

Places of Interest around Manchester

People's History Museum

www.phm.org.uk

The museum tells the story of the history of democracy in Britain and about ordinary people's lives at home, work and leisure over the last 200 years. It contains a collection of printed material, physical objects and photographs which celebrate the lives of ordinary people at work, rest and play. Some of the topics covered include: Popular Radicalism, the Peterloo Massacre, 19th Century Trade Unionism, the Women's Suffrage movement, Dockers, the Co-op Retail movement, the 1945 General Election and football.

It also houses an important archive of material relating to the history of working people in Britain. Its collections include papers and documents created by the Labour Party, the former Communist Party of Great Britain, the co-operative movement and the Department for Work and Pensions.

Manchester Art Gallery

www.manchestergalleries.org



Opened in 1824, the Manchester Art Gallery is strong in its representation of the English school, with numerous works of Thomas Gainsborough and major works of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.

Another significant collection in the gallery is of works by Pierre Adolphe Valette. Valette was a French impressionist who painted and taught in Manchester in the early years of the twentieth century. His reputation is growing, and in the Manchester Art Gallery displays scenes of foggy Manchester streets and canals. A Cézanne hangs in the same room, showing the similarity in treatment and subject between Cézanne's misty French river bridge and a particular river bridge in the pre-Clean Air Act Mancunian fog. L. S. Lowry was one of Valette's pupils and the influence on Lowry of impressionism, via Valette, can be seen here, where pictures by the two artists hang together.

As well as its paintings, the museum holds important collections of glass, silverware and furniture, including two important pieces by the Victorian reformist architect and designer William Burges.

Chatsworth House, Bakewell

www.chatsworth.org

40 miles from The Lowry Hotel; approx. 1 hour 15 minutes each way.



Chatsworth House, a stately home in North Derbyshire, is the seat of the Duke of Devonshire, and has been home to his family, the Cavendish family, since Bess of Hardwick settled at Chatsworth in 1549.

Standing on the east bank of the River Derwent, Chatsworth looks across to the low hills that divide the Derwent and Wye valleys. The house is set in expansive parkland, and backed by wooded, rocky hills rising to heather moorland and contains a unique collection of priceless paintings, furniture, Old Master drawings, neoclassical sculptures, books and other artefacts.

Speke Hall, Liverpool

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-spekehall.htm

32 miles from Lowry Hotel, approx 44 minutes each way.



Speke Hall is a rare example of a Tudor manor house with restored Victorian interiors and William Morris wallpaper. Situated in a most unusual setting, it is surrounded by attractive gardens protected by a collar of woodland. Constructed by a devout Catholic family, who were keen to impress visitors with their home's grandeur (the Great Hall, in particular, is spectacular), this beautiful building has witnessed more than 400 years of turbulent history. Uncover the hidden Tudor secrets, play billiards or enjoy a bracing walk with stunning views of the Welsh hills. A perfect oasis from modern life.

Dunham Massey, Altrincham

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-dunhammassey

11 miles from Lowry Hotel, approx 28 minutes each way.



Set in a magnificent 121-hectare (300-acre) deer park, this Georgian house tells the story of the owners and the servants who lived here. Discover the salacious scandals of the 7th Earl of Stamford, who married Catherine Cocks, a former bare-back circus rider, and the 2nd Earl of Warrington, who was so enamoured with his wife that he wrote a book anonymously on the desirability of divorce! Uncover these and other fascinating stories when you explore this treasure-packed house, then take a stroll in one of the North's great gardens, including Britain's largest winter garden.

Tate Liverpool, Albert Dock

www.tate.org.uk/liverpool



Tate Liverpool is an art gallery and museum in Liverpool, Merseyside and has been created to display work from the Tate Collection which comprises the national collection of British art from the year 1500 to the present day, and international modern art. The gallery also has a programme of temporary exhibitions. The gallery opened in 1988 and is housed in a converted warehouse within the Albert Dock on Liverpool's waterfront.

There is a comprehensive programme of tours and talks for any group, large or small, making a visit to the Tate Liverpool.

Whitworth Art Gallery

www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk

Exhibition Tours

All tours are free with no booking required. To enjoy a free guided of the Whitworth, general tours take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 2pm and 2.30pm. Tours are led by knowledgeable visitor service assistants, who take a look at the past, present and future plans for the Whitworth. Meet at the welcome desk in the gallery foyer in time for the start of tours at 2pm.


Tel: 0161 275 7450 or email whitworth@manchester.ac.uk.



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Art Gallery

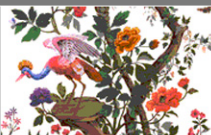


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The Whitworth Art Gallery
Home to some of the UK's finest collections of art and design including modern and historic fine art, prints, textiles and a rare collection of wallpapers. Gallery news includes expansion plans in our *Capital Development*.

Oxford Road
Manchester
M15 6ER
0161 275 7450
Opening times
Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 12pm-4pm
Find out how the *Friends of The Whitworth* support us and how you can get involved.

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Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

www.bridgewater-hall.co.uk

Halle Orchestra playing William Tell Overture 18 and 19 April 2012, 7.30pm. Prices £9.50-£35.00.



The Bridgewater Hall is Manchester's international concert venue, built to give the best possible space for music. The Hall hosts over 250 performances a year including classical music, rock, pop, jazz, world music and much more. It is home to three resident orchestras: the Hallé, the BBC Philharmonic and Manchester Camerata. The Hall also programmes its own classical music season, the International Concert Series.

The Cornerhouse, Deansgate, Manchester

www.cornerhouse.org



The Cornerhouse is Manchester's international centre for contemporary visual arts and independent film. It was founded by the Greater Manchester Visual Arts Trust, chaired by Sir Bob Scott, and opened in 1985. Patrons are Danny Boyle, Damien Hirst and Helen Mirren.

Located on Oxford Road, The Cornerhouse houses three floors of contemporary art galleries, three screens showing the best of independent cinema, a bar, café and a bookshop and we get around 500,000 visitors every year.

The Cornerhouse operate an international distribution service for contemporary visual arts books and catalogues, working with over 95 publishers including Arnofini, BALTIC, British Council Visual Arts and Design Publications, Hayward Gallery Publishing, the Henry Moore institute, ICA, The Lowry, Modern Art Oxford, Photoworks and Picture This.

Quarry Bank Mill and Styal Estate

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-quarrybankmillandstyalestate.htm

Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 4LA

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Visit Quarry Bank at Styal and discover the compelling story of mill workers, entrepreneurs and the Industrial Revolution. Watch hand-spinners at work, experience the clatter of machinery and the hiss of steam engines, and marvel at Europe's most powerful working waterwheel. Take a guided tour of the Apprentice House, which housed the pauper children who worked in the mill. Visit the stunning garden – the Greg family's picturesque valley retreat adjoining the mill.

Tatton Park

www.tattonpark.org.uk

Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 6QN

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Tatton Park is a historic estate in Cheshire, England, to the north of the town of Knutsford. It contains a mansion, Tatton Hall, a manor house dating from medieval times, Tatton Old Hall, gardens, a farm and a deer park of 2,000 acres

There are 4 attractions to choose from - the Mansion, Gardens, Farm and Old Hall and a choice of speciality shops. The Stables Restaurant offers food using local ingredients including those from the Tatton estate and welcomes groups for coffees, lunches or afternoon teas. Recommend four or more hours if visiting all attractions, or three hours if just visiting the Mansion and Gardens.

Walking Tours of Manchester

www.toursofmanchester.co.uk/walking.html

Tel: +44 (0)161 864 2640

2007 Blue Badge Guided Walks

- Since the 1980s Manchester Guild of Blue Badge Tourist Guides have offered a wide range of guided walks for members of the public to enjoy. Topics range from the ever popular tour of Manchester Town Hall to a fun pub quiz night, from a full day tour about Elizabeth Gaskell to an in-depth look at Manchester's interior and exterior gems.
- Central Manchester walking tours generally last from between one and a half to two hours.

Ancoats to New Islington

Ancoats was 'the World's first industrial suburb', but was in decline for most of the last century. This tour explores the district looking to the future, seeing how new life is being breathed into treasured old buildings, and also exciting brand new developments. We see how, once again, this area will be a vibrant and dynamic centre for new ways of living, working and leisure in the 21st century.

Canals under the City Streets

Walk from the 18th to the 21st century and rediscover your city from this new different angle from under some of the city's major roads. Learn how use of the waterways has changed from industry to leisure, but more than this, see how the canals are now an integral part of modern Manchester life.

Crafty Arty Manchester Walk

This tour spans six centuries of style in Manchester, and selects buildings and their interiors to look at examples of arts and crafts through the ages – stained glass, sculpture, decorative art, architecture, décor, paintings and 'street furniture' all make up our city – discover these gems and learn about the artistry which made them.

Manchester's Literary Connections

With manuscripts, letters, poetry, scripts and quotes learn about our city through the words of contemporary or historical authors connected with Manchester, either living or visiting here. Hear what they wrote about our city from some illuminating quotes!

Chinatown

Manchester's Chinese community is well established into city life. On this tour learn about the community's origins, and about how people live, work and enjoy leisure time nowadays. We visit a supermarket, bakery and gift shop so there is an opportunity to enjoy genuine Chinese wares!

Manchester of the Future

What makes our modern city tick? Learn about the urban renaissance of our wonderful city through new developments in culture, business and city planning. Find out about exciting new projects which make our dynamic city truly one of the world's 'regional capitals'.

Manchester City Centre Introductory Walk

Discover the stories and secrets behind the history, contemporary life and culture of our fascinating and dynamic city centre. Visit art galleries, theatres, new attractions, and discover places you've never been to! If you have visitors new to Manchester, or just want to update yourself with our city centre – this tour is for you!