to shop for anything from top hats to tattoos.*

#### **Manchester Craft and Design Centre**

17 Oak Street, M4 5JD

T: +44 (0) 161 832 4274 W: [www.craftanddesign.com](http://www.craftanddesign.com)

Tw: [@ManchesterCraft](https://twitter.com/ManchesterCraft)

*Buy something handmade, personal and bespoke at Manchester Craft and Design Centre. Explore two floors of contemporary studios within the unique surroundings of our Victorian market building. Choose from jewellery, bags, ceramics, interior accessories, furniture, paintings, baby wear and more.*

- In the **Arndale Centre** and along **Market Street**, you'll find a concentration of familiar high street stores. The Arndale Centre offers over 200 shops, catering for most shopping needs.

- **Exchange Square** and **New Cathedral Street** are the result of over a decade of regeneration work throughout the city centre. Marks & Spencer sits stylishly amidst the newly refurbished Selfridge, where you can find Jimmy Choo, Alexander McQueen, Kurt Geiger, Rock & Republic and across the street the super chic Harvey Nichols including designers such as Prada and Stella McCartney.

- At **St Ann's Square** you've got three shopping arcades; the small **St Ann's Passage**, the jewel-like **Victorian Barton Arcade**, and the **Royal Exchange Arcade**. Nearby **King Street** is another designer destination.

- In Spinningfields you'll find **The Avenue**, the city's newest new luxury shopping quarter which features a number of high-end designer shops including Armani, Mulberry, LK Bennett and Flannels.

- Finally, a short taxi or bus journey out of town is **The Trafford Centre** with over 230 stores along three miles of granite and marble boulevards.

#### **Culture, art and heritage suggestions:**

##### **Museum of Science & Industry**

Liverpool Road, Castlefield, Manchester, M3 4FP,

T: +44 161 832 2244 W: [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk) Tw: @voiceofmosi

*Situated in one of the oldest surviving passenger railway buildings in the world, this family friendly museum tells the story of the history, science and industry of Manchester - the world's first industrial city.*

##### **National Football Museum**

Urbis Building, Cathedral Gardens, M4 3BG

T: +44 (0) 161 605 8200 W: [www.nationalfootballmuseum.com](http://www.nationalfootballmuseum.com)

Tw: @footballmuseum

*The best football museum in the world has become even bigger and better. Exciting moments, unforgettable memories, legendary players, 'hands-on' fun for all the family and enough objects to fill a football pitch! From the 1966 World Cup Final ball to Maradona's "Hand of God" shirt, there's so much to see and do.*

##### **Manchester Art Gallery**

Mosley Street, Manchester, M2 3JL

T: +44 (0)161 235 8888 W: [www.manchestergalleries.org](http://www.manchestergalleries.org)

Tw: @MRCartGallery

*Manchester Art Gallery is one of the region's most popular cultural destinations, attracting over 400,000 visits each year. Between 1998 and 2002, a £35million refurbishment and expansion programme transformed the venue into a world-class gallery for Manchester. Since then, Manchester*

*Art Gallery has won many awards and has developed a national reputation for its high quality, audience focused services.*

#### **The John Rylands Library**

150 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 3EH,

T: +44 161 306 0555 W: <http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/deansgate/>

Tw: [@TheJohnRylands](#)

*Built in the 1890s, the John Rylands Library is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful libraries in the world; both the building and its collections are of outstanding international significance.*

#### **People's History Museum**

Left Bank, Spinningfields, Manchester, M3 3ER

T: +44 161 838 9190 W: [www.phm.org.uk](http://www.phm.org.uk) Tw: [@PHMMcr](#)

*The People's History Museum is truly unique. A national museum charting the history of the struggle for equality and democracy in the UK, it's perfectly suited to the radical city of Manchester. Discover the British working class' fight for social justice as you explore the museum's collection, expertly presented and housed within its new home - a beautiful £12.3m redevelopment beside the River Irwell.*

#### **Manchester Museum**

The University Of Manchester, Oxford Road, M13 9PL

T: +44 (0) 161 275 2634 W: [www.museum.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk)

*Groups can discover the natural world with 15 galleries full of fascinating displays. In addition to its permanent collections, which include a fossilised Tyrannosaurus Rex, the museum has a great selection of year-round programmes of activities for all ages and changing exhibitions with their brand new Ancient World Gallery opening in late 2012.*

#### **Whitworth Art Gallery**

Oxford Road, Manchester, M15 6ER

T: +44 (0) 161 275 7450 W: [www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk)

*Set in the University of Manchester campus, just outside the city centre, the Whitworth Art Gallery is home to some of the UK's finest collections of art and design. A visit here guarantees variety, from the modern and contemporary to historic fine art. Groups can also explore unique collections of textiles and rare assortments of wallpapers.*

Dinner

Why not try sample food in Chinatown or at the famous Curry Mile. We particularly recommend Yang Sing and Mughli.

#### **Yang Sing**

34 Princess Street, Manchester M1 4JY

T: +44 (0)161 236 2200 W: [www.yang-sing.com](http://www.yang-sing.com) Tw: [@yangsingmcr](#)

*The highly acclaimed Yang Sing sets the standard both within Manchester and beyond as a Cantonese restaurant of the highest quality.*

*Yang Sing is a phonetic translation of one of the names of the city of Guangzhou in Southern China – 'the City of Rams'. The Yang Sing was founded in November 1977 by the Yeung family. Tim Kwan Yeung was a*

renowned dim sum chef amongst the Chinese community here and abroad. Harry Yeung's acclaim has extended even further.

The legend goes from strength to strength offering cordial old-school service, some modern takes on traditional Cantonese cooking of the very highest quality, and an enviable reputation as one of the finest food institutions of the city.

Housed in a beautiful grade II listed building set over many floors, with extensive private dining facilities; and serving exquisite Cantonese cuisine, the Yang Sing is there for your every occasion.

### **Mughli**

30 Wilmslow Road, Rusholme, Manchester, M14 5TQ

W: [www.mughli.com](http://www.mughli.com) T: +44 161 248 0900 Tw: @mughli

Set around the culinary theatre of the open 'angithi' charcoal pit + 'tandoori' clay oven, the Restaurant + Charcoal Pit is celebrating its 22nd anniversary in the heart of Manchester's 'Curry Mile' by showcasing a great selection of authentic street food, char-grilled meats + rustic home-style Mughlai cuisine.

After dinner explore Manchester's lively and famously varied nightlife. Here's a quick guide to the main areas:

**The Northern Quarter** is constantly evolving and barely a week goes by without a new bar or restaurant to explore. Long serving bars such as **Cord**, **Black Dog Ballroom**, **Trof**, **Common**, and **Bluu Bar** welcome newbies like **Terrace**, **Kosmonaut** and **Whiskey Jar**. Alternatively, head to Oldham Street for more traditional pubs such as **The Castle** or **The Northern Quarter**. There are also a lot of great live music pubs on Oldham Street including **Day and Night**, **Dry**, or **Matt and Phreds**.

**Deansgate and Castlefield:** Deansgate Lock and Castlefield feature many familiar bars such as **Revolution** and **Baa Baa**, as well as the **Comedy Store** comedy club and some charming canal side spots such as **Duke's 92** and **The Wharf**. Cocktail lovers should try **Cloud 23** bar situated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Hitlon Deansgate (within the **Beetham Tower**).

**Canal Street:** the infamous street made famous by *Queer as Folk*; popular hotspots include **Taurus**, **Velvet** or **Via**, whilst newer openings on Richmond Street (behind Canal Street) **The Mollyhouse** and the **Richmond Tea Rooms** are making a notable mark on the scene.

**Oxford Road and Whitworth Street West:** there are an array of bars and pubs around the north end of Oxford Road including **The Thirsty Scholar**, **The Deaf Institute**, **Zoo**, and **Sandbar**. A new row of bars have also popped up along Whitworth Street West including **Gorilla** and **Whim Wham Café**. A quiet drink can be had in the **Cornerhouse** or one of the nearby theatre bars.

**Spinningfields:** as a new development there are bars popping up in the area all the time. **The Alchemist and Neighbourhood** do amazing cocktails whilst **The Oast House** offers a new take on the olde style pub. Nearby are also

some beautiful Victorian pubs including **Mr Thomas' Chop House** (brother venue to Sam's Chop House).

## Day two

Early AM Take the **Metrolink tram** to Salford Quays (board a tram to Eccles or MediaCityUK and alight at the MediaCityUK stop).

Spend the morning exploring Salford Quays, including:

### **IWM North**

Trafford Wharf Road, The Quays, Manchester, M17 1TZ,

T: +44 161 836 4000 W: [www.iwm.org.uk/north](http://www.iwm.org.uk/north) Tw: @I\_W\_M

*One of the most celebrated Museums in Britain today, IWM North is about people and their stories, about how lives have been and still are shaped by war and conflict. The award-winning building by international architect Daniel Libeskind is a symbol of the world torn apart by conflict.*

### **The Lowry**

Pier 8, Salford Quays, M50 3AZ,

T: +44 (0)870 787 5780 W: [www.thelowry.com](http://www.thelowry.com) Tw: @The\_Lowry

*The Lowry boasts an award-winning program in its two main theatres and studio space, where you can find the best in drama, ballet, opera, comedy, music and family shows. Galleries showcase the work of LS Lowry alongside that of artists of local, national and international renown.*

Lunch At one of the cafes at the **IWM North** or **The Lowry**. Damson MediaCityUK is also worth a look.

### **Damson MediaCityUK**

Orange Building, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2HF

W: [www.mediacity.damsonrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.mediacity.damsonrestaurant.co.uk) Tw: @DamsonMediaCity

*Damson MediaCityUK was the first independent restaurant to arrive at The Quays, offering award-winning food and wine.*

After lunch take a ten minute walk to MUFC Old Trafford for a museum and stadium tour.

### **Manchester United Museum & Tour**

Sir Matt Busby Way, Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 0RA

T: +44 (0)161 868 8000 W: [www.manutd.com](http://www.manutd.com)

*The story of Manchester United is unlike any other club in the world. Beginning more than a century ago, it combines eras of total English and European domination with some of the greatest adversity faced by any football club. Only at the Manchester United Museum & Tour can you experience the story in all its glory, and immerse yourself in a legend still being made.*

Alternatively take a taxi to the Trafford Centre for shopping or one of the following adventure experiences or visit **Dunham Massey Hall**:

**Chill Factor<sup>e</sup>**

7 Trafford Way, Trafford Quays Leisure Village, Manchester, M41 7JA

T: +44 (0) 161 749 2222 W: [www.chillfactore.com](http://www.chillfactore.com)

*Groups of all ages and abilities can ski, board, tube, luge, sledge, airboard or climb at Chill Factor<sup>e</sup>. Skiing lessons, snowboarding sessions, speedy 60m luges and climbing walls are available for adventurous groups to enjoy. Located in Trafford Quays Leisure Village, just off the M60, you also find bars and restaurants in their Alpine Village.*

**Airkix Indoor Skydiving**

9 Trafford Way, Trafford Park, Manchester M41 7JA

T: +44 (0) 845 331 6549 W: [www.airkix.com](http://www.airkix.com)

*Experience the magic of flight with a trip to Airkix indoor skydiving. Feel the sensation of human flight as you're suspended on a high column of air in an exciting and safe environment. It's skydiving! Indoors!*

**'Dunham Massey: Sanctuary from the Trenches'**

Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 4SJ

T: +44 (0) 161 941 1025 W: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey)

Tw: [@DunhamMasseyNT](https://twitter.com/DunhamMasseyNT)

*Visitors to the ever-popular Dunham Massey Hall will be part of a unique experience taking place there between March and 11 November 2014. Marking the centenary of the First World War, Dunham Massey has been transformed back into Stamford Military Hospital - the convalescent hospital in which 282 soldiers were treated between April 1917 and January 1919 – revealing the personal and highly emotive stories of some patients, their injuries and how their conditions were treated 100 year ago. 'Sanctuary from the Trenches' will return to Dunham Massey from March to November 2015.*

Late PM

Depart.

***We hope that you enjoyed your visit to Manchester!***