

# Manchester

## England

- Home to Manchester United and music legends, Manchester is one of Britain's most dynamic cities, with an industrial history matched by its modern-day appeal.
- Sample culinary delights at diverse food halls and street food markets, from Escape to Freight Island to the Northern Quarter's Mackie Mayor.
- Party in Manchester's vibrant Canal Street, or explore the lively Northern Quarter, a hotspot for street art, independent shops and bars, including vintage shop Afflecks.
- Dive into the history of the beautiful game at the National Football Museum, or go behind the scenes on a tour of Old Trafford or Manchester City's Etihad stadium.



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## Fun Fact

In the 19th century, the Manchester Bee was adopted as a symbol of the city's hardworking nature during the Industrial Revolution – look out for the bee in street art, mosaics and on street furniture.



## Did you know?

Manchester set up the world's first professional football league back in 1888. Now it is home to Manchester City and Manchester United Football Clubs.



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## Things to do in Manchester



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### Manchester Museum

Housed in a Gothic building at the heart of the city, this free museum is full of treasures from all over the world.

[www.museum.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk)

### The Spirit of Manchester Distillery

Explore this hip local gin distillery, taste award-winning spirits and even become a distiller for the day in the Gin Making Experience.

[www.manchestergin.co.uk](http://www.manchestergin.co.uk)

### The Royal Exchange Manchester

Catch a play or shop until you drop at The Royal Exchange, a grand Victorian complex housing both an award-winning theatre and shopping centre.

[www.royalexchange.co.uk](http://www.royalexchange.co.uk)

### Northern Roots

Experience the beauty of nature at the UK's largest eco-park. Get a buzz from beekeeping, or explore this urban jungle by mountain bike or on horseback.

[www.northern-roots.uk](http://www.northern-roots.uk)

### Manchester Music Walkabout Tour

Strut through the streets and discover the venues that make up Manchester's musical legacy on this guided walking tour.

[www.visitmanchester.com/listing/the-manchester-music-walkabout/55567101/](http://www.visitmanchester.com/listing/the-manchester-music-walkabout/55567101/)

### Manchester Opera House

From drag cabaret and glittering musicals to famous ballets and operas – this world-class venue caters for every taste.

[What's on at Manchester Opera House & Palace Theatre](http://www.visitbritainshop.com/gb/en/eat-city)

### Eat the City

Manchester's food and drink scene is booming. Discover why on this expert-led food tour, which includes tastings at popular local spots, and is packed with stories about the city's culinary past and present.

[www.visitbritainshop.com/gb/en/eat-city](http://www.visitbritainshop.com/gb/en/eat-city)

## Discover the best of Manchester



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### Like... tucking into fiery street food

From international flavours at street food market [Mackie Mayor](#) to the buzzing atmosphere of [Freight Island](#), Manchester has lots to offer for keen foodies or those just looking for a bite to eat.

### Love... a foodie adventure

Delve deeper into the foodie scene with [Scranchester](#) food tour. Discover how the city's cultural roots have inspired its eclectic cuisine and dip into eight different tasting spots.

[www.scranchestertours.com](http://www.scranchestertours.com)



# Seasonal highlights

## Spring



### Manchester Flower Festival

As warmer weather arrives, the city begins to bloom with the Manchester Flower Festival. This vibrant event transforms public spaces into colourful gardens featuring creative floral installations. Visitors can enjoy the displays and engage in workshops.

[www.visitmanchester.com/the-manchester-flower-festival](http://www.visitmanchester.com/the-manchester-flower-festival)

## Summer



### Manchester Pride Festival

Manchester in the summertime bursts with the colour and excitement of its annual Pride Festival. Expect a jam-packed weekend featuring the Gay Village and the Pride Parade, as well as other performances and events.

[www.manchesterpride.com](http://www.manchesterpride.com)

## Autumn



### Discover the craft beer scene

Tour Manchester while sampling the best of its booming craft beer scene. Explore a diverse range of local breweries and pubs, each offering expertly brewed beers, and an insight into the city's brewing culture.

[www.visitmanchester.com/listing/craft-beer-tour](http://www.visitmanchester.com/listing/craft-beer-tour)

## Winter



### Christmas markets

Soak up the festive spirit at Manchester Christmas Market. Explore a wonderland of twinkling lights and seasonal decorations, and shop for gifts, browse the stalls and indulge in seasonal treats.

[www.visitmanchester.com/shopping/manchester-christmas](http://www.visitmanchester.com/shopping/manchester-christmas)

## Places to stay in Manchester



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### Northern Quarter

From street food to hidden bars and shops filled with memorabilia, look no further than a stay in Manchester's Northern Quarter.

### Market Street and Exchange Square

For some retail therapy and places to eat around every corner, stay in the heart of Manchester.

### Old Trafford

Home to Manchester's oldest football club, Old Trafford is the place to be for anyone into the beautiful game.

### Find accommodation in Manchester

[www.visitmanchester.com/where-to-stay](http://www.visitmanchester.com/where-to-stay)

## Getting around

With good public transport served by bus, tram and rail, it's easy to explore Manchester. Plan the journey with [Transport for Greater Manchester](#), jump aboard a free bus or pick up a System One Travelcard for seamless travel via rail, tram and bus.

### By bus



Greater Manchester is served by the [Bee Network](#) which also covers the tram network. With hundreds of routes which run throughout the city, affordable and flexible tickets can be used on any bus and tram.

### By train



With one of the best tram networks in Britain, it's easy to get around by Metrolink which sits under the [Bee Network](#). Visitors can also plan train journeys and book tickets on the main rail network.





### By bike

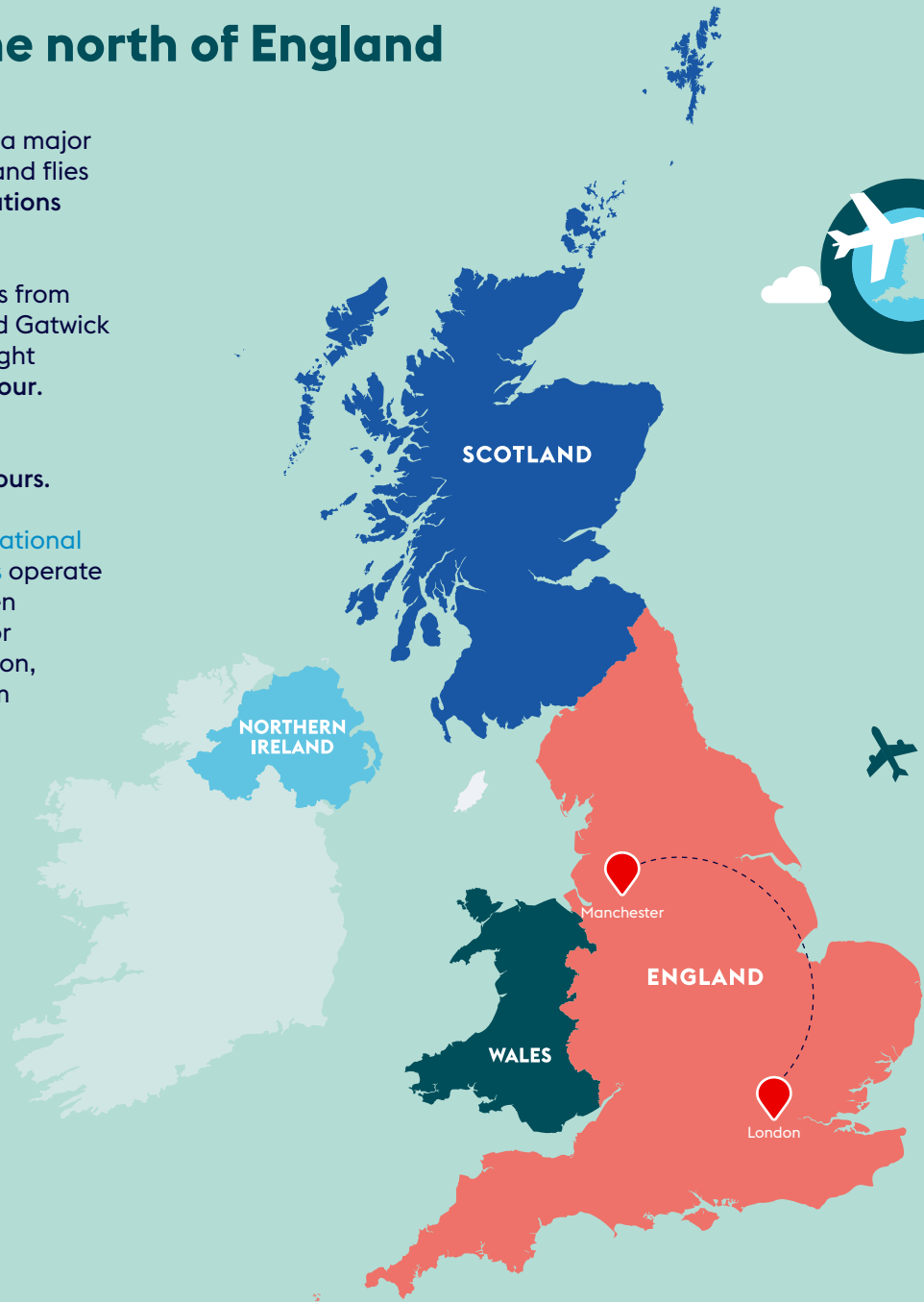


A bike-friendly city, there are loads of cycle routes and dedicated lanes, making [exploring by bike](#) hassle-free.

# Getting to Manchester

## Located in the north of England

-  **Manchester Airport** is a major international airport and flies to around 225 destinations worldwide.
-  There are direct flights from London Heathrow and Gatwick to Manchester. The flight duration is around 1 hour.
-  **Trains** from London to Manchester takes 2 hours.
-  Companies such as **National Express** and **Megabus** operate regular routes between Manchester and major destinations like London, Liverpool, Birmingham and Leeds.



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[www.visitbritain.org/destinations](http://www.visitbritain.org/destinations)



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