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the **Durham Dales**, **Vale of Durham** and **Durham Coast**

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Durham has been a place of pilgrimage – journeys of meaning and purpose – for centuries. In 2020, Durham's Year of Pilgrimage, there are many reasons to visit.

One of The Independent's '10 best cities to visit in 2020', Durham City captivates with its characterful streets, winding river and prominent peninsula crowned by the majestic **Durham Cathedral** and **Castle UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Stroll through cobbled streets and discover cafés, independent retailers and restaurants. Enjoy live performances at **Gala Theatre** or be bowled over by **Durham Cricket**.

The breathtaking beauty of the **Durham Dales** and **North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** and **UNESCO Global Geopark** provide ample opportunity to go wild in Durham's great outdoors. Home to more **dark sky** discovery sites than anywhere else in the UK, make sure to bring your binoculars to marvel at the night sky. Nature reigns supreme in this special place – home to globally significant wildlife, landscapes and geology. Experience the mighty **High Force** waterfall, explore serene reservoirs including **Derwent Waterside Park**, discover miles of walking and cycle routes, or tackle the terrain at **Hamsterley Forest**. In Spring 2020 be amongst the first to discover the fascinating stories of the Northern Saints with the launch of six new walking trails.

The **Durham Coast** is home to a dramatic stretch of designated Heritage coastline. Rugged yet beautiful, it offers magnificent beaches, clifftop walks, coastal charm and lots of opportunities for water sports.

The **Vale of Durham** has been shaped by the county's rich social and industrial past. Step back in time at award-winning **Beamish**, **The Living Museum of the North** or discover the county's pivotal role in the development of the railways at **Locomotion**. Admire Bishop Auckland from above at **Auckland Tower's** viewing platform, part of **The Auckland Project**, and see the exciting developments in the historic market town come to life: explore the emotive artworks on display in the **Mining Art Gallery**, and don't miss the chance to step inside one of the best preserved bishops' palaces in Europe at **Auckland Castle**.

Discover medieval splendour in the heart of the Durham Dales at **Raby Castle** and be inspired by the 19th Century architecture, art collections and international exhibitions at **The Bowes Museum**.

Get your taste buds tingling with Durham's delicious **food and drink**. Whether it's a hearty lunch in a country pub, a tasty tearoom treat or an evening of fine dining, look out for the **Taste Durham** mark – a sign of great food and service.

For those who enjoy a spot of retail therapy, in Durham City you'll find independent retailers and boutiques alongside high street favourites, or bag a bargain at **Dalton Park** – the biggest outlet shopping centre in the North East.

There's only one thing for it...
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How to use this guide

This handy guide will help you make the most of your time in our amazing county. It is divided into easy-to-follow sections for things to see and do, places to eat, events and visitor information.

Look out for the Taste Durham mark, a sign of great food and service proudly displayed at eateries across the county.



Inspire me

We've included some articles on Durham's heritage and great outdoors to give you inspiration on what to see and do during your visit.

For more inspiration and itinerary ideas, visit:

thisisdurham.com/inspire-me

Special offers

Get value from your visit and take advantage of some great money-saving offers. Look out for special offers on adverts.

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Key to symbols

The following symbols are featured throughout the guide. We hope this will help you to choose the most suitable attractions or places to eat for your visit to Durham:

Shop	Visitor Attraction Quality Assurance Scheme
Baby change facilities	Welcome to Durham
Tea room and/or coffee shop	Fairtrade products available
Restaurant	Green Tourism Business Scheme Award – Gold, Silver, Bronze
Picnic tables	Accommodation Only
Car parking	Washing Machine
No dogs (except guide dogs)	Hot Tub
Dogs welcome	Free Wi-Fi
No admission charge	Log fire/open fireplace
Accessible parking	Garden
Accessible toilets	Children's facilities
Wheelchair access all areas	Secure cycle storage
Facilities for visually impaired	
Facilities for hearing impaired	

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For further information about the deals offered within this guide, or to check terms and conditions please contact the venue direct. To redeem the offer present the advert at the venue. Vouchers are issued in good faith but the Promoter is not responsible for the operator refusing to accept the voucher. The offer details were correct as of February 2020 and Visit County Durham cannot accept any responsibility in respect of changes, errors or omissions which may have occurred.

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Skydive Academy: £30 off per person – discount applies to list price, any scheduled date 10,000ft Tandem Skydive – may not be combined with any other discount or agency rate.

Botanic Garden, Oriental Museum, Raby Castle: Child Goes Free – one child goes free, with a full paying adult.

Discover Durham's great outdoors

Whether it's walking, cycling, watersports, nature watching or something to get the adrenaline pumping – discover Durham's great outdoors.

Head to the **Durham Dales** to enjoy everything from a scenic stroll, stopping off at quaint country pubs along the way, to a challenging trek. A number of long-distance routes, including the Pennine Way and Coast to Coast cycle trail, take you through breathtaking landscapes, while the highest public A-road in England provides a cycle challenge certain to take your breath away.

For a view to remember, stroll down the tree-lined path to the mighty **High Force** – you will hear the roar of the waterfall long before you see it. Or for a more tranquil time by the water, spot wildlife from the water's edge at **Derwent Waterside Park**.

Some of the darkest skies in England can be found in the **North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and UNESCO Global Geopark**, making it the ideal place to discover the magic of the night sky. This special place also provides habitats for spectacular wildlife, including 80% of England's Black Grouse. Find out more at the award-winning **Bowlees Visitor Centre**.

A magnet for mountain bikers, **Hamsterley Forest** is home to some of



Hamsterley Forest



Durham Heritage Coast

the best off-road cycling tracks in the UK, amongst more than 30 miles of waymarked trails. For those who prefer a more leisurely pace, there are plenty of walking trails for all the family (and four legged friends) to enjoy too.

From countryside to coast, Durham's designated stretch of heritage coastline is recognised internationally for its rare plants and wildlife. Follow the coastal footpath along the **Durham Heritage Coast** for dramatic cliff top views across the North Sea as you are led through a colourful mosaic of grasslands, wildflowers, flora and fauna – you might even catch a glimpse of the rare Northern Brown Argus butterfly with its distinctive orange-spotted wings.

For a rush of adrenaline, head to Seaham's **Harbour Activity Centre** where you can take to the water to paddle board, kayak or canoe.

Even in historic Durham City there's the chance to get back to nature, with riverside walks and **Durham University's Botanic Garden**.

Discover Durham's great outdoors and find more than 100 walking and cycling routes at: thisisdurham.com/outdoors



Low Force Waterfall



New for 2020 – Northern Saints Trails

Be one of the first to experience the Northern Saints Trails as they are launched in spring 2020. The series of six new walking trails tell the region's fascinating stories of the Northern Saints, discovering stunning landscapes, fascinating history, exciting attractions and delicious food and drink along the way.

Find out more at: northernsaints.com

Discover Durham's fascinating past

Take a step back in time and get hands on with history as Durham's fascinating past is brought to life.

The dramatic **Durham Cathedral and Castle UNESCO World Heritage Site** forms one of the most stunning city panoramas in Europe, looking down upon the charming University City below.

The magnificent **Durham Cathedral** has been a place of worship for almost a millennium. Built to house the Shrine of St Cuthbert, Durham Cathedral is renowned for its magnificent Romanesque architecture. Take on the 325 steps to the top of the **Central Tower** and be rewarded with incredible views across the city and beyond. And don't miss **Open Treasure**, an incredible exhibition experience.

Originally built in the 11th Century on the order of William the Conqueror, **Durham Castle** is now a college of Durham University. Take a tour of the castle with a friendly student guide and discover what it's really like to live inside a Norman fortress. Visit the **World Heritage Site Visitor Centre** to find out more about these iconic buildings, or head to **Durham Town Hall** or **Palace Green Library** for fascinating exhibits which shine a light on Durham's past.

The county is home to award-winning attractions which allow you to take a step back in time. Experience the sights, smells, sounds and tastes of times gone by at **Beamish, The Living Museum of the North** in the Vale of Durham. See a new decade brought to life at the Welfare Hall, the first building to open in the new 1950s Town. Discover Durham's role in the development of the railways at **Locomotion**,



while in the Durham Dales you can experience the life and work of Victorian lead mining families at **Killhope**.

Buildings as impressive as the exhibits within dot the county's landscape. In the Durham Dales, **Raby Castle** and its beautiful 200-acre deer park, walled gardens and collections is one of England's finest medieval castles. In the market town of Barnard Castle you will find the magnificent sight of **The Bowes Museum** – a French-style chateau where you can stroll through themed galleries housing one of the North's greatest collections of fine and decorative arts, and catch the iconic performance of the Silver Swan – a mesmerising mechanical automaton dating back to the 18th Century. **Auckland Castle**, part of **The Auckland Project**, is the 900-year-old former residence of the Prince Bishops of Durham, which reopened in late 2019 after multi-million pound conservation works brought the castle back to its original Georgian Gothic splendour. Bishop Auckland is also home to the **Mining Art Gallery**, where emotive tales of the county's coal-mining past are told.

For a truly unique experience don't miss **Kynren – An Epic Tale of England**. The live action open-air extravaganza takes audiences on a journey through 2,000 years of history, myth and legend. New for 2020 is The Park, a day attraction offering a host of exciting experiences.

Discover Durham's past at: thisisdurham.com/history



Auckland Castle – The Auckland Project

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Durham City

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Discover endless adventures at Adventure Valley, the North East's biggest family adventure park. With over 18,000sqft of indoor play, an indoor animal Farm Yard and acres of outdoor play, the kids won't want to leave! Adventure Valley has it covered with over 40 attractions, activities and shows, including cute friendly animals to meet, Adventure Golf, tractor rides and jumping pillows. Adventure Valley has also just opened a brand-new Day Nursery and Pre-School, see website for further details. **Opening times:** Daily, from 10am. Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. See website for up-to-date information.

Brasside, Durham City, DH1 5SG

Tel 0191 386 8291 www.adventurevalley.co.uk

Facebook: AdventureV Twitter: Adventure_V

Botanic Garden



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Our 10 hectare Botanic Garden is set among beautiful mature woodlands on the southern outskirts of Durham City. Open to the public 7 days a week, the Botanic Garden offers a wide variety of landscapes to explore and discover, with guests young and old visiting throughout the year.

Opening times: March to October 10am–5pm, November to February 10am–4pm. Closed across Christmas and New Year.

Durham University, Hollingside Lane, Durham City, DH1 3TN

Tel 0191 334 5518 www.durham.ac.uk/botanic.garden

Facebook: visitor.attractions



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Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9am–5.30pm, Sunday noon–5pm.

Shop online at www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/shop

Durham Cathedral, Durham City, DH1 3EH

Tel 0191 386 8669 Twitter: DCathShop

Colourful Chameleons



A fun, creative visitor experience that specialises in paint your own pottery along with t-shirt and bag designing, and decoupage. We're not far from Durham City Centre and we welcome groups, individuals, families and couples to enjoy our studio where age and ability is no object when creating a personal masterpiece! Check website for opening hours.

Colourful Chameleons, 3 Elliott Court, St Johns Road, Meadowfield, DH7 8PN Tel 0191 378 0011

www.colourfulchameleons.co.uk

Facebook: infochameleons Twitter: infochameleons

Instagram: infochameleons

Crook Hall and Gardens



Visitors from all over the world come to share in the timeless magic of this eclectic mix of Medieval, Jacobean and Georgian architecture. The Hall provides a spectacular backdrop to the 5 acres of stunning English gardens for you to explore. Enjoy a Sparkling Afternoon Tea in the Secret Walled Garden or by the roaring fire in the Georgian Drawing Room. You could also have a cup of tea and enjoy one of our homemade scones and slice of cake in the Garden Gate Café. A short walk from the Cathedral, Crook Hall and Gardens is just waiting to capture your heart.

Crook Hall and Gardens, Frankland Lane, Durham, DH1 5TA

Tel 0191 384 8028

www.crookhallgardens.co.uk

Facebook: CrookHallGardens Instagram: crookhallgardens

Durham Brewery Ltd



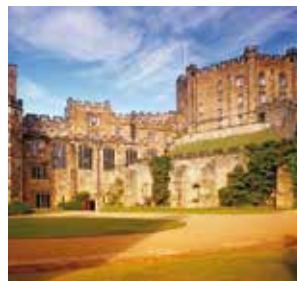
Visit Durham's leading microbrewery. Sample from our range of cask and bottle-conditioned beers on a brewery tour. Check the website or telephone for availability. Bottles, gifts and minicasks available from the shop. Bar open during shop hours.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 9am–4pm, Saturday 10am–2pm.

Unit 6a, Bowburn North Industrial Estate, Bowburn, Durham City, DH6 5PF

Tel 0191 377 1991 www.durhambrewery.com

Durham Castle



Uncover 1,000 years of history in this undefeated castle on a unique guided tour. Built as an imposing fortress, Durham Castle's story is entwined with that of the Prince-Bishops of Durham, whose semi-regal status made them some of the most powerful men in the country. Discover a castle that remains a living and working building now home to University College, the founding college of Durham University. Limited wheelchair access, please call for details.

Opening times: As tour times vary, please contact Palace Green Library for details, Tel 0191 334 2932.

Durham University, Palace Green, Durham City, DH1 3RW

Tel 0191 334 2932 www.durham.ac.uk/durham.castle

Facebook: [durham.castle.museum](https://www.facebook.com/durham.castle.museum) Twitter: [durhamcastle](https://twitter.com/durhamcastle)



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Durham Climbing Centre



Indoor bouldering for adults and children aged 3+. Pay once – climb all day! Family instruction and daily children's sessions. Comfortable spectator area, café and coffee lounge, free parking. At Durham Climbing Centre there really is a challenge for everyone! **Opening times:** Monday to Friday 10am–10pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am–6pm, open Bank Holidays.

St. John's Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Co Durham, DH7 8TZ Tel 0191 378 9555

www.durhamclimbingcentre.co.uk

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A UNESCO World Heritage Site with breathtaking Romanesque architecture, exquisite stained glass, the Shrine of St Cuthbert and resting place of the Venerable Bede. Take a tour, conquer the 325 steps of the tower, and explore our award-winning museum Open Treasure to discover the story of Durham Cathedral through its amazing collections. The Undercroft Restaurant serves tasty homemade food, opposite the Cathedral Shop. During services and special events, access may be restricted – check our website before you visit. Durham Cathedral relies on donations, please give £3 per person to support the cathedral's future. Charges apply to public tours, group tours, the tower and Open Treasure. For group bookings, Tel 0191 386 4266 or email visits@durhamcathedral.co.uk

Cathedral opening times: Monday to Saturday 7.30am–6pm, Sunday 7.45am–5.30pm.

Cathedral visitor desk, Tel 0191 338 7178, open Monday to Saturday 9.30am–4.30pm, Sunday 12.30pm–4.30pm.

Durham Cathedral, Durham, DH1 3EH

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www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/open-treasure



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Tel 07508 351 771 Email info@durhamdistillery.co.uk

www.durhamdistillery.co.uk

Facebook: DurhamDistillery

Twitter: DurhamDistilUK

Durham Market Hall



Discover the heart of independent retail in Durham City – explore the Victorian Market Hall, now a thriving hub with 45 independent traders. Shop for food and drink, fashion and beauty, homewares and antiques, hobby supplies and collectables, and find a range of useful services too. Or enjoy coffee and a scone with a view!

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9am–4.30pm. Bank Holiday and Christmas hours – see website.

Market Place, Durham City, DH1 3NJ

Tel 0191 384 6153 www.durhammarkets.co.uk

Facebook: Durham Markets Twitter: durhammarkets

Durham Museum and Heritage Centre



The perfect introduction to Durham. Tells the story of the people of Durham. Situated in an historic church close to Durham Cathedral. Displays describe the development of the city with objects illustrating everyday life from medieval times to the present day. Brass rubbing, shop with refreshments, and a garden containing sculptures by nationally-acclaimed artist Fenwick Lawson.

Opening times: Apr, May, Oct at weekends and Bank Holidays.

Open daily June to September. 11am to 4.30pm.

St Mary-le-Bow, North Bailey, Durham City, DH1 3ET

Tel 0191 348 5589 www.durhammuseum.co.uk

Facebook: DurhamMuseum Twitter: DurhamHeritage

Durham World Heritage Site Visitor Centre



Housed in a refurbished 19th Century almshouse, Durham's World Heritage Site Visitor Centre is a free facility open 7 days a week. Providing visitors with an overview of the World Heritage Site, including information about what it means to be a World Heritage Site, what makes Durham significant, and what there is to see and do in Durham.

Opening times: Daily 9.30am–5.00pm, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

7 Owengate, Durham City, DH1 3HB

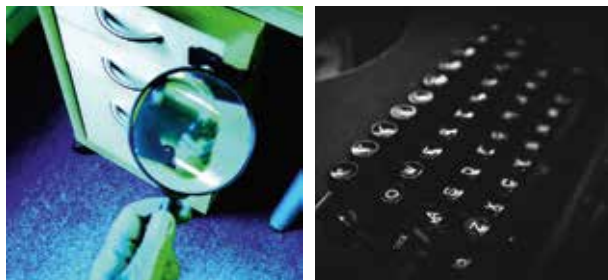
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40 South Street, Durham City, DH1 4QP

Tel 0191 386 8217

www.fortywinksdurham.co.uk

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Opening times: Studios vary – see website. Leonard's Coffee House open seven days a week.

www.fowlersyarddurham.co.uk Facebook: [FowlersYard](https://www.facebook.com/FowlersYard)

Farnley Tower Guesthouse



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Farnley Tower Guesthouse, The Avenue, Durham, DH1 4DX Tel 0191 375 0011

Email enquiries@farnley-tower.co.uk

www.farnley-tower.co.uk

Guided Walks in Durham City



Enjoy a guided walk around the beautiful City of Durham led by Blue Badge Guide Graeme Logan. Tours available for individuals, couples, small or large groups. Graeme will bring your tour alive with a sense of humour and an insight into the way of life, heritage and special features of North East England. He may also treat you to his own rendition of The Blaydon Races and is not unknown to illustrate his tours with a verse or two of poetry! Departs from various locations in Durham. Please contact to check availability.

Tel 01207 506 772 or 07712 117 044

Email gra_logan@hotmail.com

Oriental Museum



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The Oriental Museum is the only museum of its kind in northern England. Our world-class collections extend over a huge area from North Africa to Southeast Asia and range in age from prehistoric to modern day. See Ancient Egyptian mummies, Chinese porcelain from the imperial court, Japanese woodblock prints and head-hunting swords from Borneo.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 10am–5pm, weekends and Bank Holidays noon–5pm. Closed Christmas and New Year.

Durham University, Elvet Hill, Durham City, DH1 3TH
Tel 0191 334 5694 www.durham.ac.uk/oriental.museum
Facebook: [visitor.attractions](https://www.facebook.com/visitor.attractions)



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Palace Green Library Exhibitions and Museum of Archaeology



Palace Green Library is home to the Durham Light Infantry Collection Gallery and Museum of Archaeology, whose displays explore the last 10,000 years of Durham. In addition, it hosts a series of exciting special exhibitions and is home to the Archives and Special Collections research library.

Opening times: Reception and shop open daily 9am–5pm.
Barker Research Library Monday to Friday 9am–5pm.
Exhibitions open daily 10am–5pm (Museum of Archaeology and DLI Gallery from noon on Mondays).

Palace Green, Durham City, DH1 3RN
Tel 0191 334 2932
www.durham.ac.uk/palace.green or [/archaeology.museum](http://archaeology.museum)
Facebook: [PalaceGreenLib](#) Twitter: [PalaceGreenLib](#)



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An extensive programme of public lectures and seminars take place throughout the year including the Durham Castle Lecture Series, and Institute of Advanced Study. The aim is to share knowledge and encourage debate with experts and renowned academics speaking on a myriad of topics. Public lectures are free of charge and open to all.

Opening times: Visit the website for full lecture listings and further details.

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www.durham.ac.uk/whatson/lectures_seminars



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www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-durham
Facebook: Radisson Blu Twitter: RadissonBlu

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The Assembly Rooms Theatre



Situated on the North Bailey in the very heart of Durham, the Assembly Rooms is a hub of activity in the city centre. Recently renovated but still preserving its rich history, our 175-seat theatre houses everything from music and drama, to comedy and dance, with both student and professional companies. All are welcome!

Opening times: Vary, please see website for show details.

40 North Bailey, Durham, DH1 3LE Tel 0191 334 1419

www.theassemblyroomstheatre.org

Facebook: [AssemblyRoomsTheatre](#)

Twitter: [Assembly_Rooms](#)

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durham
place of light



Durham is an inspiring place, where light connects our county on so many levels - from science, art and technology to business, tourism and the beauty of our breathtaking landscapes. Whilst shining on and shaping our heritage, light inspires our here and now and illuminates our future.

See Durham shine at:
DurhamPlaceofLight.com

thisisdurham.com

The county's official website featuring things to see and do, accommodation, food and drink, events and visitor information.



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Voyager Day Excursions



Discover the local area with Voyager Day Excursions operated by Durham City Coaches Ltd. The choice of day trips departing from Durham are varied and gives you the opportunity to explore the nearby area without the worry of driving or following directions. Tours to Beamish, Kynren, Lindisfarne and Seahouses are included in the programme. Sit back and relax.

Durham City Coaches Ltd, Brandon Lane, Brandon, Co Durham, DH7 8PG
Tel 0191 378 1989 (booking line)
www.durhamcitycoaches.co.uk
 Facebook: Durhamcitycoaches

Wharton Park

A Durham County Council venue 



This VisitEngland-accredited attraction Wharton Park commands spectacular views across Durham City. The historic park now offers a brand new heritage centre and café, play areas for all ages, an amphitheatre and miniature car track, multi-use games area, outdoor gym and putting green.



Opening times: Daily, with events held throughout the year.

Framwellgate Peth, Durham City, DH1 4RR
Tel 03000 262 655
www.durham.gov.uk/whartonpark
 Facebook: WhartonParkDurham

Have an eventful time in Durham

From music that gets your toes tapping, to food festivals that get your taste buds tingling and events that bring the past to life – find out what's on across the county at:

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Opening times: Daily 10am–4.30pm except Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday.

Durham Cathedral, Durham City, DH1 3EH Tel 0191 386 3721

www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/restaurant-cafe Twitter: DCathRestaurant

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Throughout the year, there is a packed programme of daytime events for visitors to enjoy at no extra charge.

Opening times: Open all year. April to October 10am–5pm, November to March 10am–4pm. For full opening times and admission charges, visit www.beamish.org.uk.

Recommended in Lonely Planet's Ultimate United Kingdom Travelist Beamish, Co Durham, DH9 0RG Tel 0191 370 4000

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Opening times: Open all year. Advance booking required.

Beamish Hall Hotel, Co Durham, DH9 0YB

Tel 01207 233 733 www.beamishwild.co.uk

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Black Horse Beamish, Red Row Estate, Beamish, Co Durham, DH9 0RW

Tel 01207 232 569 Email info@blackhorsebeamish.co.uk

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A Durham County Council venue



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Re-enactment event dates for 2020: Bank Holiday Monday 26 May, weekend July 11–12 and Bank Holiday Monday 31 August.

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Adults £5, Concessions £4, Children £3 (under 4s free). Advance booking required for group guided tours.

Opening times: Daily, 1 April to 31 October 10am–4.30pm.

1 mile north of Bishop Auckland beside the River Wear on the road from the market place/town hall to Newfield, Co Durham, DL14 8DJ

Tel 01388 663 089 / 03000 267 013 (out of season)

www.durham.gov.uk/binchester

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Blackwell Grange Hotel, Grange Road, Darlington,

Co Durham, DL3 8QH

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www.blackwellgrangehotel.com

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Brancepeth Castle, Brancepeth, Durham, DH7 8DE

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Durham Mining Museum



The display areas of the museum are located within Spennymoor Town Hall and consist of rooms containing mining equipment, photographs and models as well as a life-size pit pony in a stable and another pony working in a tunnel.

Opening times: Monday to Thursday noon–4pm, Friday and Saturday 10am–2pm. Closed Sundays, Bank Holidays and Council holidays.

Spennymoor Town Hall, High Street, Spennymoor, Co Durham, DL16 6DG Tel 07577 012 882
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www.dmm.org.uk Facebook: Durham Mining Museum

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Opening times: Daily 1 April to 30 September, weekends in September and October, plus half-term, Santa weekends. All 10.30am–5pm.

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www.hardwickhallhotel.co.uk

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Hardwick Park

A Durham County Council venue



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Sedgefield, Co Durham, TS21 2DN
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Email info@knitsleyfarmshop.co.uk
www.knitsleyfarmshop.co.uk
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Durham Coast

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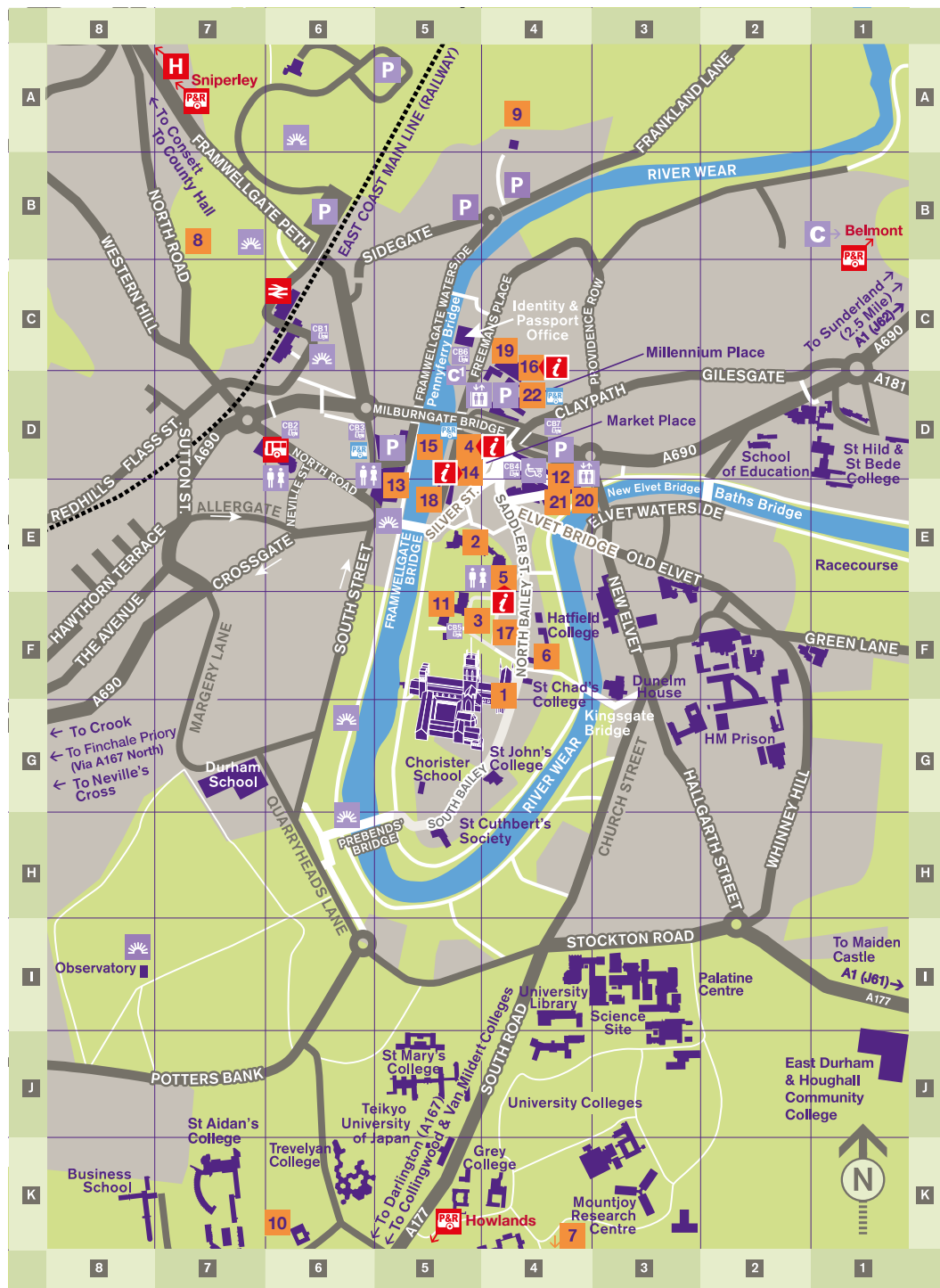
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- H** A7 University Hospital
- C6** Durham Rail Station
- D6** North Road Bus Station
- P** Car Park
- C** Coach Park
- C1** Coach Drop Off / Pick Up
- C2** Shopmobility
- T** Toilets
- L** Lifts
- V** View Point

Park & Ride Car Parks

- A7** Sniperley
- B1** Belmont
- K5** Howlands
- P&R** Park & Ride Bus Stops

Cathedral Bus Stops

- C1** Rail Station
- C2** Bus Station
- C3** Milbunghate
- C4** Market Place
- C5** Cathedral & Castle
- C6** Freemans Place Coach Stop
- C7** Claypath

Heritage

- 1** F4 Durham Cathedral
- 2** E5 Durham Castle
- 3** F5 Palace Green
- 4** D5 Town Hall
- 5** E4 World Heritage Site Visitor Centre

Museums & Gardens

- 6** F4 Durham Museum and Heritage Centre
- 7** K4 Botanic Garden
- 8** B7 Wharfedale Park
- 9** A4 Crook Hall & Gardens
- 10** K6 Oriental Museum
- 11** F5 Palace Green Library, Special Collections

Shopping

- 12** E4 Prince Bishops Shopping Centre
- 13** E5 The Riverwalk
- 14** D5 Durham Indoor Market
- 15** D5 Fowlers Yard Creative Workspaces

Culture

- 16** D4 Gala Theatre Durham
- 17** F4 Assembly Rms (Theatre)
- 18** E5 City Theatre

Sport and Leisure

- 19** C4 Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre
- 20** E4 Prince Bishop River Cruises (Summer)
- 21** E4 Rowing Boat Hire (April - October)
- 22** D4 Walkergate

Visitor Information Points

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ART IN



THE BOB ABLEY ART GALLERY AT SPENNYMOOR TOWN HALL ARE ENJOYING ART BUYERS IN THE THOUSANDS

Following the refurbishment of the art gallery, which has made it one of the largest and best art galleries in the Northeast, and the launch of the new 'Social Art Exhibition' in the Bob Abley Art Gallery in Spennymoor Town Hall, visitor numbers are now averaging over a 1,000 a month, with many of the visitors traveling from around the world including America, Australia, France, Spain and Sweden to name but a few, to see and buy the art from the new exhibition. As a result, sales of art have gone through the roof, with one example being a buyer from San Francisco taking five pieces of art work back home with him.

To cope with the significant increase in demand, the opening hours have increased to Monday to Friday 9.00-5.00pm and Saturday and Sunday 9am-4pm.

The new exhibition is based around social history art, covering such as, art depicting industries such as mining and ship building. There are paintings that tell the stories of the people who worked in these

industries and the roles they played. They also covers the people, the places and the buildings where they lived and how daily life was for them in those days.

The exhibition is also attracting lots of children and school groups; as it really is an educational experience for young people to learn about how their parents and grandparents lived in the Northeast of England in years gone by, and how times were tough for them.

Just a small sample of some of the stunning art that is available for sale includes work by:

Lou Harris
Sam Wood
Peter Burns
Bob Olley

The gallery is always looking for new artists who paint social history type work, or people who are looking to sell their social history paintings. For further information ring 01388 815276

Entry is FREE with a free all-day car parking at the rear of the building.

SPENNYMOOR



NORMAN CORNISH IN SPENNYMOOR

Norman Cornish the renowned national British Artist has his work available in several ways in his home town of Spennymoor in Co Durham.

- The Bob Abley Art Gallery in the Spennymoor Town Hall hosts a large permanent collection of his work as well as a large collection of original work for sale, many of which have never been seen by the public. These are complimented by a further 20 top regional artists selling their works.
- There is also the Norman Cornish Trail that takes visitors around the

town while capturing his iconic paintings at the location in which in many cases were painted. The Trail can be downloaded on a APP where local people can be heard telling there stories and memories of each painting. There is also a free 12-page booklet which is available at the start of the trail at the Town Hall in Spennymoor.

- Visitors can enjoy the John Kitson Archway at the Town Hall in Spennymoor which hosts a large collection of Norman Cornish paintings which have been backlit and displayed in the archway in a stunning and creative way.

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Opening hours Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am-4pm

Spennymoor Town Hall Art Gallery, High Street, Spennymoor, DL16 6DG
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We have 51 bedrooms, 32 doubles, 10 twins, three family/disabled rooms, five four-poster rooms and one bridal suite, some with courtyard and countryside views. All rooms have their own en-suite bathrooms along with tea and coffee making facilities.

Our AA Rosette Restaurant serves a wide range of dishes from noon–9.30pm Monday to Saturday, and popular Sunday lunch from noon–8pm.

The Honest Lawyer Hotel, Durham, DH1 3SP Tel 0191 378 3780
www.honestlawyerhotel.co.uk Facebook: [honestlawyerdurham](https://www.facebook.com/honestlawyerdurham)

The Saxon Inn Hotel

Quality Assured 



The Saxon Inn is a family run Bed and Breakfast with bar and restaurant. Set in the rural village of Escomb surrounded by picturesque countryside. We offer double, twin and family rooms, as well as adjoining rooms for flexibility. All our rooms are en-suite and finished to a high standard. A warm and friendly welcome awaits you.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 7:30am–11pm, Saturday and Sunday 8am–11pm.

The Saxon Inn Hotel, 1 Saxon Green, Escomb, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7SY
Tel 01388 662 256 Email thesaxoninn@gmail.com
www.saxon-inn.com
Facebook: [The Saxon Inn, Escomb](https://www.facebook.com/TheSaxonInnEscomb)

The Old Hall Cottages



A choice of quality self catering in Byers Green close to Durham and Bishop Auckland in The North Pennines, Old Hall Cottages are detached secluded stone conversions on an ancient track leading to the River Wear, with no through traffic and walks from the door.

Hall Farm Cottage is a romantic hideaway for two, with private hot tub and wood burner with open views of the countryside. No 1 Old Hall Cottage, two bedrooms, sleeps four with private hot tub and wood burner. No.2 Old Hall Cottage with three bedrooms sleeps five and welcomes three dogs. During your stay why not visit our restaurant Thomas Wright House, only five minutes walk away? Serving food every day from noon.

The Old Hall Cottages, Byers Green, Co Durham, DL16 7PS
Tel 01388 664 716

Email enquiries@thomaswrighthouse.com
www.byersgreen.com
Facebook: ThomasWrightHouse

Ushaw: Historic House, Chapels & Gardens



Situated 4 miles from Durham City, in wonderful park and woodland. Marvel at our Pugin-designed Historic House and Chapels: admire our latest art exhibitions, or enjoy one of our concerts, theatre events, or a guided tour. Divines Tearoom serves freshly homemade fayre: treat yourself to afternoon tea, or enjoy one of our scrumptious picnic baskets in our family-friendly outdoor spaces.

Opening times: Throughout the year – check website for up-to-date information.

Ushaw, Durham, DH7 7DW
Tel 0191 373 8500 www.ushaw.org
Facebook: Ushaw College Twitter: ushawcollege

Weardale Museum & High House Chapel



Small folk museum featuring Dales life over time. Lead miner's kitchen, working lives, children's activities and family history resources. Visit adjoining High House Chapel. Adults £3, children free.

Opening times: Open 1 May–31 Oct plus Bank Holidays 1.30pm–4.30pm. Closed Mon & Tues May, June, Sept & Oct. Check website for opening times.

Hotts, Ireshopeburn, Bishop Auckland, DL13 1HD
Tel 01388 517 433 www.weardalemuseum.co.uk
Email dtheatherington@ormail.co.uk
Facebook: weardalemuseum



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Archer's Jersey Ice Cream



Award-winning ice cream made on the farm from our own herd of dairy cows. Take home tubs, ice cream cakes made to order. Great coffee, cream teas, sandwiches, quiche and cakes. There is a playground for small children, a 2 mile permissive walk, zip wire and swings. Well behaved dogs welcome.



New Moor Farm, Walworth Road, Darlington, DL2 2UD
Tel 01325 300 336
www.archersjerseyicecream.com
 Facebook: archersicecream
 Instagram: archersicecream

Kaffeehaus Amadeus



A coffee lover's heaven. Authentic Viennese coffee house offering speciality coffees with different brewing methods, homemade Austrian/German-style cakes, bread, desserts, Viennese breakfast, light lunches and tempting chocolate and truffles. We also offer coffee workshops and music events. **Opening times:** Tuesday to Sunday 10am–5pm. Closed Monday (open Bank Holidays).



1 Percy Crescent, Lanchester, DH7 0EU
Tel 01207 520 056 www.kaffeehaus-amadeus.co.uk
 Facebook: KaffeehausAmadeusLanchester
 Twitter: KaffeeAmadeus

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The Green Tree 1727 Bar, Restaurant & Accommodation



Highest Quality Assured Taste of Durham



Beautiful country pub and restaurant with a remarkable history, The Green Tree 1727 is only 4 miles from Durham City. The 290 year old family run Dalesstone Inn is nestled in the picturesque village of Tudhoe. Wide and varied food menu, using quality fresh and locally sourced ingredients. Daily specials, Sunday lunch and fixed price menus available. Enjoy our selection of real ales, wines and spirits, including over 60 gins, plus a lovely beer garden. Our two bedroom first floor holiday apartment offers everything you need for a comfortable stay, recently refurbished and with all mod cons. Perfect for walkers, dog lovers and those looking for a slice of rural history.

Opening times: Daily noon–11.30pm.

41 Tudhoe Village, Co Durham, DL16 6LE
Tel 01388 815 679 www.thegreentree.co.uk Facebook: TheGreenTree

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Front Street, Chester Moor, Durham, DH2 3RJ
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Evening - 6.00pm to 11.00pm (7 nights a week)

A689/A177 roundabout, Stockton-on-Tees,
County Durham, TS21 2JX
Tel: 01740 623 030

Opening times:

Lunch - 11.30am to 1.30pm (Except Friday)
Evening - 6.00pm to 11.00pm (7 nights a week)

www.leraaj.co.uk  LeRaajIndian

Open daily including holidays.



The Italian Farmhouse

Sustainable Restaurant Association –
2 Star Sustainability Champion



At the Italian Farmhouse we take the flavours of Italy and combine them with the best produce the North East has to offer, to produce dishes that deliver a true taste of Italy, but in the heart of County Durham.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday noon–10pm
(closed 2.30pm–5pm), Sunday noon–7.30pm.

**South Street, West Rainton,
Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 6PA**

Tel 0191 584 1022 www.theitalianfarmhouse.co.uk

Facebook: TheItalianFarmhouse

Twitter: ItalianFarm

The Lambton Worm

Sustainable Restaurant Association –
2 Star Sustainability Champion



This Sonnet 43 Brew Pub is an ideal setting to enjoy a great beer with the best of British cuisine. We believe there's no better combination, which is why you'll find a suggested Sonnet 43 pairing to each of the dishes throughout our menu, for a sensational taste experience.

Opening times: Monday to Thursday 11.30am–11pm,
Friday and Saturday 11.30am–midnight,
Sunday noon–10.30pm.

North Road, Chester-le-Street, DH3 4AJ

Tel 0191 387 1162 www.thelambton.com

Facebook: TheLambtonWorm Twitter: TheLambton

The Toronto Lodge



This Sonnet 43 Brew Pub is the home of craft ales and tempting soul food, brought together in a contemporary-meets-country style setting.

Opening times: Monday to Thursday noon–11pm, Friday
and Saturday noon–midnight, Sunday noon–9pm.

Toronto Lodge, Addison Road,

Bishop Auckland, DL14 7RJ

Tel 01388 664 303

www.torontolodge.co.uk

Facebook: TorontoLodge Twitter: torontolodge



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tastedurham.co.uk

Thomas Wright House

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Local Produce Champion



Restaurant with guest accommodation (VisitEngland 4 Star & Silver Award) in quiet rural setting close to Durham and Bishop Auckland. Ground floor restaurant open daily from noon for lunch, afternoon tea, dinner with à la carte options and Sunday lunches into the evening.

First floor bar with its panoramic views is popular for special occasions, including intimate weddings, parties and afternoon tea. Families enjoy the rear Garden room, with al fresco dining too on patio and lawn areas. Stay over with a choice of eight individually designed en-suite rooms. For extra luxury try Aquila with private patio, and outdoor hot tub or Phoenix with double spa bath. Opt for 'in room' dining in both. Ample car parking and free WiFi.

Thomas Wright House, High Street, Byers Green, Co Durham, DL16 7PF

Tel 01388 664 716 Email enquiries@thomaswrighthouse.com

www.thomaswrighthouse.com

Facebook: ThomasWrightHouse

This is durham

Durham Dales

A landscape of moors and hills, waterfalls and meandering rivers which has inspired artists and writers through the ages.

Bowlees Visitor Centre



Bowlees Visitor Centre is the perfect introduction to nature and the landscape in the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and UNESCO Global Geopark. Enjoy walks to Low Force, High Force and Summerhill Force waterfalls and get closer to nature in the wildlife areas. Enjoy great food and drink from the café, discover local produce, art and gifts in the shop, and picnic and play in our attractive woodland site. Visitor Information – Events – Family Activities – Walking and Nature Trails – Wildlife Garden – Gift Shop – Gallery – Exhibitions – Café – Picnic Area – Car Parking (donation).

Opening times: 15 to 23 Feb open daily 10am–4pm, 24 Feb to 13 Mar weekends only 10am–4pm, 14 Mar to 30 Sept open daily 10am–5pm, 1 to 31 Oct open daily 10am–4pm, 1 to 30 Nov weekends only 10am–4pm.

Newbiggin, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 0XF

Tel 01833 622 145 www.visitbowlees.org.uk www.northpennines.org.uk

Facebook: VisitBowlees Twitter: VisitBowlees

Chocolate Fayre, Barnard Castle



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10 Horsemarket, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 8LZ

Tel 01833 631 307 www.chocolatefayre.co.uk

Facebook: chocolatefayre Twitter: ChocFayre

Instagram: chocfayre

Discover Weardale



Weardale – a place to relax, a place to reconnect with nature and take time out and forget about the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

There's lots of places to stay, visit and things to do, with something for everyone, from the adrenaline-fuelled to truly sublime. We are ready and waiting to make your time with us an experience you won't forget.

Discover Weardale is here so you can make the most out of your trip.

bit.ly/discover-weardale

Facebook: discoverweardale



Durham Dales Centre



A perfect destination with shopping, tea room and gardens.

Browse the courtyard at your leisure, where a range of diverse craft, gift and specialist shops provide a unique shopping experience. Visit the large tea room for a tasty treat before you explore the gardens, don't forget to look for the sculptures and you can even hunt for bugs! The visitor information point is well stocked with a range of leaflets for local attractions, walking, cycling and activities.

The Centre is fully accessible with FREE parking for up to 4 hours.

Opening times: 10am–4.30pm.

Castle Gardens, Stanhope, Co Durham, DL13 2FJ

Tel 03000 264 300 Email durham.dalescentre@durham.gov.uk

www.durhamdalescentre.co.uk

Facebook: DurhamDalesCentre Twitter: durhamdalescent

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Hamsterley Forest



Whether your activity is relaxing or energetic, there is no shortage of options to enjoy the largest forest in County Durham. Explore right into the heart of beautiful wooded valleys on foot, bike or horse with our extensive trail network. For young adventurers, the Viking Play Trail has loads of fun play opportunities and they can go Gruffalo spotting in the 'deep, dark wood'. Finish the day with the reward of a delicious treat at Hamsterley Forest Café. Keep up to date with events and other activities at forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest or on our Facebook page.

Parking charges apply all day throughout the year.

Hamsterley Forest, Bedburn, Co Durham, DL13 3NL

Tel 01388 488 312

Email enquiries.hamsterley@forestryengland.uk

www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest

Facebook: HamsterleyForest

High Force Waterfall



High Force in Forest-in-Teesdale, is one of England's most impressive waterfalls. The River Tees suddenly and spectacularly drops 21 metres over the Whin Sill rock into a plunge pool below. Surrounded by stunning countryside, the well maintained woodland walk twists and turns leading you to this spectacular sight. Picnic area and parking available – charges apply.

Opening times: High Force Waterfall is open daily (except for Christmas Day) from 10am to dusk. Last admission is half an hour before closing.

Forest-in-Teesdale, Co Durham, DL12 0XH
Tel 01833 622 336 www.raby.co.uk/high-force
Facebook: Highforce Hotel and Waterfall
Twitter: HighForceWater

Killhope



Killhope Lead Mining Museum is a unique and unforgettable experience, famous for its working waterwheel and underground mine tours, there is plenty to entertain the whole family. This is a multi-award winning attraction and is situated in Upper Weardale within the stunning North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. With breathtaking scenery, underground adventure, hands on activities, fascinating lead mining history, amazing flora and wildlife including red squirrels, there is so much to do and see for all the family.

Opening times: Daily spring to winter. See website for details.

Situated on the A689 mid way between Stanhope and Alston.
www.killhope.org.uk Facebook: Killhope Twitter: KillhopeMuseum
Instagram: KillhopeMuseum

A Durham County Council venue

Mission Hall Antiques



Located on The Bank in the heart of Barnard Castle's conservation area and ideally placed for specialist shopping. Over 40 dealers selling everything from Worcester, Early Blue and White, Royal Doulton, Moorcroft and Beale to 20th Century ceramics, jewellery and collectables, books, kitchenalia, glass, militaria, silver, antique fishing tackle, furniture and vintage clothing. Visit our other shop Robson's Antiques – across the road from Mission Hall (at 36 The Bank) which specialises in glass and silverware.

Opening times: Mission Hall: Monday to Saturday 10am–5pm, Sunday 1.30pm–5pm. Robson's: Monday to Saturday 10am–5pm.

51 The Bank, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 8PL
Tel 01833 631 101 www.missionhallantiquescentre.co.uk

Raby Castle



Free child entry with full paying adult* Show advert to redeem - see terms and conditions

Set within a 250 acre Deer Park with beautiful 18th Century Walled Gardens, Raby is one of the finest medieval castles in England and has been home to the Vane family since 1626. Behind its dramatic exterior and elaborate architecture, discover stunning interiors, fine artwork and furniture. Free access to Stables Café, Shop, Woodland Play Area and carriage collection.

Opening times: Stables Café, Shop and Woodland Play Area open all year from New Year's Day 2020. Castle re-opens 4 March 2020, Wednesday to Sunday until September (plus Tuesdays in July and August). Open Bank Holidays. Walled Gardens open from 10am, 7 days a week from beginning of March to the end of October. Please check website for further information, admission times and details of our special events.

Raby Castle, Staindrop, Co Durham, DL2 3AH Tel 01833 660 202
www.raby.co.uk Facebook: RabyCastle Twitter: RabyCastle

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The Bowes Museum



Offering one of Britain's most fascinating museum experiences, The Bowes Museum is home to one of the most important collections of European fine and decorative arts in the North of England. Paintings by Old Masters can be found alongside iconic objects such as the Silver Swan musical automaton, fashion, textiles, silver and metals, ceramics and furniture. The permanent collections are complemented by an acclaimed exhibition programme which for 2020 includes: *Norman Cornish*, *Pre-Raphaelite Knights*, *The Adventures of Clara* and *Regeneration Possibility. Choice. Change*. Situated in beautiful gardens and parkland, the Museum also offers excellent dining and a superb shop.

Opening times: Daily, 10am–5pm, Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 8NP
 Tel 01833 690 606 www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk
 Facebook: TheBowesMuseum Twitter: TheBowesMuseum

Visitor Information: 03000 26 26 26

The Old Well Inn



17th Century award-winning pub with a selection of real ales. Traditional pub grub and authentic Indian food. 10 en-suite rooms with smart TV and WiFi. Family and dog friendly.

Beer garden along historic castle walls. Regular live music events and open mics on Thursdays.

**The Old Well Inn, 15–21 The Bank,
Barnard Castle, DL12 8PH**
Tel 01833 690 130 www.theoldwellinn.co.uk
Facebook: OldWellBarney

Wetheriggs Animal Rescue & Conservation Centre



A rescue centre and visitor attraction, we take in injured and unwanted animals including domestic pets, farm animals and native wildlife. Visitors can interact with a host of animals, over 1,000 on view. **Opening times:** Open daily 10am–4pm, exotic building 6 days per year, details online.

**Thorpe Farm Centre, Barnard Castle,
Co Durham, DL12 9TY** Tel 01833 627 444

Email info@wetheriggsanimalrescue.co.uk

www.wetheriggsanimalrescue.co.uk

Facebook: wetheriggsanimalrescue

Twitter: wetheriggs Instagram: wetheriggs

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The county's official website featuring things to see and do, accommodation, food and drink, events and visitor information.



Clarendon's of Barnard Castle



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Quintessentially British, this classic tearoom serves traditional breakfasts, lunches, afternoon teas and cake. Local produce is always on the menu and all cuisine is freshly prepared, homemade and delicious!

Opening times: Monday to Friday 8.30am–5pm,
Saturday & Bank Holidays 9am–5pm, Closed Sunday.

**29 Market Place, Barnard Castle,
Co Durham, DL12 8NE** Tel 01833 690 110
Email info@clarendonsofbarnardcastle.co.uk
www.clarendonsofbarnardcastle.co.uk
Facebook: Clarendons of Barnard Castle

Eggleston Hall Cafe & Tearooms



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Produce Champion

The beautifully converted Coach House is the perfect setting for Eggleston Hall Café and Tearoom. Situated alongside the renowned Eggleston Hall and Gardens it's a great place to enjoy either breakfast, lunch or tea. Locally sourced produce is used wherever possible. Usual opening hours 10am–4pm, see website for seasonal changes.

**Eggleston Hall, Eggleston, Barnard Castle, Co Durham,
DL12 0AG** Tel 01833 650 553 www.egglestonhall.co.uk

Email egghallcafe@outlook.com

Facebook: Eggleston Hall Cafe & Tearoom

TripAdvisor: Eggleston Hall Cafe & Tearoom

The Three Tuns



A traditional country pub with real ales, great wines and locally sourced cuisine. Customers can enjoy weekly quiz nights, Friday steak nights and traditional Sunday lunch. Dog friendly.

Opening times: Thursday to Friday 5pm–11pm,
Saturday to Sunday noon–11pm.

Church Bank, Eggleston, Barnard Castle, DL12 0AH
Tel 01833 650 289

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Instagram: thethreetunseggleson

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Durham Coast

A dramatic coastline with clifftop walks, beaches, breathtaking views and the bustling harbour town of Seaham.

Dalton Park



The biggest outlet shopping centre in the North East, located just 20 minutes from Durham City. There's over 50 outlet shops offering up to 50% off RRP every day plus great places to eat, a seven screen cinema and free parking too. **Store opening times:** Monday to Friday 10am–7pm, Saturday 9am–7pm, Sunday 10:30am*–5pm.

(*Stores over 3,000sqft open at 11am)

Dalton Park Outlet Shopping & Leisure, Murton, Co Durham, SR7 9HU Tel 0191 526 6500

www.dalton-park.co.uk Facebook: [DaltonParkOutlet](#)

Twitter: [dalton_park](#) Instagram: [dalton_park](#)

East Durham Heritage & Lifeboat Centre



Welcome to the East Durham Heritage & Lifeboat Centre, explore Seaham's rich heritage and see the historic lifeboat The George Elmy, which was wrecked in November 1962 with the loss of its crew. View the photographic and document archives, perhaps see where your grandparents lived. Enjoy the safe sandy beach and the various cafés and shops. The group are keen to attract additional enthusiastic volunteers to help manage the Heritage Centre.

Opening times: Thursday to Sunday 10am (11am in winter) to 3pm.

Seaham Harbour Marina, Seaham, SR7 7EE

Tel 0191 581 8904 Email eastdurham1@btconnect.com

www.eastdurhamheritagegroup.co.uk

Facebook: [East Durham Heritage & Lifeboat Centre](#)

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A bright, modern living room with a large blue velvet sofa, a patterned armchair, and a large window with a view of a garden. The room features a colorful, abstract wall mural and a large, patterned rug.



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Facebook: [SkydiveAcademyPeterleeDZ](#)



Instagram: dalton_park

The Dining Room at Seaham Hall



The Dining Room at Seaham Hall celebrates the personality of Seaham Hall, set in beautiful surroundings, it is the heart of the hotel. The menu focuses on British ingredients and celebrates local producers. The menu is changed seasonally to reflect the fabulous ingredients of the time. Quality and taste are what is on show here. Dine in the opulent The Dining Room for an evening meal or why not try a scrumptious afternoon tea in the beautiful lounge.

Seaham Hall Hotel, Lord Byron's Walk, Co Durham, SR7 7AG

Tel 0191 516 1400 www.seaham-hall.com

Facebook: SeahamHall

Twitter: [SeahamHallHotel](#)



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Lickety Split Creamery



Lickety Split Creamery is a multiple national award-winning ice cream parlour. We have twice won first place at the UK national ice cream competition coupled with more than 60 other awards making us the most successful ice cream parlour in the whole County Durham area. As well as our famous desserts we offer a range of hot food and drinks.

Opening times: Daily 11am–6pm. Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

13 North Terrace, Seaham, Co Durham, SR7 7EU

Tel 0191 581 0719 www.licketv-split.co.uk

Facebook: Splicketylit Twitter: _Splickety_Lit

Tonia's Café



Tonia's is a family-run café situated on the clifftops overlooking the beautiful East Durham coast. The menu offers a large variety of food and drinks as well as a dessert and milkshake bar. Situated beside a large free car park, Tonia's is family friendly and fully accessible.

Opening times: April to October 9am–6pm, November to March 9am–4pm. Closed Christmas Day.

Seaham Hall Car Park, North Road, Seaham,
Co Durham, SR7 7AG Tel 0191 513 1515

www.toniascafe.co.uk Facebook: ToniasSeaham

Twitter: [ToniasSeaham](#)

#pilgrimage2020

Durham has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries, but today there are many reasons to visit – from wellbeing, walking, food and sport, to events, festivals, art and history.

What will your pilgrimage be in 2020?



A series of new walking trails
that tell the fascinating stories
of the Northern Saints –
launching Spring 2020

Discover more at
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Have an eventful time in Durham

Whether it's a food festival getting your taste buds tingling, music and dance getting your toes tapping, drama and sport putting you on the edge of your seat, exhibitions that enlighten or a festival that entertains – you're certain to have an eventful time in Durham.

2020 marks the **50th anniversary of Beamish, The Living Museum of the North**, which is set to celebrate with a programme of exciting events and activities throughout the year.

In spring, food lovers are in for a treat with the return of the **Bishop Auckland Food Festival**, while it's full steam ahead for family fun at **Locomotion's Festival of Steam**.

Summer gets into full swing with the **Durham Brass Festival**, and teams will take to the water for the 187th **Durham Regatta**. Get a taste of rural life

at the **Wolsingham Show** or journey through 2,000 years of history, myth and legend at the must-see spectacular outdoor live action show, **Kynren – An Epic Tale of England**.

In Autumn, reach for the stars with the annual **North Pennines Stargazing Festival**, and for literary lovers, the **Durham Book Festival** is not to be missed.

Winter will see the return of the **Durham City Traditional Christmas Festival**, while festive fun is to be had at attractions across the county.

Throughout the year, attractions host world-class exhibitions, the **Gala Theatre** offers the best in live entertainment, and **Durham Cricket** provides thrilling sporting action.

Find out what's on across the county at: thisisdurham.com/events

Winter highlights

Norman Cornish: The Definitive Collection – The Bowes Museum	Until 23 February
Durham Vocal Festival	25 January–2 February
Backshift: Bob Olley at 80 – Mining Art Gallery	15 February–10 May
Fire & Ice InDurham	21–22 February

Spring highlights

Beamish Museum – Great North Festival of Transport	2–5 & 25–26 April
Bishop Auckland Food Festival	18–19 April
Durham Adventure Festival	24–26 April
Locomotion Festival of Steam	8–10 May
Durham Pride	24 May

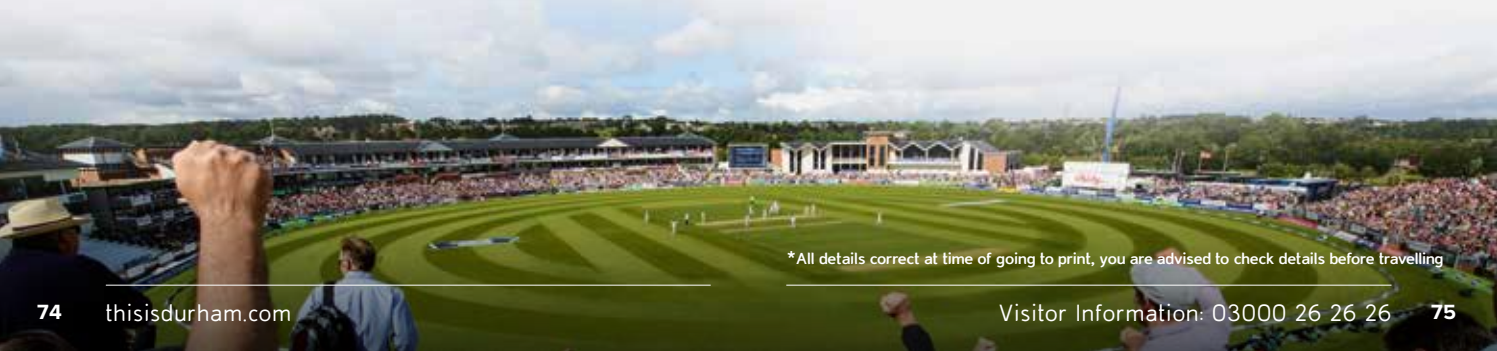
Summer highlights

Summer in the City 2020	28 May–28 June
Durham Cricket Vitality Blast	3 June–12 July

Durham Regatta	13–14 June
Seaham Food Festival	13–14 June
Durham Miners' Gala	11 July
Durham Brass Festival	12–19 July
Durham City Run Festival	16–18 July
Kynren – An Epic Tale of England	1 August–12 September (Saturdays)
Beamish Museum – Great North Festival of Agriculture	3–6, 12–13, 17–20 Sept
Wolsingham Show	5–6 September

Autumn / Winter highlights

Heritage Open Days	11–20 September
Museum of the Moon – Durham Cathedral	12 September–6 November
Durham Book Festival	10–18 October
North Pennines Stargazing Festival	23 October–1 November
Durham City's Traditional Christmas Festival	4–6 December



*All details correct at time of going to print, you are advised to check details before travelling

Visitor Information

Local knowledge to make the most of your visit

Visitor Contact Centre

With excellent knowledge of the area, the experienced, professional staff in Durham's official Visitor Contact Centre are on hand to help before and during your visit.

- Information and bookings for places to stay
- Information on places to visit, eat, shop and events
- Practical information including opening times and accessibility

Call: 03000 26 26 26
Email: visitor@thisisdurham.com
Text: 'Visit' and your enquiry to 80011
Twitter: @moreDurham

Calls – cost of a local call, calls from mobiles may vary.

Texts – standard network charges apply.

Monday to Friday 9am–5pm. Closed weekends and Bank Holidays.

Please note: the Visitor Contact Centre is not open to the public for face-to-face enquiries.

Visitor Information Points

During your stay, call into one of the Visitor Information Points at 19 locations across the county. They offer the latest information face-to-face or via a touch screen information point, plus access to a wide selection of leaflets and guides.

Durham City

Durham Indoor Market Market Place, Durham City, DH1 3NJ

Gala Theatre & Cinema Millennium Place, Durham City, DH1 1WA

The Town Hall Market Place, Durham City, DH1 3NJ

World Heritage Site Visitor Centre 7 Owengate, Durham City, DH1 3HB

Durham Pointers (seasonal) Market Place, Durham City, DH1 3NJ

Look out for the volunteer 'Pointers' in their distinctive pink tabards located by the map in Durham City Market Place. Assisting visitors with directions to attractions, places to eat, leaflets and maps, the North East 'Visitor Information Provider' 2017 & 2018 winners are present seven days a week from mid-April to early October.

Vale of Durham

Auckland Tower Market Place, Bishop Auckland DL14 7NP

Bishop Auckland Railway Station

Bob Hardisty Drive, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, DL14 7EJ

Hardwick Park Visitor Centre Sedgfield, Co Durham, TS21 2DN

Holiday Inn Darlington North Newton Park, Co Durham, DL1 3NL

Locomotion Shildon, Co Durham, DL4 1PQ

Durham Dales

Bowlees Visitor Centre Middleton in Teesdale, Co Durham, DL12 OXE

Durham Dales Centre Castle Gardens, Stanhope, Co Durham, DL13 2FJ

Killhope Near Cowshill, Upper Weardale, Co Durham, DL13 1AR

The Teesdale Mercury Shop 24 Market Place, Barnard Castle, DL12 8LY

The Witham 3 Horse Market, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 8LY

Thorpe Farm Centre Thorpe Farm, Greta Bridge, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, DL12 9TY

Visitor Information Centre (Middleton Plus) 10 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale, Co Durham, DL12 OQG

Durham Coast

Dalton Park Murton, Co Durham, SR7 9HU

Tonia's Café Seaham Hall Car Park, The Promenade, North Road, Seaham, Co Durham, SR7 7AG

Durham City Park & Ride

Secure CCTV-controlled sites at Belmont, Snipierley and Howlands. Park & Ride users park free and travel into the city centre for £2. Open Monday to Saturday 7am–7pm.

- Belmont Route on the junction of the A1(M)/A690: Milburngate Bridge east side, Milburngate, County Hall, University Hospital
- Snipierley Route on the A691: University Hospital, County Hall, Milburngate, Claypath
- Howlands Park Route on the A177: New Elvet, Milburngate Bridge east side, Milburngate, Leazes Road underpass, New Elvet

Simply turn up and park your car for free, then buy your ticket at one of the easy-to-use payment machines with coins, notes or a card by following the on-screen instructions.

Durham Cathedral Bus

The Cathedral Bus is a dedicated service covering three routes linking the rail station, principal city centre bus stops, coach drop off point and the Market Place with the Durham Cathedral and Castle UNESCO World Heritage Site. Buses run Monday to Saturday (excluding Bank Holidays).

Public Transport

Once you arrive in Durham you'll find a good network of regular public transport services. For further details of routes and times of services visit the Interactive Transport Map at www.durham.gov.uk/busmap. A printed copy of the transport map can be obtained by calling 03000 268 667 or emailing passengertransport@durham.gov.uk

Arriva and Go North East are the main bus service providers for the area, visit: arrivabus.co.uk or gonortheast.co.uk

The Explorer North East Ticket is the only region-wide integrated public transport ticket, providing great value travel. For more information visit: networkonetickets.co.uk/tickets/explorer/

Traveline

For more information about the Cathedral Bus and public transport services across Durham and surrounding areas, contact Traveline direct by calling 0871 200 2233, or visit their website at www.traveline.info

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Further Afield

There's so much to discover on Durham's doorstep.

After experiencing all that Durham has to offer, use the county as a base to explore the rest of North East England.

For fun family days out, head to NewcastleGateshead for the Life Science Centre, Seven Stories – The National Centre for Children's Books and Great North Museum: Hancock. Get back to nature at the Washington Wetlands Centre WWT or soak up the seaside atmosphere in the lively towns of South Shields, Whitley Bay and Tynemouth, with its Priory and Aquarium.

Culture lovers will be in their element at The National Glass Centre in Sunderland, the famous BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art in Gateshead, or modern art gallery, mima, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art.

Discover the heritage of the region at the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, Bamburgh Castle, Alnwick Castle and Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site in Northumberland. Delve into Newcastle's turbulent history and how the city got its name with a visit to Newcastle Castle. In Tees Valley, at Head of Steam – Darlington Railway Museum you can learn about the first steam-powered passenger carrying public railway, or discover the oldest warship still afloat in Europe – HMS Trincomolee at Hartlepool's National Museum of the Royal Navy. At the Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens you can discover more about the city's fascinating history and take a walk in the glass atrium which houses more than 2,000 tropical plants.

Enjoy a breath of fresh air at the Northumberland National Park or Kielder Water & Forest Park. Stride out along the vibrant NewcastleGateshead Quayside and take in the iconic view of the seven bridges across the River Tyne. In Tees Valley, visit the award-winning RSPB Saltholme, climb to the summit of Roseberry Topping or splash out at Tees Barrage International White Water Centre.

To find out more about what's on Durham's doorstep, visit: thisisdurham.com/further-afield

Arts Centre Washington



Arts Centre Washington stages theatre, music, exhibitions, film, dance and comedy under one roof. Each month it hosts a Craft Fair, one of the most established in the region and the award-winning Davy Lamp Folk Club.

There is also a packed programme of classes and courses for all ages. **Biddick Lane, Washington, NE38 8AB**

Tel 0191 561 3455 Email acw@sunderland.gov.uk

www.artscentrewashington.co.uk

Facebook: [artscentrewashington](https://www.facebook.com/artscentrewashington)

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National Glass Centre



National Glass Centre is a unique cultural attraction and venue. With glass at the heart of everything we do, we celebrate Sunderland's glass making heritage and explore this extraordinary material. Our contemporary galleries host an international exhibitions programme and we offer a wide range of activities, experiences and courses.

Liberty Way, Sunderland, SR6 0G

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Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art



Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art presents changing exhibitions from emerging and established artists both from the UK and abroad, bringing key new works of modern art to new audiences. In partnership with National Glass Centre, NGCA also aims to create a new collection of contemporary art. **Liberty Way, Sunderland, SR6 0GL**

Tel 0191 515 5555 Email ngca@sunderland.ac.uk

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For more information on these attractions and to find out what other things you can see and do In Sunderland visit

www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk

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Sunderland Empire



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Just 30 minutes from Durham City centre, the Sunderland Empire is the biggest theatre in the North East and stages season after season of dazzling entertainment featuring West End musicals, classical ballet, cutting edge comedy and drama, plus concerts and family shows including the annual star-studded pantomime. Bistro available within the theatre. Wheelchair access to Stalls and Dress Circle.

Opening times: Check website for full details.

4-5 High Street West, Sunderland, SR1 3EX

Tel 0844 871 3022* www.atgtickets.com/sunderland

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Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens



Discover the history of Sunderland from its prehistoric past to present day. Our art galleries, exhibitions and Winter Gardens combined with our family activities and events create an exciting visitor attraction in the heart of the city. The recently refurbished shop and café are perfect for a relaxing afternoon of retail therapy. **Burdon Road, Sunderland, SR1 1PP Tel 0191 561 2323**

Email museums@sunderland.gov.uk

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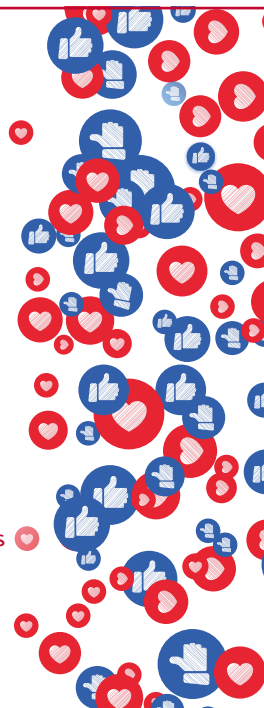
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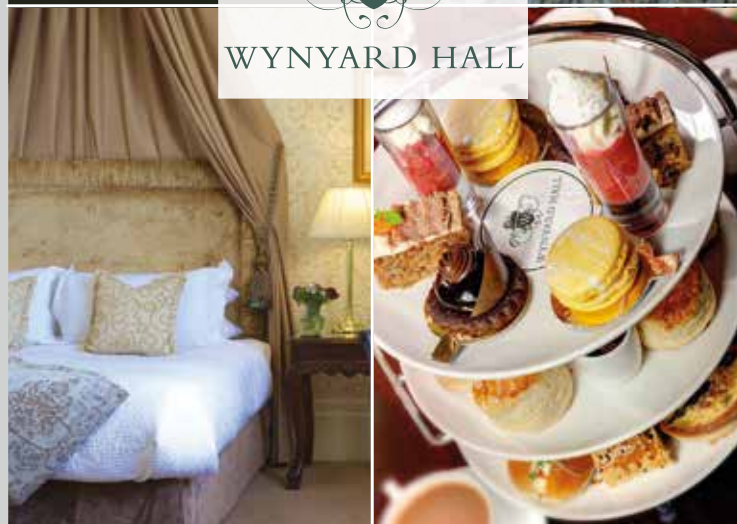
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WYNYARD HALL



Wynyard Hall and The Gardens are fast becoming the North East's most loved destination, and it's easy to see why.

The venue's luxury accommodation includes 19 bespoke bedrooms and 5 charming hot tub cottages. The two AA rosette Wellington Restaurant serves an exquisite fine dining menu, whilst the library provides a magnificent setting to savour afternoon tea.

Guests can relax in the stunning lakeside Spa, unwind in the thermal heat suite or perhaps enjoy a tantalising treatment. Head to The Gardens and discover 3,000 dazzling David Austin roses, explore 3km of woodland on our Woodland Walk, browse the Farm Shop and explore The Glasshouse, filled with luxury homeware and gorgeous gifts.



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