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# The student's guide to Manchester



Top picks from around Manchester

Student  
support  
and advice

[manchester.ac.uk/ssa](http://manchester.ac.uk/ssa)

Manchester is a great city to live in as a student - it's very diverse and has lots of options to suit everyone's needs.

This guide offers a brief overview of some of the best places to visit, along with some top tips to help you out!

## City Centre

### Food and Drink

- £ This and That
- £ Rudy's Neapolitan Pizza
- £ Earth Cafe [V/Vg]
- £ Northern Soul Grilled Cheese
- £ Buffet City
- £ Habesha
- £ Pho
- ££ Yard & Coop
- ££ Dusk Til Pawn
- ££ Chapter One Books
- ££ NQ64
- ££ The Night and Day Cafe
- ££ Matt and Phreds Jazz Club
- ££ V-Rev [V/Vg]
- ££ Black Dog Ballroom
- ££ Alabama All American Eatery
- ££-£££ Bundobust
- ££-£££ Almost Famous
- ££££ The Washhouse
- ££££ 20 Stories
- ££££ Cloud 23
- ££££ Tattu

### Entertainment

#### CULTURE AND EDUCATION

John Rylands Library, People's History Museum, Museum of Science and Industry, National Football Museum [all free, except the Football Museum which is free for City of Manchester residents only]

#### CINEMA/THEATRE

HOME Manchester, Vue [at the Printworks], Palace Theatre, Manchester Opera House

#### SHOPPING

Afflecks, Arndale, Northern Quarter

#### CLUBBING/NIGHTS OUT

Deansgate Locks, Soup Kitchen, Hidden, White Hotel, Fifth, FAC251, 42s

#### OTHER

Junkyard golf, Dog Bowl/Black Dog Ballroom, Breakout Manchester Escape Rooms, Bongo's Bingo [at Albert Hall], Virtual Hideout, Roxy Ballroom

**Top tip: check out places online before visiting - some of these places offer cheaper lunch menus and discounts for students on certain days!**

# Oxford Road & Rusholme

## Food and Drink

- £ Thirsty Scholar
- ££ The Eight Day Cafe [V/Vg]
- ££ Turing Tap
- ££ Big Hands
- ££ Gorilla
- ££ The Temple
- ££-£££ Mughli
- ££-£££ Red Chilli

## Entertainment

- CULTURE AND EDUCATION  
Whitworth Art Gallery, The  
Manchester Museum, The Pankhurst  
Centre
- OUTSIDE SPACES  
Whitworth Park

# Fallowfield, Withington & Didsbury

## Food and Drink

- £ The Friendship Inn
- £ Squirrels
- £ Fuel Cafe Bar [V/Vg]
- £ Tzatziki's
- £ 256 Wilmslow Road
- £ Ice Shack [V/Vg]
- £-££ The Bar
- ££ Expo Lounge
- ££ Solomons Cafe Bar

## Entertainment

- OUTSIDE SPACES  
Fletcher Moss Gardens, Platt Fields  
Park
- CLUBBING/NIGHTS OUT  
Indigo, 256 Wilmslow Road

### Top tip:

**Check out our discount scheme on the Student Support website for some great offers on food, drink, entertainment and more!**  
<http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/>

### Key:

- £ cheap ££ quite cheap
- £££ moderately expensive
- ££££ expensive

## Bored of the library? Try a different study space...

### City

- John Rylands Library
- Central Library

### Main campus

- The Atrium
- Ali G

### Fallowfield/Withington

- Owens Park computer cluster
- Withington Library

# Transport

## Buses

42,43, 142, 143 & 147

Fares:

- The 'Magic Bus' (142, 143 and 147) costs £1.50 for a single
- Unirider: you can buy a paper ticket or a Stagecoach Smart student card

**Top Tip: The Stagecoach Smart card can be replaced more easily if lost or stolen, so is a better option than a paper ticket!**

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey>

## Trains

The main stations are Piccadilly, Oxford Road and Victoria

## Coach Station

Manchester Coach Station  
Chorlton Street M1 3JF

## Taxis

Uber, Street Cars

If you've run out of money and need to get home, the Student's Union has a deal with Street Cars - simply give the driver your student ID, ask for a receipt and go to the SU the next day to pay your fare

<https://manchesterstudentsunion.com/safetaxi>

## Events

Manchester Food and Drink

Festival

September-October

Oktoberfest

October

Fallowfield Bonfire Night

5th November

Chinese New Year

celebration

February

Manchester Film

Festival

March

Parklife Festival

June

Manchester Day

June

Manchester Pride

August (late summer bank holiday)

Visit <https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on> for more!