

A special occasion

Welcome to the best shopping destination in the North of England. Manchester offers something for everyone, from world class sporting and cultural events, hotels and entertainment to a shopper's paradise.

Once upon a time, we would save up our hard-earned cash to take one major holiday a year, but with the wide choice and competitive prices available, who wants to wait so long? Not the millions who are getting away from it all at every opportunity. Blame stresses at work, the chance to meet up with distant friends or relatives or the occasion to treat that special someone. Whatever your excuse, Manchester has a host of packages that will inspire, surprise and send you away loved-up with the city that really knows how to have a good time, all the time.

Pampering Breaks

Check-in and chill out to the max. What better excuse to get a group of friends together and go for a weekend break where you can massage/exfoliate/pamper those stresses of the working week away with a wonderful pampering package? If all that pampering gets a bit much, why not take a break for a cocktail in the hotel bar?



Retail therapy

What better relaxation than serious retail therapy. Whether it's the quest to find the perfect outfit for a night in the sleek bars of Manchester, or the shopping spree Elton John would be proud of, Manchester is a city that any shopaholic would be hard pushed to spend less than a day in.



Dream Breaks

Sports fans don't have to be persuaded to visit. It is a city steeped in football tradition and who can forget the party atmosphere of the 2002 Commonwealth Games. Popular events throughout the year like the Great Manchester Run, Test Cricket, ITU World Cup Triathlon, UCI Track Cycling World Cup and the UK's Olympic Athletic trials are all guaranteed to attract their own dedicated followers.



Manchester Shopping Experience

Exchange Square / The Triangle

The square contains the oldest pub in the city centre, modern public art and Terence Conran's Zinc Bar and Grill. The Triangle, formerly the old Corn Exchange, which has been transformed into a swirl of glass escalators, coffee shops and boutiques.

Stores Galore

Taking up a vast side of the Millennium Quarter, is a shopaholics heaven. Where you'll find super chi chi retailer Harvey Nichols, Selfridges and Marks and Spencer, From here you can walk across the covered walkway into the Arndale Centre to discover hundreds more stores across two vast floors.

King Street /Kendals

Just round the corner is the Art Deco monolith with floor after floor of designer wear. Adjacent to Kendals is King Street, where Armani, Mulberry, Hermes, DKNY and Hugo Boss have set up shop.

Northern Quarter

With its alternative shopping centre, Afflecks Palace, and surrounded by record stores, designer clothes shops and the hippest bars in town, the Northern Quarter is the trendiest place to shop and be seen.

The Trafford Centre / The Printworks

The Trafford Centre, with 280 stores and a vast entertainment complex.

Exchange Square, is The Printworks, a 21st century entertainment centre. Choose from the latest IMAX film, have a drink at Waxy O'Connor's, or simply carry on shopping, you can choose your weapon of relaxation.

The Bridgewater Hall

By the side of the canal, is the magnificent Bridgewater Hall, home of the Hallé Orchestra and the perfect place to enjoy a mix of classical and modern music all year round.

Le Petit Blanc / Simply Heathcotes / Le Mont

Raymond Blanc's stunning restaurant, perched just off King Street, offers a variety of menus. Simply Heathcote's culinary experience offers an energetic new twist on traditional northern cuisine. For impressive views of the cityscape accompanied by fine dining, Le Mont with Robert Kisby as resident chef, is the place to be.

Canal Street

The home of the Gay Village provides a range of stylish bars that attract a friendly, mixed crowd. In summer the street is totally packed with many of the restaurants offering canal-side tables. With almost all bars possessing late licences, it's the perfect place to either hang out and reflect on the day, or simply dance the night away.

Urbis

The world's only building dedicated to the celebration of urban living. With an exterior built entirely of glass this wonderful exhibition hurls you from Manchester to Tokyo to Rio. That said, being able to travel on the unique, glass elevator is a good reason to visit in itself!

Chinatown

Head for Chinatown where Sundays are the perfect opportunity to join families in the park by the giant Arch. The third largest Chinese Community in Europe is home to some of the best Chinese cuisine in the UK, like Pacific or Harry Yeung's The Yang Sing. Shop in the Chinese supermarkets, before stopping for dim sum.

Museum of Science & Industry / Manchester Art Gallery

It's time to visit Manchester's action-packed Museum of Science & Industry. The exhibits here are very much on the large side, with planes, trains, automobiles and steam trains. Many free galleries are open throughout the day, including Manchester Art Gallery featuring the CIS

Manchester gallery which introduces you to the city's creative achievements. Another must see is the celebrated Whitworth Art Gallery located just outside the city centre.

Country Estates / Moors and Villages

Whichever way you're heading you're surrounded by the best of the region's historic houses. Tatton Hall, Lyme Park and Dunham Massey. If you prefer your landscape a little more rugged head off for the Pennines and the moorland villages of Delph in Saddleworth.

To find out more information about the many attractions and places of interest in and around Manchester call 0161 490 5000 and ask for concierges, who will be happy to help you with your visit to Manchester

