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## EXPLORE MANCHESTER



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# THINGS TO DO

Do you have some spare time on your hands? Then you're in luck! Manchester has a lot to offer. With its rich history and diverse population, you are bound to find something that accommodates your taste. Here are a few ideas of places you may want to visit to get you started.



## TRAFFORD CENTRE

Shopaholics should probably stay away from the [Trafford Centre](#), but we guarantee you will have a fantastic day.

This shopping centre prides itself on taking the customer experience to the next level. The cinema, mini golf, LEGOLAND® discovery centre and SEA LIFE complement the 200+ stores and 60 restaurants.



## CHESHIRE OAKS

Another shopping paradise is [Cheshire Oaks](#). Located in the city of Chester (a short train journey from Manchester), it is one of the UK's largest Designer Outlets with a quarter-million square feet of more than 145 boutiques, restaurants and cafes.

The Designer Outlet has a wide range of stores, offering something to suit everybody.

You can get to Cheshire Oaks by taking a bus or taxi from Chester train station.



## NORTHERN QUARTER

Often described as the vibrant part of Manchester, the [Northern Quarter](#) distinguishes itself with its exquisite art murals and its retro ambiance. It is the place to go if you are looking for unique, independent restaurants, fashion boutiques, cafes and clubs.

Perfect for anyone who identifies as hipster or bohemian.

## SALFORD QUAYS

Salford Quays, emerged in the 1990s on the former site of Manchester Docks.

Walks along the Quays can be accompanied by visits to MediaCityUK (hosting the BBC), The Lowry Outlet Mall (make sure to stop by the Cadbury shop), The Lowry Theatre and the Imperial War Museum North.

## DIDSBURY VILLAGE

If you prefer a village setting to city life and want to try something new, Manchester has got you sorted!

Didsbury might just be the place for you. Situated south of Manchester, it is easily accessible by public transportation and offers a lot of places to eat, drink and walk. It is also home to several independent retailers.

If you have time, why not drop by the calm and lovely Fletcher Moss Park and its Botanical Gardens?







# OTHER OPTIONS:

If none of the above sound like your sort of thing, don't worry because there are so many things to do in Manchester and we've included some more options below:

- Ice-skating at Planet Ice in Altrincham  
<https://planet-ice.co.uk/locations/altrincham/>
- Mini-golf at Junkyard Golf Club with 3 different courses for you to try  
<https://www.junkyardgolfclub.co.uk/manchester/>

- Watch a story come to life at the Royal Exchange Theatre  
<https://www.royalexchange.co.uk/>

- A live escape room game with your friends at Breakout Manchester  
<https://breakoutmanchester.com/>

- What Manchester is most famous for; its football clubs. Visit Old Trafford if you're a Manchester United fan, or the Etihad Stadium if you're a Manchester City supporter

<https://www.manutd.com/en/visit-old-trafford>

<https://hospitality.mancity.com/tours/tours-landing-page/>



# GETTING AROUND THE CITY CENTRE

The University of Manchester is situated on Oxford Road; this is one of the main routes into Manchester city centre.

A bus journey to the city will cost £2.00 for a single. Buses will accept payment by debit card. You can also explore the city and surrounding areas of Manchester during your free time via the various bus routes, train stations and also tram stations situated across the city. You can find more information on the [university website](#) about the transport networks in the city.

We recommend downloading the [Bee Network App](#), to help you plan your journeys in and around the city.



## WHAT'S ON IN MANCHESTER

Events, exhibitions and festivals often punctuate the city and this summer will be no exception. Make sure you don't miss out by visiting the city council's website: [www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on](http://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on)

### ENJOY YOUR TIME IN MANCHESTER ON A BUDGET

Enjoy your time in Manchester on a budget. If you're tired of spending money, here's a list of things to enjoy for free!

- John Rylands Library
- Manchester Art Gallery
- Museum of Science and Industry
- The Whitworth Art Gallery (and its park)
- Platt Fields Park

# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

As part of the International Summer Schools there will be the opportunity for you to take part in several social activities including on-campus and local activities, as well as trips to Liverpool, and The Lake District.

In addition to these activities you will have plenty of free time to explore Manchester and it's surrounding areas, in your free time.

So, why not make the most of your stay in Manchester and visit other parts of the UK?

The International Society organises trips to different parts of the UK on weekends, which you can get involved in. You can visit the International Society on campus in the Students Union building for more information, or visit their website: <http://internationalsociety.org.uk/trips/> or

# SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

We would love to see what you have been doing during the summer schools so please do send in any pictures to:

[siss@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:siss@manchester.ac.uk)

We'd love to share your experiences on our Faculty social channels.

