

# Embark on a sugar-coated Wonka experience in Britain

Enter Britain's own version of the enchanting world of Willy Wonka brought to the screen in 2023 by Warner Bros. Featuring several iconic British locations as backdrops to bring the playful universe alive, the film tells the story of Wonka's early days as an eccentric chocolatier.

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England	London		Scotland	Southeast England	
Southwest England		Y	Yorkshire and the Humber		

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Add these Wonka filming locations to the bucket list for your next trip to Britain and embrace the confectionary lifestyle by creating your own magical treats during chocolate factory tours and immersive sweets masterclasses!

# Follow Wonka's footsteps and visit the filming locations

Bath, Oxford and Lyme Regis are just a few iconic English façades used as backdrops for the film. Head over to Oxford's Hertford College and the iconic <u>Radcliffe Camera</u>, a working library of the University of Oxford, for a glimpse into the *Wonka*-verse. Get the inside scoop on a <u>guided</u>

<u>tour</u> of the Radcliffe Camera. The nearby Catte Street and <u>Sheldonian Theatre</u> mark other locations in the city used in the film. Explore the theatre on your own or join a guided tour to enjoy the best indoor 360-degree panoramic views of the city from the Cupola.

Venture down to Bath in the south-west for a view of the magnificent <u>Parade Gardens</u>, The Colonnade overlooking <u>Pulteney Bridge</u>, and the weir below it. Soak in the wacky <u>Wonka</u> atmosphere with a walk along Bath Street, glancing at the many listed buildings while passing one of Bath's major attractions, the <u>Thermae Bath Spa</u>. Or head over to <u>Bath Abbey</u> and the Orange Grove floral roundabout in front of it, both featured in the film. The Abbey offers guided <u>Step It Up! tours</u> inviting visitors to head behind closed doors and explore the Abbey tower and its panoramic views from the top. Read more about the filming locations in the city on <u>Visit Bath's blog</u>.

To re-create the 1930s era of the film, much of the filming took place at Warner Bros. Studio Leavesden, just outside of London. The historic studio is also home to <a href="The Making of Harry Potter">The Making of Harry Potter</a> studio experience showcasing the iconic sets, props, costumes and innovative technology used to create the special effects in the movies.

Other filming locations include the <u>Cobb</u>, a breakwater harbour wall in Lyme Regis, the <u>Veralumium Park</u> and Abbey Mill Lane close to the <u>Ye Olde Fighting Cocks</u> pub in St Albans, the <u>Rivoli Ballroom</u> and <u>Eltham Palace</u> in south-east London. The palace and its gardens are an English Heritage attraction and can be visited all year round.

# Indulge in Britain's sweetest hands-on experiences

#### **Fudge Making Experience at Fudge Kitchen**

Canterbury, Bath, Windsor, Cambridge, York & Edinburgh

Get your hands sticky and learn the art of fudge making with an expert at <u>Fudge Kitchen</u> and find out what makes their fudge stand out from the competition. Indulge in irresponsible amounts of fudge, tasting the wide variety of flavours and take some home to enjoy later.

## Knoops

Bath, Brighton, Cambridge, Oxford, London, Chester, Manchester, St Albans, Rye

Opening his first hot chocolate shop in Rye in 2013, Jens Knoop, the founder of Knoops, developed his love for chocolate during his childhood in rural Germany. Since then, he has perfected his range of chocolate flakes, found other chocolate lovers, and opened several shops all over the country. To celebrate the release of the film, Knoops has created a special *Wonka* drink – a hot chocolate topped with whipped cream, chocolate coated popping candy and a chocolate plaque.

#### Bean to Bar Factory Experience at London Chocolate

#### London

Enter a bold new world at London's only <u>Bean to Bar Factory Experience</u>. Delve into the art of chocolate-making as you follow the journey of cocoa beans from their raw form to delectable

chocolate bars. During a hands-on guided tour, you'll gain an appreciation for the craftsmanship and flavours that go into creating high-quality chocolate.

## School of Icing at Biscuiteers

#### London

<u>Biscuiteers</u> have established themselves as Britain's original handmade and creatively iced biscuit producers, creating stylish themed biscuits perfect for any occasion. Visit a Biscuit Icing Café located in Belgravia or Notting Hill and give biscuit icing a go. Master a new skill and learn how to flood ice, pipe and feather to re-create some of their iconic biscuit designs.

## **Dr Choc's Windsor Chocolate Factory**

#### Windsor

Opposite the remarkable Windsor Castle sits one of the smallest chocolate factories in the world. Using only the finest ingredients, <u>Dr Chocs</u> is known for its wide variety of high-quality chocolates. From classics like milk chocolate and salted caramel to innovative wonders like lavender, there is a flavour for everyone's taste. Book a tasting class to savour all their varieties or learn how to make chocolate yourself.

#### The Chocolate Factory

#### Manchester

<u>The Chocolate Factory Experience</u> in Manchester is a paradise for chocolate lovers. Immerse yourself in a world of cocoa confections as you explore a chocolate factory filled with delicious surprises. From tastings to interactive workshops, this experience offers a hands-on journey into the art of chocolate-making while discovering the secrets behind crafting gourmet chocolates.

## **Cadbury World**

#### Birmingham

Step into the scrumptious world of chocolate and sweets at <u>Cadbury World</u> in Bournville on the outskirts of Birmingham. Create your very own bespoke chocolate and embark on a journey through the heritage of chocolate-making including interactive exhibits and mouthwatering tastings. Cadbury is also getting ready for a year of celebrations as 2024 marks the 200th anniversary of the opening of the very first Cadbury shop.

## York's chocolate story

#### York

Learn about the history of <u>York's chocolate-makers</u> and their indulgent creations during one of their immersive guided tours, exploring three stories full of sweet delights. Discover their best-kept secrets of chocolate making and become a master chocolatier yourself. There is no better way to explore the city's remarkably rich history of chocolate.

#### **Chocolate Masterclasses at the York Cocoa House**

York

Calling all chocolate lovers, the <u>York Cocoa House</u> offers a number of workshops to fully immerse yourself in the chocolate microcosm. Drop-in and craft your own chocolate lollipop at the Cocoa Café, pre-book a space for chocolate tastings or even start your career as a master chocolatier in one of their workshops.

# **Chocolate and Whisky Tour at The Clydeside Distillery**

#### Glasgow

When in Glasgow, head to the Clydeside Distillery for an unforgettable whisky tasting experience with a sweet touch. Opened in 2017, the distillery brought distilling back into the heart of Glasgow, as the first dedicated single malt distillery in over 100 years. Enticing all senses during their Chocolate and WhiskyTour, their five Single Malt Whiskies are expertly paired with artisan chocolates handcrafted by Sugarsnap, a local chocolatier.

#### Mrs. Potts Chocolate House

#### Bath

Inspired by her mum, Amelia Pott opened the doors of her first Chocolate House in Bath in 2017. Since then, two more stores have opened in Bristol and Cardiff. Join the two-hour Chocolate Bar Workshop in their Bath branch for the full Mrs. Potts experience. Make and decorate your very own delicious Mrs. Potts chocolate bars, making the perfect souvenir from a trip to Bath.