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THE GREEN GUIDE 2024

Eco-friendly places to eat, stay and play in Canterbury & the East Kent Coast, Ashford & Folkestone, Aberdeen, King's Cross Neighbourhood, St. Pancras International and Leeds.



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Get 'Greenspiration' Galore with our 2024 Green Guide

The UK is home to some of the world's most stunning landscapes, eclectic cultural hotspots, richest heritage, and innovative eco attractions - no wonder 73% of Brits are keen to try out new destinations on their home turf! However, despite there being an appetite for adventure, our research reveals 60% admit they're creatures of habit, visiting the same destinations year after year, with their lack of knowledge preventing them from exploring further.

2021 saw the launch of the first ever **LNER Green Guide**, designed to provide staycation inspiration that will get you out of that travel rut to explore the best that the UK has to offer whilst making sustainable choices. This is the latest in the series of guides that has so far covered everywhere from **Edinburgh** to **London**, **Durham** to **Lincoln** and **Inverness** to **Harrogate**.

For this fourth guide, we've teamed up with leading travel and tourism partners **St. Pancras International**, **Southeastern**, **Visit Kent** and the **King's Cross Neighbourhood** to launch an extended version of the popular series.

This time, we're bringing you travel inspiration from more hidden gems and under-discovered destinations across the South and East Coasts of the UK - focusing on **Canterbury & the East Kent Coast**, **Ashford & Folkestone**, **Aberdeen**, **King's Cross Neighbourhood**, **St. Pancras International** and **Leeds**.

For each destination, you'll find a wealth of eco-travel inspiration from hotels with forward thinking sustainability policies, to attractions with award-winning green credentials, and 'food for thought' in relation to gastro hotspots famed for only using local produce.

The icing on the cake? With train travel being the most eco-friendly form of transport, you can be safe in the knowledge that you're able to travel to each of the destinations profiled in this guide guilt-free. Better yet? LNER's Leeds and Aberdeen suggestions can be reached via our world-class sustainable fleet of electric Azuma trains.

So grab a drink, enjoy browsing, and start dreaming. A staycation that delivers on all fronts is only a 10-minute read away!

David Horne, LNER Managing Director

Don't forget to tag **@LNER** on your **#GreenGuide** inspired journeys on X and Instagram. Together, let's spread the message that travel around the UK can be greener, cleaner... and is pretty amazing too!

St. Pancras International

St. Pancras station opened in 1868. Widely recognised as one of the most elegant stations in the world, it's a wonder of Victorian engineering and a masterpiece of Victorian Gothic architecture. Today the Grade I Listed building is also one of the busiest stations in Britain and a much loved destination in its own right.

Conveniently linked to the rest of London, the station provides access to the East Midlands, the South East, and acts as the official Green Gateway to Europe. Home to over 60 shops and restaurants and art from world-class artists, this cultural hub offers something for everyone. The stunning setting allows visitors to reduce their carbon footprint by shopping, socialising and commuting all under the same roof.



Want to find out more?

 @stpancrasinternational

King's Cross Neighbourhood

King's Cross Neighbourhood is the perfect place to visit. Regent's Canal flows quietly through it, connecting neighbourhood life, nature and heritage within this unique setting.

Its unique level of connectivity makes it easy to access using public transport, and it has a distinctive mix of sustainable eating, drinking and shopping options, as well as 'green' events and art installations, each set against a beautiful backdrop.

With stunning open spaces, access to nature and a traffic-free environment that creates a sense of calm in the middle of the hustle and bustle.



Want to find out more?

 @kingscrossN1C  @kingscrossN1C

Southeastern

Operating an all electric railway, including the UK's first domestic high-speed service, making journeys from London into Kent significantly shorter. You can easily hop on a train from London St. Pancras and be at the coast in under an hour - or explore the many scenic, historic and vibrant places Kent has to offer, all in an environmentally friendly way.

To find out more about the many hidden gems that can be explored across Kent by train, listen to Southeastern's 'Hop on Board' podcast series. Hosted by celebrities such as Gregg Wallace and Ed Byrne, the complete series is available through your podcast app and is perfect for entertaining travel inspiration!



Want to find out more?

 @Se_railway  @Se_Railway

Visit Kent

Kent is a beautiful and diverse county, where stunning rural landscapes and magnificent coastlines are just the start of the discoveries you'll make when you visit. It's a county rich with eco-experiences, heritage sites and arts communities - not to mention a whole menu of delicious food and drink locally sourced from 'The Garden of England'.

There are surprises to discover around every corner, so be sure to follow @visitkent for hidden gems and carefully curated recommendations to make your visit one to remember. And if you want to leave the county with amazing memories and a reduced carbon footprint, check out Visit Kent's "It's in our Nature..." campaign, bringing you sustainable recommendations for businesses, attractions and accommodation options from across the famously 'green' county.



Want to find out more?

 @visitkent  @VisitKent

Sustainable travel, open for all

As travel and tourism providers, we believe enjoyable, hassle-free, sustainable travel should be open to all. That's why we've carefully selected attractions, accommodation and food destinations that factor in accessibility wherever possible.

And it's why we do everything we can to ensure that your journey to your eco-staycation is a smooth one.

Assisted travel

When travelling with LNER, the Assisted Travel team can provide you with a wide range of support to make your journey simple and stress free, including:

- Advice about access at any station you want to use
- Assistance when you arrive at stations or change trains
- Reserving wheelchair designated spaces and seats with extra legroom if you're travelling with assistance or support dogs

Find out more [here](#)

Accessibility within Southeastern

Southeastern is committed to providing support and assistance for all our customers to help them travel with confidence across the network. As part of Passenger Assist – a national system that all train companies support – Southeastern can make arrangements to assist our passengers with disabilities or restricted mobility.

We have a dedicated team who will help customers book assistance. We also understand that planning in advance isn't always possible – customers can turn up at any station that is accessible to them and request assistance from a member of Southeastern's staff.



Find out more [here](#)

Accessibility within the King's Cross Neighbourhood



This regenerated neighbourhood is wheelchair accessible, with a ramp down to the canal towpath behind The Lighterman restaurant and an accessible entrance to Coal Drops Yard from the towpath and Granary Square.

Lifts and ramps are also available at Coal Drops Yard and all public toilets are fully accessible.

Discovering accessible destinations across the UK

When you're planning any future trips, Accessible Britain is well worth checking out. It's a one stop shop for discovering accessible tourism options across the UK.

Accessibility within St. Pancras International Station

Pre-booked assistance is available throughout the station. If you need mobility or luggage assistance whilst at the station, station staff will be pleased to help. Please speak to any of the Customer Service Assistants on the concourse wearing light blue St. Pancras vests or ask any member of staff for advice. The station has accessible toilets and has lifts throughout the station, along with additional facilities in the Eurostar departure lounge.

We encourage you to contact train operators 48 hours in advance to book your journeys from the station and request any additional assistance needed.



Concessionary Fares

If you're registered as blind or visually impaired and are travelling with another person, you're entitled to concessionary fares and discounts of up to 50% across the entire LNER network. You're also entitled to concessionary fares for any one adult travelling with you if you're using your own wheelchair during a journey.

It's also worth checking to see if you qualify for the Disabled Person's Railcard through LNER and Southeastern that gives you and an adult companion a third off most Standard and First Class rail fares throughout the UK.

Find out more [here](#)

Sunflower Lanyards

If you, or anyone you are travelling with, has a hidden disability, pick up a Sunflower Lanyard from any LNER station by visiting the travel centre or information desk, or by emailing customers@lner.co.uk. Our staff will look out for, and provide additional required assistance, to anyone wearing a lanyard.

You can pick up a Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Lanyard or a JAM card by asking at any Southeastern station ticket office, by contacting Customer Services, or through the Southeastern app.

Find out more [here](#)



CANTERBURY & THE EAST KENT COAST

Weaving through Canterbury's cobbled streets, past the Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and with timber-framed buildings around every corner, it's easy to feel that you've stepped back in time as you explore this beautiful city. It's also home to contemporary culture and a great food and arts scene, all waiting to be explored. The city also offers easy access by train to the East Kent Coast.





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THE GOODS SHED

BEST FOR: Farmers Market goodies and local produce

ADDRESS: The Goods Shed, Station Rd West, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 8AN

Situated right next to Canterbury West station, fusing a traditional farmers market with casual dining, The Goods Shed is Canterbury's answer to the market stall gastro experiences of London and New York.

From fresh pasta to fine wines and the only independent fishmonger in Canterbury, you'll find all the city's best local and seasonal produce from independent suppliers here. Whether you're looking for ingredients to cook up your own storm or fancy a relaxed dining experience made with local produce, it's the perfect place to while away an afternoon (or more).

Courtesy of Southeastern
southeasternrailway.co.uk

thegoodshed.co.uk

CORKK

BEST FOR: Wine lovers searching for delicious local tastes

ADDRESS: 29 – 30 Burgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2HA

Sample the delights of award-winning English wines at Canterbury's Corkk. Led by self confessed 'English wine convert' and Master of Wine, Clive Barlow, Corkk's tastings provide some of the best wines the country has to offer. Sip away on a glass while discovering more about provenance and tasting notes.

Or if you fancy creating your own tasting experience, Corkk's wine shop sells local food platters alongside a wide range of carefully curated wines. And if you find yourself converted, Corkk even offers an English wine subscription so you can continue your newfound appreciation at home.

Courtesy of Visit Kent
visitkent.co.uk

corkk.co.uk



WHITSTABLE OYSTER COMPANY

BEST FOR: Seafood lovers seeking sea views

ADDRESS: The Whitstable Oyster Company Limited, The Royal Native Oyster Stores, Horsebridge, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 1BU

Hop on a Southeastern train from Canterbury and you'll find a true coastal gem. The Whitstable Oyster Company is a restaurant that has received widespread acclaim for its approach, combining the freshest oysters and seafood with simple ingredients to enhance and celebrate the sea's natural flavours in a series of delicious dishes.

Located on Whitstable's beachfront, the restaurant offers stunning sea views and a glimpse of the company's oyster beds - you can't get any fresher than that!

Courtesy of Southeastern
southeasternrailway.co.uk

whitstableoystercompany.com



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THE FOUNDRY BREW PUB - CANTERBURY BREWERS AND DISTILLERS

BEST FOR: Top local tipples

ADDRESS: The Foundry Brew Pub, 77 Stour Street, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2NR

Housed in a former Victorian foundry, The Foundry Brew Pub offers a variety of home brewed beers and ciders alongside a locally sourced, sustainable menu served up with a side of history.

Once responsible for producing cast metal items for Canterbury and beyond, The Foundry draws on the history of its location to create unique brews with distinctive flavours and an experience like no other. Opt for a brew or two, a magnificent meal or discover how the brewery goes from grain to glass through its on site tour and tasting.

And when you can finally drag yourself away, look out for the old Foundry's lampposts still present in Canterbury today.

Courtesy of Southeastern
southeasternrailway.co.uk

canterburybrewers-distillers.co.uk



CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL LODGE

BEST FOR: History lovers looking for a quirky place to stay

ADDRESS: Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2EH

Not many hotels allow you to wake up in a UNESCO World Heritage Site, but that's exactly what's on offer at the Canterbury Cathedral Lodge.

This unique hotel is situated in the grounds of the world-famous Canterbury Cathedral, offering visitors stunning views of this ancient and magnificent place of worship. Delve beyond the history to relax in the hotel's beautiful courtyard gardens and green spaces brimming with wildflowers. Providing a comfortable and stylish launch pad for the wider Kent region, the hotel is a 15 minute stroll from Canterbury East and West stations. Plus entry into the Cathedral is included in your room rate!

Courtesy of Visit Kent
visitkent.co.uk

canterburycathedrallodge.org

DUKE OF CUMBERLAND

BEST FOR: Staying with Britain's oldest brewer

ADDRESS: High St, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 1AP

Situated in the heart of the charming coastal town of Whitstable, this historic pub boasts a prominent position at the top of the High Street. Dating back to 1867, the Duke of Cumberland is full of character while also providing modern, stylish accommodation and a locally-sourced, seasonal menu.

Guests can enjoy on-tap beer from Shepherd Neame, Britain's oldest brewer which is located less than 10 miles down the road. The local brewery draws water from a well deep beneath their Faversham site and has recently invested in a wastewater reduction scheme to reduce water consumption by 40%.

Courtesy of Visit Kent
visitkent.co.uk

dukeofcumberlandhotel.co.uk





CANTERBURY HISTORIC RIVER TOURS

BEST FOR: Those looking for a fresh perspective on the city

ADDRESS: The Kings Bridge,
St. Peter's Street, Canterbury,
Kent, CT1 2AT

Discover beautiful city views while celebrating some of Kent's iconic history and biodiversity on a picturesque, 45-minute guided river tour.

Relax and take in the sights and secrets of the beautiful River Stour with Canterbury Historic River Tours' friendly, local guides. As well as sharing Canterbury's rich stories with visitors, the company proudly works in collaboration with the Environment Agency, Westgate Punts and Canterbury Punting Company to help keep the River Stour and surrounding natural environment clean and protected year round.

Courtesy of Southeastern
southeasternrailway.co.uk

canterburyrivertours.co.uk

CANOE WILD

BEST FOR: Pub lovers looking for a paddle

ADDRESS: Church View, The Drove, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 0DE

If you fancy exploring Kent's tranquil and scenic environment from a totally different perspective, get on board with Canoe Wild. From kayaks and canoes to Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs), there's a water adventure waiting for you, whatever your skill level.

Immerse yourself in the diverse wildlife and nature along the winding River Stour, either as part of a guided trip or by meandering along by yourself. You can even get involved in Canoe Wild's Big River Clean if you want to help preserve this beautiful local environment.

Courtesy of Visit Kent
visitkent.co.uk

canoewild.co.uk

KENT WILDLIFE TRUST - WILDER SAFARIS

BEST FOR: Taking a walk on the wild side of Kent

ADDRESS: Various locations across Kent

The Kent Wildlife Trust is the county's leading conservation charity - protecting more than 9,000 acres of land. Working closely with local communities, the Trust is working towards providing a better, more sustainable and wilder future across Kent.

Passion projects include 'Wilder Blean' - which has seen the introduction of Iron Age pigs, Exmoor ponies and even European Bison across the countryside. Woodland management projects such as those at West Blean and Thornden Woods teach visitors more about conservation projects and how to protect local wildlife.

Courtesy of Visit Kent
visitkent.co.uk

kentwildlifetrust.com/safaris

DOVER CASTLE

BEST FOR: History Lovers

ADDRESS: Castle Hill Rd, Dover,
Kent, CT16 1HU

Around 30 minutes walk from Dover Priory station, rising above the famous White Cliffs high above the Channel, Dover Castle is an icon of England. Built soon after 1066, this fortress has been the site of royal intrigue, epic sieges, and was at the centre of the effort to evacuate hundreds of thousands of Allied troops from the beach of Dunkirk.

Visitors can roam 80 acres of castle grounds with mighty battlements, a Roman lighthouse and Saxon church.

Courtesy of Southeastern
southeasternrailway.co.uk

[english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/
dover-castle](http://english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/dover-castle)



ASHFORD & FOLKESTONE

Ashford is the gateway to the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty but it's also a worthy destination in its own right, with award-winning vineyards, brilliant local produce and a renowned outlet centre.

Nestled among the sparkling white chalk cliffs, the harbour town of Folkestone has a vibrant creative quarter that is home to galleries, quirky shops and eclectic bars. The recently renovated harbour arm is bursting with local produce and world cuisine that makes it the perfect spot for a lazy afternoon.





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CURIOS BREWERY

BEST FOR: Award-winning local brews

ADDRESS: Curious Brewery, Unit 1, Victoria Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 7HQ

Curious Brewery is the ideal place to kick back while you're visiting the area. While away a pleasant afternoon sampling award-winning beer and cider, including the Kentish Pilsner, made using a trio of locally grown Kentish hops. Also worth checking out is the original Curious Brew Lager - a fruity, aromatic beer made from Champagne yeast.

Not only are the beers great, the brewery's sustainability mission is also worth a cheers. Curious Brewery shares spent grain with local farms for animal feed, invests in solar panel technology, and will soon be working towards innovative carbon-capture processes too.

Courtesy of Southeastern
southeasternrailway.co.uk

curiousbrewery.com



FOLKESTONE HARBOUR ARM

BEST FOR: An eclectic assortment of local street food

ADDRESS: Folkestone Harbour, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 1QH

Folkestone's restored harbour offers a beautiful walk and world-class views, and has in recent years become a buzzing food, drink and entertainment destination in its own right. All traders here are independents so you'll be supporting local businesses, while sampling great tastes and drinking in the views. Whatever you're craving you'll find it here - from Little Rock's freshly caught and simply cooked seafood, to Dessert Folkes' delectable sweet treats.

Courtesy of Southeastern
southeasternrailway.co.uk

folkestoneharbourarm.co.uk

LEO & SAGE

BEST FOR: Seasonal food-lovers

ADDRESS: Unit 7c, Elwick Place, Elwick Rd, Ashford, Kent, TN24 1AX

Just two minutes from Ashford International Station, you'll find Leo & Sage, an independent café that's all about showcasing the very best of Kent produce. From mouth-watering all-day breakfasts to scrumptious sandwiches and freshly-roasted coffee, Leo & Sage provides the perfect pit-stop. And the award-winning café is equally passionate about keeping food waste to a minimum and limiting plastic pollution as much as possible.

Courtesy of Southeastern
southeasternrailway.co.uk

leoandsage.org



BOYS HALL

BEST FOR: A boutique stay, full of character

ADDRESS: Boys Hall, Boys Hall Road, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0LA

Just half an hour's walk or five minutes by car from Ashford International Station you can press the escape button and land in Boys Hall for a relaxing and luxurious break.

Teeming with history, the 17th century former manor house offers a range of interesting on-site activities, from open-fire cooking to tours of Kentish vineyards and floristry workshops. Sink into a seat on Boys Hall's terrace, take in the sights and scents of its wild country garden, and savour the very best seasonal Kent produce in its atmospheric restaurant.

Courtesy of Visit Kent
visitkent.co.uk

boys-hall.com



REBEL FARMER

BEST FOR: A unique getting-away-from-it-all experience

ADDRESS: Rebel Farmer HQ, The Willows, Spelders Hill, Brook, Kent, TN25 5PB

Glamping takes on a whole new meaning in this 21-foot tipi tent, offering breathtaking views of the North Downs. And, because this luxury camping experience is only available for one reservation at a time, you'll only be sharing the field with the nature that surrounds you.

The tipi is owned by Rebel Farmer, a local micro-farmer who promotes local, seasonal produce and building community resilience.

Courtesy of Visit Kent
[visitkent.co.uk](https://www.visitkent.co.uk)

rebelfarmer.co.uk

ROMNEY MARSH SHEPHERD'S HUTS

BEST FOR: Getting back to nature

ADDRESS: Rushfield, Giggers Green Road, Aldington, Ashford, Kent, TN25 7BT

If you fancy soaking up breathtaking views of wide, open skies, book a unique stay in these Shepherd's Huts nestled within Romney Marsh, near to the Kent Downs and High Weald Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Situated on a working family farm which is a haven for wildlife, nature, walkers and cyclists, each of the huts has been lovingly handmade by a local craftsman.

Even the blankets and curtains in these cosy Shepherd's Huts have been made with wool from the farm's 1,000+ Romney ewes.

Courtesy of Visit Kent
visitkent.co.uk

romneymarshshepherdshuts.co.uk

HAMPTON BY HILTON ASHFORD INTERNATIONAL

BEST FOR: Those seeking a convenient and comfortable rest stop

ADDRESS: Victoria Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 7HJ

Located just minutes from Ashford International Station, this hotel provides the ideal hopping-off point for a shopping spree at the nearby Ashford Designer Outlet. Its modern, stylish lounge and bar and spacious rooms are ideal for a short getaway which doesn't cost the earth.

The hotel's sustainability practices include internal checks on energy, water and waste, all measured by Lightstay, which ensures the hotel is running as efficiently as possible.

Courtesy of Southeastern
southeasternrailway.co.uk

hilton.com/en/hotels/qdhashx-hampton-ashford-international





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WINE TOURS OF KENT

BEST FOR: Wine lovers looking for wonderful views without the worry of being the designated driver

ADDRESS: Various locations available through Kent & East Sussex

Explore the best of award-winning English wine and take a tour through some of England's finest vineyards. With Wine Tours of Kent offering pick-ups direct from Ashford International Station (just 38 minutes from London St. Pancras International), it doesn't get much easier or decadent than this.

Sit back, drink in scenic views, take guided vineyard tours with local experts, sample local tipples or simply enjoy a delicious, seasonal lunch. Cheers to that!

Courtesy of Visit Kent
[visitkent.co.uk](https://www.visitkent.co.uk)

[winetoursofkent.co.uk](https://www.winetoursofkent.co.uk)



FOLKESTONE ARTWORKS

BEST FOR: Art aficionados

ADDRESS: Creative Folkestone, Quarterhouse, Mill Bay, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 1BN

A short walk from Folkestone Central Station will take you to Folkestone Artworks, the UK's largest, urban, contemporary art exhibition. Download the map from their website and discover a fascinating outdoor trail around the town and harbour that takes in 70 unique and original pieces from world-leading artists en route, including works from Kent's very own Tracey Emin, and also Yoko Ono, Antony Gormley, Cornelia Parker and more.

Courtesy of Southeastern
southeasternrailway.co.uk

creativefolkestone.org.uk/
folkestoneartworks

KENT COOKERY SCHOOL

BEST FOR: Those looking to broaden their culinary horizons

ADDRESS: The Courtyard, Mersham Le Hatch, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6NH

From couples cooking to curry courses, Thai street food to bread making, Kent Cookery School gives you the chance to expand your culinary repertoire within a warm, friendly environment. Ingredients are centred around local and seasonal produce, ensuring these fun and interesting classes are as sustainable as they are enjoyable.

Courtesy of Visit Kent
visitkent.co.uk

kentcookeryschool.co.uk



GUSBOURNE

BEST FOR: Award-winning local wines

ADDRESS: Gusbourne Estate,
Kenardington Road, Appledore, Kent,
Ashford, TN26 2BE

The boutique Gusbourne winery lets nature be its guide when it comes to crafting its award-winning wines. Stroll through the vineyards, treat yourself to a glass (or two) of its delicious, famous sparkling wine, and learn more about Gusbourne's complementary planting and sustainable practices, including using organic fertilisers and wildflower blocks to protect biodiversity.

Courtesy of Visit Kent
visitkent.co.uk

gusbourne.com



UK ELECTRIC BIKE CENTRE

BEST FOR: Covering miles of Kent's beautiful county, sustainably

ADDRESS: Shenley Rd, Headcorn, Kent, TN27 9HX

Hop on an electric bike for an alternative to a traditional two-wheeled adventure through Kent's beautiful landscape. Whether exploring the sights and sounds of the Garden of England or moseying along country trails through some of South East England's best vineyards, you'll love the fun and fresh air.

Courtesy of Visit Kent
visitkent.co.uk

ukelectricbike.co.uk

ASHFORD DESIGNER OUTLET

BEST FOR: Shopping til you drop

ADDRESS: Kimberley Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0SD

If shopping is more your style, explore over 100 high-end designer clothes, shoes, accessories and homeware stores at this landmark designer outlet, just a few minutes walk from Ashford International Station. With event spaces, a food piazza and an interactive children's playground, there's something to keep the whole family entertained.

Alongside shopping, this outlet also boasts Europe's largest living wall installation. With 120,000 plants covering an impressive 25,000 square feet of space, this beautiful burst of greenery reduces air pollution and encourages natural biodiversity.

Courtesy of Southeastern
southeasternrailway.co.uk

mcarthurglen.com/en/outlets/uk/designer-outlet-ashford/



ABERDEEN

Famed as the 'Granite City', Scotland's third largest city is a thriving port and heritage centre. Compact enough to explore by foot, it's a gateway to stunning landscapes, fairytale castles, raw coastline and globally renowned distilleries and gastro experiences.





VOVEM MEAT AND LIQUOR

BEST FOR: Prime British Beef lovers

ADDRESS: 254 Union Street, Aberdeen,
AB10 1TN

Located near to the station, Vovem Meat & Liquor showcases the rich variety of quality beef available across Scotland, including globally renowned Highland Wagyu. Famed for its authentic atmosphere, Vovem Meat & Liquor also has a sophisticated bar - perfect for pre-dinner cocktails.

Only meat from farms adhering to the highest standards of animal welfare make the grade, so you can rest assured that the exquisite tastes you're enjoying are also cruelty free. Best of all, diners can tuck into traditional courses or share multiple plates to enjoy a range of dishes in a setting.

Courtesy of Ross Clark
LNER Train Driver, Aberdeen

vovem.co.uk



THE COCK AND BULL INN

BEST FOR: A quintessential country inn experience with a Michelin star!

ADDRESS: Ellon Rd, Balmedie, Aberdeen, AB23 8XY

The only Aberdeen-based restaurant included in the Michelin Guide, The Cock and Bull Inn has a reputation for quality food and customer service that has made it a favourite with locals and tourists alike. It has also been crowned winner of Scottish Gastropub of the year three times.

The restaurant's menu is brimming with local produce, with the team passionate about using quality ingredients local to Scotland to keep food miles to a minimum, and showcase all Scotland has to offer.

**Courtesy of Jared Hoag
LNER Depot Manager
Clayhills, Aberdeen**

thecockandbull.co.uk

ROOTS

BEST FOR: Street food fans

ADDRESS: Beach Boulevard,
Aberdeen, AB11 5DN

Providing guests with the ultimate 'food with a view' experience from Thursday to Sunday, Roots offers a scenic beachfront location enabling guests to reconnect with nature while enjoying some of the best vegan food in Aberdeen.

And, if you fall in love with the tastes you savour on the beach, Roots is launching Roots Butchery which will provide a wide range of delicious plant-based products to support a more sustainable lifestyle.

Courtesy of Brunette Pereira
LNER Production Assistant,
Aberdeen

rootscatering.uk/roots-the-beach

FOODSTORY CAFÉ

BEST FOR: A cosy retreat from Aberdeen's hustle and bustle

ADDRESS: 11-15 Thistle St, Aberdeen,
AB10 1XZ

Located just a 15 minute walk away from Aberdeen Station, Foodstory is focused on bringing people together. The intimate and cosy café was built to create a space where people feel like they belong and can escape the busyness of city life. Alongside providing a mouth watering range of sustainable snacks and menu options throughout the day, Foodstory Café also allows customers to bring their own containers to help reduce plastic waste.

Courtesy of Edward Tumath
LNER Train Manager, Aberdeen

foodstorycafe.co.uk



ARDOE HOUSE HOTEL & SPA

BEST FOR: Refined Scottish luxury

ADDRESS: North Deeside Rd, Blairs,
Aberdeen, AB12 5YP

Located in 30 acres of stunning grounds, the 19th century baronial mansion is the perfect destination for relaxation, with recently refurbished rooms, a rejuvenating spa and beautiful gardens to walk through.

Ardoe House also provides hotel guests and visitors alike with the opportunity to explore the very best of Aberdeenshire produce, with gastro delights skilfully executed by their team of chefs.

Courtesy of Ross Clark
LNER Train Driver, Aberdeen

ardoehousehotel.co.uk



ABERDEEN ALTENS HOTEL

BEST FOR: Offering a base for explorers

ADDRESS: Souterhead Road, Aberdeen, AB12 3LF

The Aberdeen Altens Hotel is an award-winning, independent 4-star hotel conveniently located on the south side of the city, offering guests an ideal base for exploring Aberdeen, the beautiful North East or the majestic Scottish Highlands.

From here, guests can conquer the region's 263 castles, 165 miles of outstanding coastline and vibrant city centre, before recovering in the hotel's indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room. The hotel prioritises sustainable practices and has achieved coveted Green Tourism accreditation.

**Courtesy of Jared Hoag
LNER Depot Manager, Clayhills,
Aberdeen**

aberdeenaltenshotel.co.uk

MERCURE ABERDEEN CALEDONIAN

BEST FOR: City breakers looking to embrace green travel

ADDRESS: 10-14 Union Terrace, Aberdeen, AB10 1WE

Overlooking Union Terrace Gardens and located only 650 metres from the Union Square shopping mall, the 4-star Mercure Aberdeen Caledonian Hotel offers the ideal city centre base.

The hotel's Renaissance style of architecture in the city's signature white granite reflects Aberdeen's rich heritage while its unique approach to improving energy efficiency reflects its commitment to innovation. In fact, it has the lowest carbon footprint of any hotel in Aberdeen, making it an ideal option if you are looking to reduce the impact of your Scottish stay.

**Courtesy of Clara Mennie
LNER Customer Experience Host,
Aberdeen**

mercurecaledonian.aberdeen-hotels.com

STONEHAVEN BEACH

BEST FOR: Watersports and wildlife watching enthusiasts

ADDRESS: Stonehaven Beach,
Stonehaven, AB39 2BD

Stonehaven is a popular coastal resort, loved by watersports enthusiasts, locals and visitors alike. Approximately 1.1 km in length and bound by the outflow of the River Carron and harbour jetty to the south, Stonehaven offers something for everyone, with sandy sections and rocky outcrops.

The cliffs around Stonehaven are home to an impressive array of wildlife, with the RSPB looking after the site which is one of the largest nesting areas for seabirds in Britain.

Courtesy of Clara Mennie
LNER Customer Experience Host,
Aberdeen

visitscotland.com/info/see-do/stonehaven-beach



BOOKS AND BEANS

BEST FOR: Travellers seeking a good coffee and a good read

ADDRESS: 22 Belmont St, Aberdeen, AB10 1JH

Books and Beans is a gem of a find! It's a Fairtrade coffee shop, café and second-hand book store all in one, situated in the city centre on Belmont Street.

With 10,000 books across two floors, it's an ideal place to while away a couple of hours in-between your sightseeing stops. And if you have an evening free, why not check out the coffee shop's events calendar for details of their regular book club and poetry nights.

Courtesy of Edward Tumath
LNER Train Manager, Aberdeen

booksandbeans.co.uk

ABERDEEN CITY CENTRE FREE WALKING TOUR

BEST FOR: Exploring Aberdeen's colourful history

ADDRESS: Mercat Cross, Castle Street, Aberdeen, AB11 5HP

This flagship history tour takes in Castlegate, the harbour, Marischal College, Andy Scot's 'Poised', St Nicholas Kirk and ends in front of the beautiful Aberdeen Art Gallery.

The tour focuses on the oldest and most scenic parts of Aberdeen, taking guests through the city's colourful past and introducing visitors to its quirky characters en route.

Courtesy of Ross Clark
LNER Train Driver, Aberdeen

visitscotland.com/info/tours



KING'S CROSS NEIGHBOURHOOD & ST. PANCRAS INTERNATIONAL

Built around two of the country's largest stations, St. Pancras International and King's Cross, the King's Cross Neighbourhood is now one of the capital's most vibrant creative quarters with a thriving arts and food scene and tranquil nature spots to enjoy. Just around the corner, find the beautiful and iconic St. Pancras International station, home to vibrant public art and tempting retail opportunities.





CARAVAN KING'S CROSS

BEST FOR: Informal dining fans

ADDRESS: Caravan King's Cross,
1 Granary Square, London, N1C 4AA

Hugely popular, Caravan is loved by tourists, locals and fashion students from the neighbouring Central St Martins college, so it's worth booking in advance. With an enviable view overlooking the Square's famous fountains, this informal dining venue is equally good for delicious breakfasts, leisurely coffees, or evenings of people watching.

Winner of the Sustainability Award at the 2023 Retailers Awards, Caravan's menu is bursting with fresh, seasonal produce and exciting, global flavours as everything on the menu is inspired by the team's travels.

**Courtesy of King's Cross
Neighbourhood**

kingscross.co.uk/caravan



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THE LIGHTERMAN

BEST FOR: People watching in beautiful surroundings

ADDRESS: The Lighterman, 3 Granary Square, London, N1C 4BH

The Lighterman provides guests with stunning views of Granary Square and neighbouring Regent's Canal from wraparound terraces buzzing with people every lunchtime and evening.

The modern British-European menu highlights the very best local, seasonal and sustainable produce, including a wide selection of ethical and biodynamic wines, independent craft beers and expertly crafted cocktails.

Courtesy of King's Cross Neighbourhood

kingscross.co.uk/the-lighterman



LNER | STAY IN KING'S CROSS NEIGHBOURHOOD



GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL

BEST FOR: Those seeking a stylish escape

ADDRESS: Great Northern Hotel, Pancras Road, London, N1C 4TB

Located in the heart of King's Cross and positioned just a stone's throw away from King's Cross and St. Pancras International stations, the Great Northern Hotel offers the perfect base from which to explore London in style.

In business since 1854, the hotel's exterior and communal areas evoke the magic and sophistication of the heyday of the railways, while its rooms have been brought right up-to-date with modern luxuries. A cosy bar is the perfect retreat to unwind in after a day of hitting London's cultural hotspots.

Courtesy of King's Cross Neighbourhood

gnhlondon.com



THE GRANARY SQUARE FOUNTAINS

BEST FOR: Sunny days and watery fun

ADDRESS: 1 Granary Square, London, N1C 4AB

One of the most popular attractions at King's Cross, especially with children and dogs, the fountains are made up of 1,080 jets, all individually controlled and lit, providing hours of entertainment and photo opportunities.

On sunny days, the square morphs into an urban beach, with relaxing seating areas and children dashing through the jets and the square surrounded by relaxing seating areas. The fountains are open daily and if you stay around until dusk they're illuminated with multi-coloured lights, creating a spectacular light show.

Courtesy of King's Cross Neighbourhood

kingscross.co.uk/fountains-granary-square

REGENT'S CANAL

BEST FOR: Peaceful waterway walkers

ADDRESS: 42 Blomfield Road, London, W9 2PF

Regent's Canal runs through the heart of King's Cross Neighbourhood and, over the past decade, has been totally transformed. Once the tradesman's entrance, it now offers a host of hidden treasures with birdlife, heritage buildings, seating areas and colourful canal boats to take in along the way. There's even a second-hand bookshop to explore on one of the canal's many barges!

The nine-mile waterway flows from the River Thames at Limehouse in the east to Paddington in the west, taking in some of London's most buzzing spots from King's Cross to Camden Lock and market.

Courtesy of King's Cross Neighbourhood

kingscross.co.uk/regents-canal

CAMLEY STREET NATURAL PARK

BEST FOR: Urban nature lovers

ADDRESS: Camley Street Natural Park, 12 Camley Street, London, N1C 4PW

Camley Street Natural Park offers two acres of wild green space in the heart of King's Cross, making it the ideal peaceful idyll to escape to when you want to disconnect from the frenetic pace of city life and re-immerses yourself in the soothing sounds of nature.

Varied woodland, grassland and wetland habitats including ponds, reedbeds and marshy areas provide a rich habitat for birds, butterflies, amphibians and plant life, while the visitor and learning centre caters for the thousands who visit annually.

Courtesy of King's Cross Neighbourhood

www.wildlondon.org.uk/camley-street-natural-park

ART & CULTURE WALK

BEST FOR: A cultured stroll with surprises around every corner

ADDRESS: Multiple locations

With a rich tradition of creative activity and many world-class cultural organisations based in the area, the arts programme has been central to the development of King's Cross and offers visitors a selection of cultural highlights across art, architecture and landscape design. The walk provides visitors with the opportunity to experience pieces from world-class creators while also providing stunning views of King's Cross and the surrounding Coal Drops Yard.

Courtesy of King's Cross Neighbourhood

kingscross.co.uk/art-culture-guide

BOUTIQUE BY SHELTER

BEST FOR: Stylish sustainable shoppers

ADDRESS: 1st Floor, Coal Drops Yard, London, N1C 4AB

With a lovingly curated range of unique donations and pre-loved items, Shelter's flagship boutique store offers a shopping experience like no other, and supports the vital mission of raising funds to fight homelessness.

Here, you can donate pre-loved vintage or designer pieces to boost the charity's funds, or can treat yourself to one-off finds, to support the growing circular economy.

Courtesy of King's Cross Neighbourhood

england.shelter.org.uk/support_us/shops/kings_cross_boutique



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BEYOND RETRO

BEST FOR: Vintage fashionistas

ADDRESS: 1st Floor, Coal Drops Yard, London, N1C 4DQ

Beyond Retro is the UK's most celebrated vintage store, renowned for changing the fashion landscape with its eclectic mix of pieces, all hand-picked by vintage clothing experts.

In a world of throwaway fashion, here shoppers can discover a treasure trove of timeless pieces, on-trend items and truly one-off finds - all while keeping a clear conscience, knowing that they're making sustainable style choices.



Courtesy of King's Cross Neighbourhood

kingscross.co.uk/beyond-retro



LEWIS CUBITT PARK

BEST FOR: Those looking to unleash their inner child

ADDRESS: Handyside Street, King's Cross, London, N1C 4UZ

Just off Handyside Street, you'll find Lewis Cubitt Park, a green oasis in the heart of the neighbourhood to relax, play or have a picnic in, while drinking in the urban backdrop of London.

At its centre you can't miss the striking and playful Eva Rothschild art installation 'My World and Your World', standing at a colossal 16 metres tall. Making for an intriguing photo stop, the entire artwork is painted in bold stripes that seem to split the solid structure into parts, using the artist's distinctive palette of black, purple, pink, orange, green and red.

Courtesy of King's Cross Neighbourhood

kingscross.co.uk/lewis-cubitt-park

EARL OF EAST

BEST FOR: Eco-friendly interior hunters

ADDRESS: 2nd Floor, Coal Drops Yard, London, N1C 4DQ

Earl of East's collection of home fragrance, candles and bathing products are all sustainably made, with all homeware items created from eco-friendly materials such as aluminium, wood and repurposed plastics.

Alongside promoting sustainable products, Earl of East looks at additional ways to reduce their carbon footprint including using recycled packaging and supporting a tree planting scheme that restores nature to protect the planet.

Courtesy of King's Cross Neighbourhood

earlofeast.com/collections/wqwwnew-arrivals

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BLOMMA BEAUTY

BEST FOR: All natural, ethical beauty buys

ADDRESS: Arches Coal Drops Yard, London, N1C 4DH

At Blomma Beauty, you'll find organic, vegan and cruelty-free skincare, makeup brands and treatments that will make you look and feel fabulous.

The Blomma team is passionate about helping people make sustainably conscious choices for their beauty and wellbeing regimes, so you can rest assured that everything you'll find has been carefully hand selected from ethical makers across the UK, with only products that deliver a truly premium performance making the grade.

Courtesy of King's Cross Neighbourhood

kingscross.co.uk/blomma-beauty

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SEARCYS BRASSERIE & CHAMPAGNE BAR

BEST FOR: Relaxing and enjoying the view

ADDRESS: St. Pancras International Station, London, N1C 4QL

How can you visit London and not stop off at Europe's longest Champagne bar? Slip into a velvet booth and sip on Champagne accompanied by fresh oysters or Searcy's signature Afternoon Tea.

Or, if you're looking for something more substantial, try The Brasserie which features everything from healthy salads through to 1920s classics inspired by the décor. And enjoy it all with your conscience clear, knowing that The Brasserie champions local produce and has implemented a carbon footprint calculator to reduce the impact of its menu on the environment.

Courtesy of St. Pancras International

stpancras.com/eat-drink/searcys-brasserie-champagne-bar



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AUX MERVEILLEUX DE FRED

BEST FOR: Those seeking a taste of Paris - in St. Pancras!

ADDRESS: St. Pancras International Station, Euston Rd, London, N1C 4QP

This French pastry speciality brand is renowned for its delicious, artisanal recipes created by celebrated pastry chef, Frederic Vaucamps, from his bakery in Lille.

Since arriving in St. Pancras in 2023, visitors have been treated to the signature light and delicious Merveilleux cake, Cramique brioches, Flemish waffles and macaroons which are all baked on site, ensuring minimal waste and the freshest tastes to savour.

Courtesy of St. Pancras International

[stpancras.com/eat-drink/
aux-merveilleux-de-fred](https://stpancras.com/eat-drink/aux-merveilleux-de-fred)



SIR ELTON JOHN'S PIANO

BEST FOR: Music enthusiasts and those looking to be entertained

ADDRESS: St. Pancras International Station, Euston Rd, London, N1C 4QP

Since Sir Elton John gifted his piano to St. Pancras International in 2016, the station has seen a whole host of famous and talented musicians take to the keys, including John Legend, Ed Sheeran and Sam Ryder.

Check it out while you are waiting for your connection. You'll often hear amazing free musical performances from talented passersby. Or, why not have a go yourself and grab your five minutes of fame, on one of the world's most iconic pianos?

Courtesy of St. Pancras International

stpancras.com/news-events/sir-elton-john-s-piano 48



FORTNUM & MASON

BEST FOR: Those looking for a special gift

ADDRESS: St. Pancras International Station, Euston Rd, London, N1C 4QP

Nestled amongst Fortnum & Mason's huge range of iconic British products is the exclusive St. Pancras tea - only available in this location. For those seeking something sweeter, Fortnum & Mason's honey has been on a real field to fork journey - or in this case, hive to spoon!

With beehives sitting upon the roof of the station, the honey that is sold in St. Pancras couldn't be more locally produced. It just takes a small detour to be jarred and labelled. So, come along and sample the sweet, super sustainable stuff to see what all the buzz is about!

Courtesy of St. Pancras International

stpancras.com/shop/fortnum-mason

ICONIC LONDON SHOPS AT ST. PANCRAS

BEST FOR: A one stop shopping experience

ADDRESS: St. Pancras International Station, Euston Rd, London, N1C 4QP

With Fortnum & Mason, Hamleys and Hatchards all under one roof, there is no need to detour into central London to pick up gifts for loved ones or even to treat yourself.

With hampers you can personalise in Fortnum & Mason, the latest toys to treat your little ones at Hamleys and a book to suit all literature lovers from Hatchards, retail therapy is just one way to enjoy yourself here.

Courtesy of St. Pancras International

stpancras.com/shop



GRIND

BEST FOR: Environmentally conscious coffee lovers

ADDRESS: St. Pancras International Station, Euston Rd, London, N1C 4QP

Shoreditch based coffee brand, Grind is on a mission to reduce waste and remove plastic coffee pods from the world's oceans. Located in the station's iconic Arcade, the cult coffee shop sells an array of blends in baby pink pods, that claim to be the most sustainable on the planet and that are compatible with all Nespresso machines. Each pod is certified to be home compostable and free of plastic, so make sure to stock up as you travel through.

Courtesy of St. Pancras International

spancras.com/eat-drink/grind

NEAL'S YARD REMEDIES

BEST FOR: Organic beauty products

ADDRESS: St. Pancras International Station, 51 Euston Rd, London, N1C 4QP

Neal's Yard Remedies is a modern apothecary using natural ingredients made from ethically sourced herbs, botanicals and essential oils. Everything you'll find here has been crafted with care at the natural company's eco-factory in Dorset, England to create a potent blend of love, science and nature.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary of becoming the world's first CarbonNeutral® high street retailer, Neal's Yard Remedies continues to pioneer ways of supporting people and the planet including introducing product refills as a way to reduce plastic usage.

Courtesy of St. Pancras International

spancras.com/shop/neal-s-yard-remedies



ST. PANCRAS ART INSTALLATIONS

BEST FOR: Art lovers

ADDRESS: St. Pancras International Station, Euston Rd, London, N1C 4QP

While on your journey, get your cultural fix with free public art installations to enjoy throughout the station.

Signature pieces include Tracey Emin's famous 'I Want My Time With You' light installation found on the Grand Terrace Upper Concourse. At 20m long, the artwork is the largest text piece ever made by the iconic artist.

Other pieces include Shezad Dawood's psychedelic HMS Alice Liddell, a tribute to the diversity of London's communities inspired by original Alice Through The Looking Glass manuscripts.

Courtesy of St. Pancras International

spancras.com/art-music

ST. PANCRAS CHRISTMAS TREE

BEST FOR: Festive celebrations

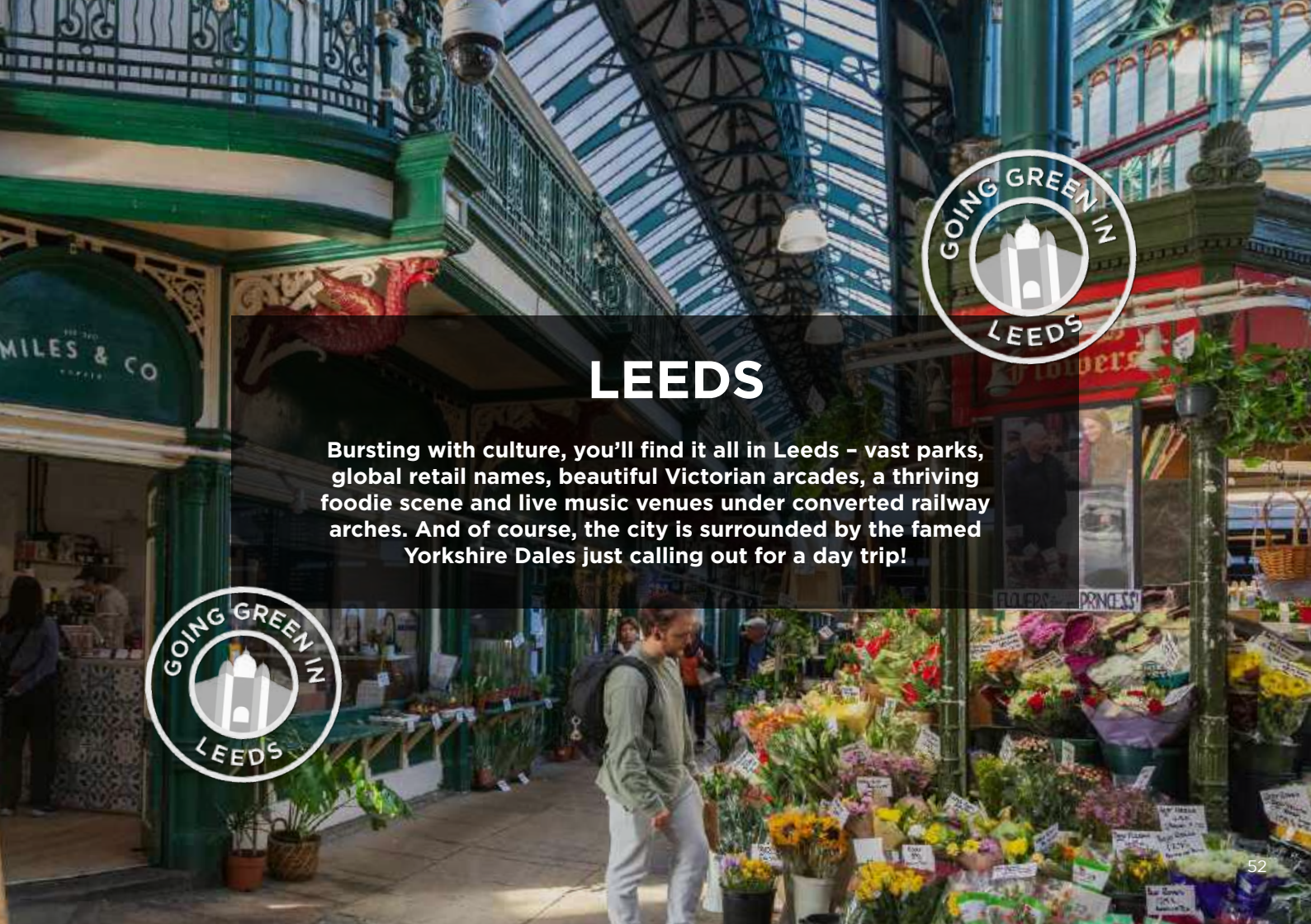
ADDRESS: St. Pancras International Station, 51 Euston Rd, London, N1C 4QP

The unveiling of the famous St. Pancras International Station Christmas tree each year marks the beginning of the festive period in London. The theme of the much-anticipated tree is always a well guarded secret, however it never disappoints. In recent years, there have been interactive trees by Cirque du Soleil, Disney and Lancôme and there was even a giant robot clad Tiffany & Co blue tree.

Set against the imposing gothic architecture of the station, the tree provides the perfect festive picture moment as you go on your travels.

Courtesy of St. Pancras International

spancras.com/news-events/st-pancras-trees-of-christmas-past



LEEDS

Bursting with culture, you'll find it all in Leeds - vast parks, global retail names, beautiful Victorian arcades, a thriving foodie scene and live music venues under converted railway arches. And of course, the city is surrounded by the famed Yorkshire Dales just calling out for a day trip!





FINT

BEST FOR: Seasonal fresh tastes

ADDRESS: 73 Great George Street,
Leeds, LS1 3BR

Tucked away in a peaceful street across from St George's Church, this Nordic-inspired restaurant prides itself on using local, seasonal ingredients ensuring a fresh taste all year round.

By promoting local ingredients, FINT ensures an authentic flavour is brought to this leafy corner and limits food mileage across its menu. FINT is also great for non-meat eaters, with an extensive range of vegetarian and vegan options available.

Courtesy of Rebecca Brown
LNER Train Driver, Leeds

fint-leeds.com



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BUNDOBUST

BEST FOR: Street food fans

ADDRESS: 6 Mill Hill, Leeds, LS1 5DQ

Critically acclaimed and widely regarded as game-changing within the independent food and drink industry, Bundobust has forged a reputation for itself as a beacon of casual, sustainable dining in the North.

The Indian street food and craft beer hall prides itself on its sustainability credentials and diverts 9,500kg of waste from landfill each week, with two thirds of food waste used to generate renewable energy and organic fertiliser.

Courtesy of Alicia Ferguson
LNER Talent Resourcing Partner,
Leeds

bundobust.com

BOTTLE CHOP

BEST FOR: Tasty bites and ethical tipples

ADDRESS: 14 Weetwood Lane,
Headingley, Leeds, LS16 5LX

Bottle Chop is paving the way in making sustainable, natural wines accessible to everyone and is also committed to reducing their carbon footprint by limiting packaging and waste in-store.

With rotating wines and beer on tap, you can pay for your bottle the first time you go, and refill it time and time again with the tittle of your choice. Alongside refillable wine, the menu provides a wide range of vegan, organic deli bites to enjoy while you sip.

Courtesy of Elliot Jarvis
LNER Brand Studio Designer,
Leeds

bottlechop.co.uk



MALMAISON LEEDS

BEST FOR: Quirky, contemporary interior lovers

ADDRESS: 1 Swinegate, Leeds, LS1 4AG

Located within the heart of Leeds' thriving cultural hub and just a stone's throw from Leeds Station, Malmaison provides guests with a gateway to the city's buzzing shopping, dining, and cultural hotspots.

Housed in a beautifully restored Victorian building, the hotel combines the best of old and new, with a traditional facade concealing quirky, contemporary interiors and a lively bar. The hotel is also committed to driving forward sustainable practices, using renewable energy across the building and training staff in how to avoid waste and promote sustainable behaviour.

Courtesy of Susan Day
LNER Station Support Ambassador,
Leeds

malmaison.com/locations/leeds

TITANIC SPA

BEST FOR: Eco-friendly luxury

ADDRESS: Titanic Spa, Titanic Mills, Low Westwood Ln, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5UN

Sitting against the backdrop of the majestic Pennines, Titanic Spa is set within a beautifully restored 20th-century textile mill which blends stunning architecture with state-of-the-art spa facilities and apartment-style accommodation.

As well as being famed for its luxurious treatments, the spa - just a short distance from Leeds - is widely regarded as a sustainability pioneer, with its emphasis on the wellbeing of guests, carbon-neutral building initiatives and locally sourced food and drink.

Courtesy of Alicia Ferguson
LNER Talent Resourcing Partner,
Leeds

titanicspa.com



TROPICAL WORLD LEEDS

BEST FOR: The intrepid explorer

ADDRESS: Princes Avenue, Roundhay,
Leeds, LS8 2ER

Tropical World offers visitors to Leeds a unique opportunity to journey through rainforests, mangroves and deserts encountering meerkats, monkeys, crocodiles and more without even leaving the country!

And when you visit Tropical World's 700 acres of rolling parkland and woodland, you're not only exploring the natural world, you're also helping conserve it, as Tropical World's team plays a frontline role in protecting vulnerable species locally and across the world. For instance, in Leeds' famous Roundhay Park, the team is restoring wildflower meadows to create new habitats for native butterfly species.

**Courtesy of Susan Day
LNER Station Support Ambassador,
Leeds**

tropicalworld.leeds.gov.uk

SCRAP

BEST FOR: Outdoor lovers and bargain hunters

ADDRESS: The Spinning Mill, Sunny Bank Mills off Farsley Town Street, Leeds, LS28 5UJ

Located within a beautiful mill shop, SCRAP is full to the rafters with materials originally destined for landfill. It's a treasure trove of eclectic finds and everything is a bargain, so you can let your imagination run riot! An outdoor play area provides hours of free entertainment as well as inspiration for how 'scrap' can be used to fuel fun.

Louise Lucas founded the eco shop when she realised how many quality resources went to waste, and today SCRAP helps divert over 100 tonnes of waste from landfill each year to be used for creative projects across Leeds.

**Courtesy of Laura Parker
LNER Customer Experience
Transition Manager, Leeds**



KIRKGATE MARKET

BEST FOR: Bargain hunters seeking variety

ADDRESS: Vicar Lane, Leeds City Centre, LS2 7HY

One of the largest indoor markets in Europe, Kirkgate is a shopper's paradise bringing together everything from fresh food, drink and fashion to jewellery, flowers, hardware and haberdashery.

At the heart of the Leeds retail scene since 1857, the market is home to some of the most characterful traders in the city, with businesses spanning generations and representing a wide range of nationalities. It features an Asian Bazaar every Wednesday morning.

**Courtesy of Heather Neal
LNER Executive Assistant, Leeds**

leeds.gov.uk/leedsmarkets

THE FLAMBOYANCE

BEST FOR: Coffee by day, cocktails by night

ADDRESS: Sweet Street, Leeds, LS11 9ET

Not many venues can provide a cracking coffee and a mouthwatering mojito but The Flamboyance hits the mark on both accounts, whilst also providing a warm, inclusive atmosphere for customers.

The venue, which is one of the predominant LGBTQIA+ venues in the city, also hosts regular events including quiz nights, coffee tastings and open mic nights. Whatever your mood, this venue's relaxing and inviting setting makes a great launch pad for exploring all the city has to offer.

**Courtesy of Heather Neal
LNER Executive Assistant, Leeds**

theflamboyance.co.uk

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