

## Leeds

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### **Make more of your Rugby World Cup visit to Leeds and explore the city's fascinating family museums, luxury shopping and West Yorkshire country houses.**

Cosmopolitan Leeds <http://www.visitleeds.co.uk/> is a gateway to the North of England – a stone's throw from West Yorkshire gems like the market town of Huddersfield, Harrogate spa town and wool trade centre Bradford, and within easy reach of exhilarating national parks, including the Yorkshire Dales, and the Pennines. Between rugby games, get to know Leeds' central open spaces like Georgian Park Square and the civic hub, Millennium Square, and follow the River Aire to trendy waterfront development Clarence Dock and Holbeck Urban Village.

### **Don't miss**

Follow the Leeds Country Way footpath to the stately home at **Harewood House** <http://www.harewood.org/> and spend the afternoon exploring Capability Brown landscapes, spotting flamingos in the bird garden and ambling between grand chambers. Back in the city centre, enjoy sculptures by Yorkshire-born Henry Moore at **Leeds Art Gallery** <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/museumsandgalleries/Pages/Leeds-Art-Gallery.aspx> and browse armour and hunting weapons at **Leeds Royal Armouries** <http://www.royalarmouries.org/visit-us/leeds>. And there could be a few celebrity footballers lurking behind the scenes at Elland Road on a Leeds United stadium tour <http://www.leedsunited.com/page/StadiumTours>.

### **Great for families**

Desert meerkats and giant Niger catfish await at **Tropical World** <http://www.roundhaypark.org.uk/tropical-world-leeds/index.html>, set in the peaceful gardens of Roundhay Park. The story of medicine is told in a family-friendly way at the **Thackray Museum** <http://www.thackraymuseum.org>. Visit the Kids Zone for fun and games to entertain youngsters.

### **Go shopping**

**Trinity Leeds** <http://www.trinityleeds.com> is a shoppers' paradise with three floors of sparkling arcades filled with international brands, plus plenty of chain restaurants and a cinema. Browse intriguing one-off boutiques, jewellers and gift shops in grand Victorian surroundings at **Leeds Corn Exchange** <http://www.leedscornexchange.co.uk/> and the glamorous **Victoria Quarter** <http://www.v-q.co.uk/>.

## Explore the area

See preserved textiles mills and workers' housing in the preserved industrial village of **Saltaire** <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1028> – a protected UNESCO World Heritage site. The region is also home to the largest railway museum in the world. The National Railway Museum <http://www.nrm.org.uk> in York documents over 300 years of rail history with locomotives, rail paraphernalia, photos and artwork.

## Get active

Golf simulators keep players warm and dry while they play on virtual championship courses at the **Indoor Golf Café Bar Leeds** <http://www.indoorgolfcafebarleeds.co.uk/>. A whole wealth of indoor fun can be had at **Xscape Yorkshire** <http://www.xscape.co.uk>, from body boarding in the Flow House to scaling climbing walls and hitting the slopes in the Snowzone.

## Did you know?

Michael Marks opened a penny bazaar in Kirkgate Market in 1884 – the forerunner to iconic high street chain Marks and Spencer.

## Where to stay

- Budget: Hotel Ibis Leeds Centre <http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-3652-ibis-leeds-centre/index.shtml>
- Moderate: The Queens Hotel Leeds <http://www.qhotels.co.uk/hotels/the-queens-leeds-yorkshire.aspx?gclid=CPDCuLD-tbUCFXDKtAodCjYAp>
- Luxury: The New Ellington <http://www.thenewellington.com/>
- Accessible: Bewley's Hotel Leeds <http://www.bewleyshotels.com/leeds>

## Where to eat

- Budget: Friends of Ham <http://www.friendsofham.com/>
- Moderate: The Midnight Bell <http://www.midnightbell.co.uk/>
- Luxury: Anthony's Restaurant <http://anthonyrestaurant.co.uk/>
- Accessible: Sukhothai <http://www.sukhothai.co.uk/>

## Events

Try to coincide your trip to Leeds with one of these great events.

- TBC

## Getting there and around

- Air: The nearest major airport is Leeds Bradford International Airport <http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk>. Regular buses take you to the city centre bus and train stations.
- Rail: Leeds Station is just over two hours from London King's Cross Station.
- Road: Leeds is on the crossroads of the M1 and M62.

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