

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 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

Salford Distillery

Explore The Dirty Old Town Distillery, hidden beneath the historic archways of the railway line, and learn how they create their award-winning craft spirits.

www.salforddistillery.com

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

RHS Garden Bridgewater

The RHS's 154-acre garden, one of Europe's largest gardening projects, features one of the UK's biggest Walled Gardens and lots of other beautiful spaces to enjoy.

www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/bridgewater

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

Flavours of Manchester

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.flavoursofmanchester.com

Aviva Studios (Factory International)

Manchester's major cultural hub, opened in October 2023 following a preview during the Manchester International Festival. The vast venue hosts cutting-edge art, theatre, live music, dance and much more.

www.factoryinternational.org

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



Seasonal highlights

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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

Summer



Manchester Village Pride

Each summer, the city welcomes a vibrant celebration of LGBTQIA+ culture and community in the city. Expect a dynamic and colourful Bank Holiday weekend of performances, the Pride Parade, Vigil, and a lively fringe of arts, film and nightlife events.

www.manchestervillagepride.org

Autumn



Halloween in the City

The city centre comes alive for Halloween with free family events, including the return of the MCR Monsters, live performances, spooky DJs, storytelling and a lively Monster Party Procession.

www.visitmanchester.com/halloween-in-the-city

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

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.

Salford Quays / MediaCity

A modern waterfront destination, Salford Quays and MediaCity offer stylish stays alongside cultural attractions, waterside dining and the home of the BBC and ITV.

Spinningfields

Manchester's business district, Spinningfields, offers upscale hotels, stylish restaurants and vibrant nightlife in a central setting.

Find accommodation in Manchester

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 Bee Network



Greater Manchester is served by the [Bee Network](#), covering both bus and tram services. With hundreds of routes across the city and wider region, flexible and affordable tickets can be used on any bus or 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

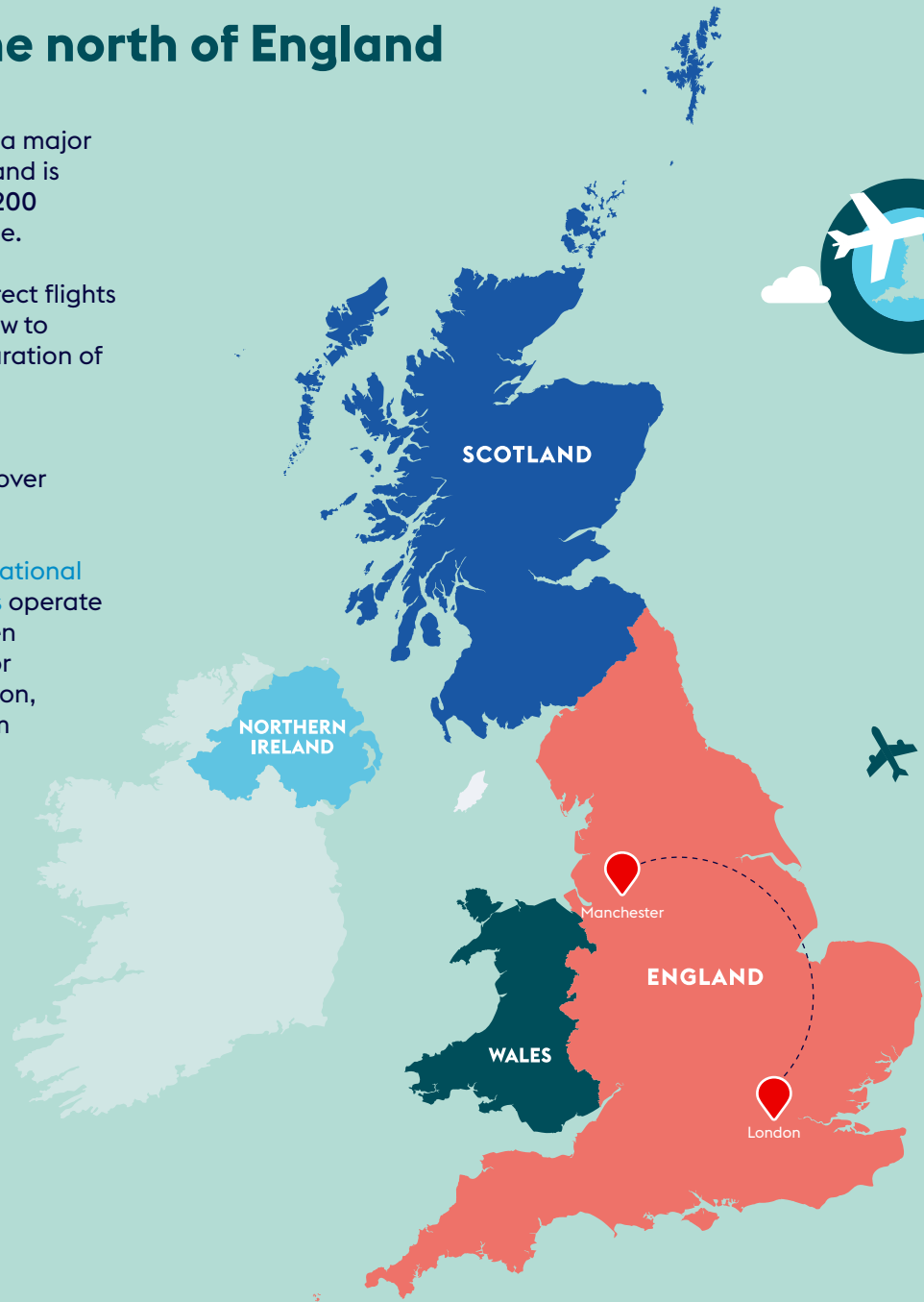
Located in the north of England

 **Manchester Airport** is a major international airport and is accessible from over 200 destinations worldwide.

 There are frequent direct flights from London Heathrow to Manchester, with a duration of around 1 hour.

 **Trains** from London to Manchester take just over 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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