HOLD YOUR BUSINESS CONFERENCE OR EVENT IN

Leeds

With a number of exciting venues working in partnership to deliver a conferencing city, including three major universities, first direct Arena and the Royal Armouries, it's easy to see why Leeds' is the fifth most popular conferencing destination in the UK.

As the UK’s second largest financial sector Leeds has a central role in key business sectors and is also known for its strong presence in the medical and healthcare, professional services, manufacturing and digital sectors. The city has continuously adapted and developed to become the vibrant business hub it is today.

For delegates attending events in Leeds, the city is a wonderful place to explore during free time. Leeds has a compact centre which is ripe for discovery, with an abundance of culture and heritage, as well as exceptional shopping and close proximity to the natural surroundings of the Yorkshire Dales, North York Moors and Yorkshire coastline.

Leeds itself is also incredibly well connected, with excellent train links across the UK, as well as national and international flights from over 75 destinations via Leeds Bradford International Airport.

Economic/Academic strengths

- With a vast spectrum of healthcare and med-tech activity, Leeds is a centre of excellence in this field. Leeds delivers a unique health and social care eco-system of collaboration and is a recognised leader in delivering integrated health and social care services globally
- Widely recognised as the UK’s second financial sector, Leeds City Region generates over £13bn to the UK economy every year via professional and financial services. Leeds is also key for related professional services, boasting strong legal and insurance sectors
- Incorporating all facets of the digital sector, from creative outputs to digital content and the development of future technologies, Leeds is fast fulfilling its ambition to become the UK’s northern Digital and Information hub
- The Leeds City Region has the highest concentration of manufacturing in the UK, valued at over 7bn with key sectors including pharmaceuticals, textiles and electronics
- The University of Leeds has been named University of the Year 2017 by The Times and The Sunday Times.

Social programme ideas

- Leeds’ compact city centre is perfect to explore on foot, with a heady mixture of arts, culture, heritage, shopping and a thriving food and drink scene. Trinity Leeds offers a number of post-conference watering holes or a spot of late night shopping
- Spend time in one of the cities many museums and galleries, including the Royal Armouries and Henry Moore Institute. Leeds also boasts a number of heritage sites, including Harewood House and Temple Newsam, as well as Kirkstall Abbey, one of the UK’s most complete Cistercian Abbeys
- Leeds is a gateway to the north of England, with the Yorkshire Dales, North York Moors, Yorkshire coastline and the cities of York, Newcastle and Manchester just a short drive away
- The city has a programme of interesting events, including Leeds International Film Festival and Leeds West Indian Carnival, as well as an abundance of entertainment with the first direct Arena, Northern Ballet and Opera North

By air

Leeds Bradford International Airport
- over 13 UK destinations
- 65 international locations

Alternative air:
- Heathrow Airport
  180 direct destinations
  (195 miles. 3hr 22min by car,
  50 min direct flight 3 times a day)
- Manchester Airport
  Over 220 destinations
  (57 miles. 1hr by car)

By train

- From London King’s Cross
  (2hr 11mins)
- From Edinburgh Waverly
  (2hr 57mins)
- From Manchester
  (49mins)
- Direct train from Manchester Airport
  (1hr 19mins)

Where to stay

| 4★ Hotel rooms | 2,393 |
| 3★ Hotel rooms | 284 |
| Budget hotel rooms (1★ 2★) | 1,208 |
| Serviced apartment rooms | 406 |
| University accommodation | 4,550 |
| Total bed stock | 8,837 |

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## Conference & Event venues

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### Conference Leeds services

Free of charge services include:
- Venue location and planning
- Bid production and budget planning
- Sourcing hotel accommodation
- Online delegate accommodation booking facility
- Event marketing, social media and PR support
- Expert city knowledge
- Dedicated coordinator
- Delegate welcome and information

### Further information

- **VisitEngland**
  - [www.visitlendengland.com/businesses/events](http://www.visitlendengland.com/businesses/events)
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