

# Birmingham

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Birmingham is a real gem! Excellent restaurants, good shopping, exciting nightlife and an architectural icon have transformed perceptions of the city. Last but not least, the landscape that inspired J.R.R. Tolkien to write "The Lord of the Rings."

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## THE CITY



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Like many other cities, Birmingham has a link with the Roman Empire. The city was mentioned as far back as 1086 in the Domesday Book, and developed into an important trade centre from the 12th century onward. During the 17th century, a large weapons industry grew up. Among others, Birmingham provided Oliver Cromwell's army with weapons and later on they supplied Napoleon. During the golden age of the Industrial Revolution, the city grew rapidly thanks to its supplies of iron, coal and labour. Subsequently, Birmingham became an important hub in England's canal and train networks, and these days the city has a network of over 60 km of canals and other waterways, which is more than Venice.

During the Second World War, large areas of the city were destroyed, and a relatively unlovely city centre was rebuilt. In recent years, however, an architectural renaissance has occurred and old squares, streets and waterways have been restored and renovated. Many typical British brands, and frequently world famous brands have been created here, including Bakelite, Cadbury's, Brylcreem, HP Sauce and Typhoo Tea. The city's inhabitants include J. R. R. Tolkien and Ozzy Osbourne.

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## DO & SEE



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With world-class galleries, interesting museums and outstanding heritage attractions you will find yourself busy. Birmingham offers something for every taste and every age. All you need to do is to start exploring the city and get inspired.

### **Selfridges at The Bullring**

This might be a department store, but Future System's shimmering and organically billowing design for Selfridges has nevertheless become an architectural landmark.

Address: Bullring  
Phone: +44 121 632 1500  
Internet: [www.bullring.co.uk](http://www.bullring.co.uk)

### **Chamberlain Square**

The square is bounded on one side by John Madin's – in most people's opinion – ugly library building. At the other end stands the beautiful Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery.

Address: Chamberlain Square

### **Jewellery Quarter**

The Jeweller's Quarter is worth a visit, a vibrant gem with 100's jewellery retailers and designers. You should also visit the museum on Vyse Street, called Museum of the Jewellery Quarter.

Address: 75 - 79 Vyse Street  
Phone: +44 121 554 3598  
Internet: [www.the-quarter.com](http://www.the-quarter.com)

### **Birmingham Town Hall**

Designed by Joseph Hansom and inaugurated in 1832. This is the site of the premiere of Mendelssohn's Elijah. The magnificent building underwent far-reaching renovations in 2007.

Address: Victoria Square

### **St. Martin's**

Originally dating from 13th century, the contrast with the futuristic facade of the Bullring shopping centre is extreme, but this does not diminish the value of the church, either visually, historically, or as a meeting place.

Address: Bullring

### **Sutton Park**

Sutton Park is 9.5 kilometres north of Birmingham and is said to be Europe's largest urban park. It covers all of 9.7 square kilometres (2,400 acres).

Address: Park Road, Sutton Coldfield  
Phone: +44 1347 810 249

### **Twycross Zoo**

Only 30 minutes from Birmingham you can see more than 1.000 animals at the Twycross Zoo! Discover different primates, mammals, reptiles, birds and much more. You name it, they got it!

Address: Burton Road, Atherstone  
Phone: +44 844 47 41 777  
Internet: [www.twycrosszoo.org](http://www.twycrosszoo.org)

### **Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery**

This vibrant museum in the heart of the city offers over 40 galleries which are displaying world-class collection of art both from local and international artist. There are over 500,000 objects here.

Address: Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH  
Phone: +44 121 303 2834  
Internet: [www.bmag.org.uk](http://www.bmag.org.uk)

### **The National Sea Life**

Explore the amazing sea life and learn more about the animal life, about turtles, sharks, clown fishes, octopus and jellyfishes to name a few. This is a great family attraction with plenty of activities for the children. Do not miss the walkthrough underwater tunnel where you get a closer look of these amazing animals.

Address: 3 Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2HL

Phone: +44 871 423 2110

Internet: [www.visitsealife.com](http://www.visitsealife.com)

### **Cadbury World**

This amazing attraction is definitely a must if you love chocolate since it allows you to discover the Cadbury World. It is a very nice place for the whole family with fourteen amazing zones to explore and where you can learn how this lovely confectionery is made and of course you get the chance to do some tasting.

Address: Linden Road, Birmingham Bournville B30 2LU

Phone: +44 844 880 7667

Internet: [www.cadburyworld.co.uk](http://www.cadburyworld.co.uk)

### **Thinktank Science Museum**

At this museum you can discover the world of science, investigate the past and take a peek into the future of technology. In these ten themed galleries with inspiring and interactive fun you will definitely find yourself busy. Do not miss the digital Planetarium and the outdoor Science Garden.

Address: Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG

Phone: +44 121 202 2222

Internet: [www.thinktank.ac](http://www.thinktank.ac)

### **Go Ape - Wyre Forest**

Go Ape is the UK's number one forest adventure and is a place where you can have fun with friends and family. Enjoy lots of activities like tree-top crossings and wind-in-your-face zip wires. Or why not explore the forest with a Segway?

Address: Wyre Forest, Callow Hill, Bewdley, Worcestershire DY14 9XQ

Phone: +44 845 643 92 15

Internet: [www.goape.co.uk](http://www.goape.co.uk)

### **National Motorcycle Museum**

The National Motorcycle Museum is known as the largest motorcycle museum in the world. On display are a large amount of motorcycles from vintage to new. There is also a gift shop and a restaurant if you are felling hungry or thirsty.

Address: Coventry Road, Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0EJ

Phone: +44 1675 443 311

Internet: [www.nationalmotorcyclemuseum.co.uk](http://www.nationalmotorcyclemuseum.co.uk)

### **Birmingham Botanical Gardens**

Take a stroll around this beautiful garden and admire stunning flowers and plants. As you walk through the garden you will encounter some wild life, there are birds and butterflies everywhere. There is also a Tea Room where you can sip a cup of coffee or tea.

Address: Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

Phone: +44 121 454 1860

Internet: [www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk](http://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk)

### **St. Paul's Church**

St. Paul's Church was designed by Roger Eykyn and the building started in 1777 and consecrated in 1779. The church is beautifully located on Georgian St Paul's Square. Around the square there are restaurants, bars and cafés where you can enjoy something to eat or drink. This is a nice oasis that should not be missed.

Address: St. Paul's Square, Hockley, Birmingham B3 1QU

Phone: +44 121 236 7858

## DINING



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It is quite easy to find something good to eat in Birmingham, especially if tasty, creative Indian food is high on your wish list. If you aim for Broad Street, there is a lot to choose from, and excursions to other districts such as the Jewellery Quarter may also be worthwhile.

### Bank

Bank is a chic and elegant restaurant and bar located at Brindleyplace. Come here for a lovely meal or enjoy a delicious cocktail at the bar.

Address: 4 Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2JB  
Phone: +44 121 633 4466  
Internet: [www.bankrestaurants.com](http://www.bankrestaurants.com)  
More Info: [birmingham.reservations@bankrestaurants.com](mailto:birmingham.reservations@bankrestaurants.com)

### Shimla Pinks

Prize-winning Shimla Pinks attracts guests from all over the country. Anybody who misses the restaurant's Koh-E-Avadh, lamb with ginger and garlic, has definitely only himself to blame.

Address: 214 Broad Street, Birmingham B15 1AY  
Phone: +44 121 633 0366  
Internet: [www.shimlapinks.co.uk](http://www.shimlapinks.co.uk)

### Miyako Teppanyaki

Miyako Teppanyaki offers a Japanese menu which is cooked right beside your table by one of the chefs. Indulge yourself with mouth-watering dishes like king prawns and scallops, grilled tuna steak or spicy stir fried lamb.

Address: Ladywell Walk, Hurst Street, Birmingham B5 4ST  
Phone: +44 121 622 5183  
Internet: [www.miyakoteppanyaki.com](http://www.miyakoteppanyaki.com)

### Berlioz Restaurant

Book in advance as Berlioz soon gets fully booked. Grand and traditional as well as tasty and well-cooked American and Continental cuisine. Located in the Macdonald Burlington Hotel.

Address: Burlington Arcade, 126 New Street, Birmingham B2 4JQ  
Phone: +44 844 879 9019  
Internet: [www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk](http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk)

### Annexe

Annexe can be described as sophisticated venue but yet with a relaxing atmosphere. A restaurant where you can eat Italian and French inspired cuisine, served with heart and soul.

Address: 220 Corporation Street, Birmingham B4 6QB  
Phone: +44 121 236 1171  
Internet: [www.annexe.co](http://www.annexe.co)

### Pushkar

For authentic and fresh Indian food, head over to restaurant Pushkar. The head chef has created an eclectic menu with a mix of contemporary, traditional and original ideas.

Address: 245 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HQ  
Phone: +44 121 643 7978  
Internet: [www.pushkardining.com](http://www.pushkardining.com)

### The Karczma

Enjoy traditional Polish food in the heart of Birmingham. The restaurant is decorated in the style of an old country cottage with wooden tables and benches. This is a place where you can eat homely, hearty and rustic food which are prepared with quality ingredients.

Address: Bordesley Street, Birmingham B5 5PH  
Phone: +44 121 448 0017  
Internet: [www.thekarczma.co.uk](http://www.thekarczma.co.uk)  
More Info: Polish Millennium House

### **Cucina Rustica**

Cucina Rustica serves fine Italian food and located in the heart of Birmingham. This is a restaurant where you can eat authentic Italian food in a relaxing atmosphere. The menu offers mouth-watering dishes like pizza, pasta and meat dishes.

Address: 24 Ludgate Hill, Birmingham, West Midlands B3 1DX  
Phone: +44 121 233 2277  
Internet: [www.cucinarustica.co.uk](http://www.cucinarustica.co.uk)

### **Topokki**

Topokki is an excellent restaurant to experience Korean home cooking cuisine. The friendly and attentive staff serves delicious dishes like Korean dumpling, spicy fried pork and Korean style pancake. This is a modern place with an open kitchen with really special dishes.

Address: Unit 1c Southside, Hurst Street, Birmingham B5 4TD  
Phone: +44 121 666 7200  
Internet: [www.topokki.co.uk](http://www.topokki.co.uk)

### **Carters of Moseley**

This is a place well worth a visit if you like classic British food with a modern twist. The chefs prepare the food with the finest ingredients, from Scottish beef to Cornish fish and vegetables from the local farmers. With your tasty food, select a glass of fine wine from the extensive wine list.

Address: 2c Wake Green Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9EZ  
Phone: +44 121 449 8885  
Internet: [www.cartersofmoseley.co.uk](http://www.cartersofmoseley.co.uk)

### **Suriya**

For Indian & Pan Asian cuisine you can visit restaurant Suriya in the heart of Birmingham. The restaurant offers the finest food which are prepared with natural ingredients of high quality. If you are very hungry you have come to the right place - the staff serves generous portions.

Address: 426 Kingstanding Road, Great Barr, Birmingham B44 9SA  
Phone: +44 121 373 2425  
Internet: [www.suriyas.co.uk](http://www.suriyas.co.uk)

### **Simpsons**

Simpsons is a French restaurant with a Michelin star and is a great place where you can enjoy high quality food in a romantic and beautiful setting. The attention to detail in the choice of food, ingredients, preparation and service is impeccable at this restaurant.

Address: 20 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3DU  
Phone: +44 121 454 3434  
Internet: [www.simpsonsrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.simpsonsrestaurant.co.uk)

### **Anderson's Bar & Grill**

This steak house is beautifully located in the picturesque Georgian Square of St Pauls Church. The restaurant is housed in an 18-century cellar which creates a romantic and cosy atmosphere. The chef uses the best quality meat; the beef comes from the award-winning Becks Butchers in Kenilworth.

Address: 30 Mary Ann Street, St. Paul's Square, Birmingham B3 1RL  
Phone: +44 121 200 2515  
Internet: [www.andersonsbarandgrill.co.uk](http://www.andersonsbarandgrill.co.uk)

### **Away2dine - Canal Cruising Restaurant**

Looking for a different dining experience? Take a three hour canal cruise around Birmingham and enjoy three-course dinner while admiring the beautiful views. The welcoming staff serves tasty dishes with meat and fish; there is also a good selection of wines.

Address: 3 Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2JB  
Phone: +44 845 644 5244  
Internet: [www.away2dine.co.uk](http://www.away2dine.co.uk)

### **Handmade Burger Co.**

In a cosy setting by the canal this restaurant offers more than 40 varieties of handmade burgers which are made from scratch and cooked to order. The chef only uses the finest ingredients to get that perfect taste. You can get good vegetarian burgers too.

Address: The Water's Edge, Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2JB  
Phone: +44 121 665 6542  
Internet: [www.handmadeburger.co.uk](http://www.handmadeburger.co.uk)

## CAFES



Photo: FoodBlogSouth

Finding a cafe to relax in is not hard in Birmingham, you will find everything from international brands to the growing number of family-owned cafés. You will never be far away from a cup of the java.

### **Druckers Vienna Patisserie**

Viennese-inspired Druckers serves excellent, hand-made cakes and buns. You can also come here for a continental breakfast or lunch, serving dishes like grilled paninis, soup and jacket potatoes.

Address: 100 Great Western Arcade, Birmingham B2 5HU  
Phone: +44 121 236 6292  
Internet: [www.druckers.co.uk](http://www.druckers.co.uk)

### **Floating Coffee Company**

The Floating Coffee Company is one of the more unusual cafés aboard a houseboat. Relax and choose from a range of beverages. Very friendly personnel (or say, crew).

Address: Brindley Place, Broad Street  
Phone: +44 121 455 6163  
Internet: [www.sherbornewharf.co.uk](http://www.sherbornewharf.co.uk)

### **The Kitchen Garden Cafe**

Welcome to this tranquil oasis in the middle of the busy shopping centre in Kings Heath's. Enjoy a freshly made salad or a nice cup of coffee.

Address: 17 York Road, Birmingham B14 7SA  
Phone: +44 121 443 4725  
Internet: [www.kitchengardencafe.co.uk](http://www.kitchengardencafe.co.uk)

More Info: [info@kitchengardencafe.co.uk](mailto:info@kitchengardencafe.co.uk)

### **The Coffee Room Cafe Bar**

Here you will find a great range of loose leaf teas, lovely coffee and chocolate blends. The Coffee Room is centrally located and makes for an ideal meeting point.

Address: 70 Hurst Street, B5 4ST Birmingham  
Phone: +44 121 605 4343  
Internet: [www.thecoffeeroombarbistro.co.uk](http://www.thecoffeeroombarbistro.co.uk)  
More Info: [info@thecoffeeroombarbistro.co.uk](mailto:info@thecoffeeroombarbistro.co.uk)

### **Boston Tea Party Birmingham**

Award-winning café chain located in the heart of Corporation Street, housed in an old building. This ethically family friendly café serves outstanding coffee, tea and homemade cakes.

Address: 190 Corporation Street, Birmingham B4 6QD  
Phone: +44 121 236 2972  
Internet: [www.bostonteparty.co.uk](http://www.bostonteparty.co.uk)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE

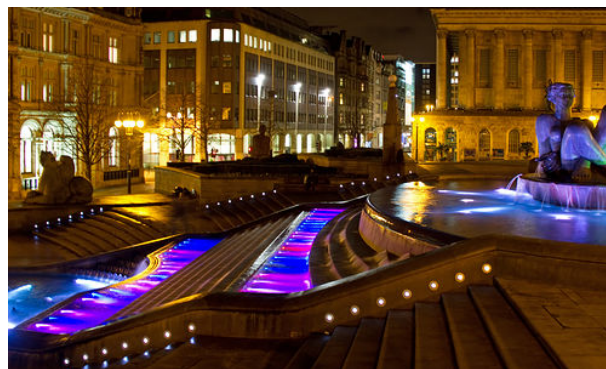


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Birmingham's nightlife is as famous as it is varied. The range is constantly changing and it is normally best to check out the situation on site, preferably in the city's clothing and record stores. Here are some places to start with.



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### Chi

At Chi, mixing cocktails is a serious business. To some it is considered the best bar in Birmingham and situated in the heart of the city. You will also find a night club here playing music like RnB and Hip hop.

Address: 61 Newhall Street, Birmingham B3 3RB

Phone: +44 121 233 3150

Internet: [www.chibar.co.uk](http://www.chibar.co.uk)

### The Briar Rose

The stunning Art Deco interior rescues Briar Rose from falling into the same deep hole as other chain pubs. They offer a very nice hotel and bar.

Address: 25 Bennetts Hill, Birmingham B2 5RE

Phone: +44 121 634 8100

### Island Bar

If you like to try different exotic drinks then you have to come to Island Bar. Not only do they have a great atmosphere but their drinks are award winning.

Address: 14-16 Suffolk Street, Birmingham B1 1LT

Phone: +44 121 632 5296

Internet: [www.bar-island.co.uk](http://www.bar-island.co.uk)

More Info: [info@bar-island.co.uk](mailto:info@bar-island.co.uk)

### The Trocadero

Come here to relax and enjoy the atmosphere at the iconic The Trocadero. This is a place serving lunch, dinner and live sport. You can also drink real ales and really good wines.

Address: Temple Street, Birmingham, B2 5BG

Phone: +44 1216 436 107

Internet: [www.thetrocaderobirmingham.co.uk](http://www.thetrocaderobirmingham.co.uk)

### Snobs

Snobs is a venue combining great music, cheap drinks, full dance floors and a great atmosphere. DJ's are playing music like Indie Rock n' Roll, Alt pop and Retro Jams. Very popular place so come early before it gets busy.

Address: 29 Paradise Circus, Queensway, Birmingham B1 2BJ

Phone: +44 121 643 5551

Internet: [www.snobsnightclub.co.uk](http://www.snobsnightclub.co.uk)

## SHOPPING



Photo: Bob Hall

In Birmingham, much of the shopping is concentrated in the Bullring mega-complex. This is where you will find the traditional chains such as Karen Millen, Monsoon, Miss Sixty and HMV. The exception is Apple's elegant computer shop, full of iPod accessories. The most interesting part, both the inside and the outside, is the highly self-assured Selfridges department store. If you are used to the London store, you should prepare yourself for a somewhat more focused, but still exciting range of goods.

As usual, there is a couple of bars and restaurants, plus a grocery department with delicious and exciting products from countries including USA and Japan. A stone's throw from the Bullring is the flea market in Saint Martin's Market, locally referred to as The Rag. You can find both bargains and sin, especially early in the morning. Vintage clothes, magazines, goods and gadgets. With its 50 years of history, The Rag is still a must in Birmingham. If you



want to buy jewellery, you should head for the unique Jewellery Quarter. Here you can buy anything made from noble metals. "The Golden Triangle" between Warstone Lane and Vyse Street, is the right place to find bargains without ruining yourself. The shops in the area also sell antiques and clocks.

At The Mailbox, previously a mail sorting office on Wharfside Street, there are now fashion shops and galleries. This is where the city has its Harvey Nichols, and shops such as Hugo Boss, DKNY and Armani. On the subject of converted industrial premises, there is also The Custard Factory. About 30 shops of varying quality are housed in the premises on Gib Square. Boisterous but interesting.

## ACCOMMODATIONS



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Whether you are planning a vacation, a special weekend or a business meeting, rest assured, you will find a place that appeals to you. Birmingham offers a wide range of accommodation to suit all needs, a diverse collection of modern hotels, guest houses and stunning boutique hotels.

### Malmaison Hotel

The tiny Malmaison chain is the city's best boutique hotel. At the hotel you will find everything you need – food, drink and a good night's sleep – all in a very beautiful setting.

Address: The Mailbox, Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RD  
Phone: +44 844 693 0651  
Internet: [www.malmaison.com](http://www.malmaison.com)

### Macdonald Burlington Hotel

The beautiful Burlington has accommodated distinguished guests of the city for over 125 years. Choose between a room with traditional or more modern furnishings.

Address: Burlington Arcade, 126 New Street, Birmingham B2 4JQ  
Phone: +44 121 879 9019  
Internet: [www.burlingtonhotel.com](http://www.burlingtonhotel.com)

### Ramada Hotel Birmingham City Centre

Anyone who wants efficient and practical accommodation in Birmingham should opt for Days Inn. The hotel chain is neither luxurious nor ostentatious, but offers all the essentials. Furthermore, at a reasonable price.

Address: 160 Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RL GB  
Phone: +44 121 643 9344  
Internet: [www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

### Hampton Hilton

The hotel is located in one of the busiest areas in the city centre of Birmingham. At this hotel you can enjoy a lovely breakfast, their fitness centre or relax in the so called Gathering Zone.

Address: 200 Broad Street, Birmingham B15 1SU  
Phone: +44 121 329 7450  
Internet: [www.hamptonbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.hamptonbirmingham.co.uk)

### Hotel Indigo Birmingham

Hotel Indigo Birmingham is a chic hotel with a spa and it houses 52 lovely boutique bedrooms. Here you can enjoy the amazing panoramic views and have a nice dinner at the on-site restaurant.

Address: 200 Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RS  
Phone: +44 121 643 2010  
Internet: [www.hotelindigobirmingham.co.uk](http://www.hotelindigobirmingham.co.uk)

### Jurys Inn Birmingham

When staying at this three-star hotel, you will be staying in the centre of Birmingham. The hotel is located close to shopping areas and the world class convention centre which is perfect for both business and leisure travellers.

To make sure that you will have a good night rest the hotel provides comfortable rooms in a relaxing environment.

Address: 245 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HQ  
Phone: +44 121 606 9000  
Internet: [www.birminghamhotels.jurysinns.com](http://www.birminghamhotels.jurysinns.com)

### **Ibis Birmingham Centre**

Ibis Birmingham Centre is a budget hotel and as the name suggests it is located in the city centre. All 159 rooms come with air conditioning, a satellite TV and internet access. There is also the Chilli Bar that offers snacks and light meals 24 hours a day.

Address: Ladywell Walk, Birmingham B5 4ST  
Phone: +44 121 619 9000  
Internet: [www.ibis.com](http://www.ibis.com)

### **Crowne Plaza Birmingham City**

This is one of the most popular hotels in Birmingham due to its good location, amazing facilities and for the impeccable service. At this four-star hotel you can stay in a luxury bedroom with modern decor and make sure to unwind and enjoy your holiday.

Address: Holliday Street, Birmingham B1 1HH  
Phone: +44 121 224 5000  
Internet: [www.crowneplazabirmingham.com](http://www.crowneplazabirmingham.com)

### **Gables Nest**

Gables Nest is a small family-run guest house and located just 4 miles from Birmingham International Airport. The friendly owner makes you feel welcome and every morning they serve delicious breakfast.

Address: 1639 Coventry Road, Birmingham B26 1DD  
Phone: +44 121 708 2712  
Internet: [www.guesthousebirmingham.co.uk](http://www.guesthousebirmingham.co.uk)

### **Britannia Hotel Birmingham**

Britannia Hotel Birmingham is a comfortable three-star hotel situated in the city centre, close to Bullring shopping centre and Jewellery Markets. When you are hungry you

will find a restaurant inside the hotel that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Address: New Street, Birmingham B2 4RX  
Phone: +44 871 221 0191  
Internet: [www.britanniahotels.com](http://www.britanniahotels.com)

### **Holiday Inn Birmingham City**

This comfortable three-star hotel is located in the bustling city centre, a modern hotel with wireless internet throughout the 11-storey building. It also provides 24-hour room service to make sure that you will have a pleasant stay.

Address: Smallbrook Queensway, Birmingham B5 4EW  
Phone: +44 20 793 793  
Internet: [www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com)

### **The Lodge Hotel**

The Lodge Hotel is located within Hall Green Greyhound Stadium, 20 minutes from Birmingham International Airport and provides free parking and free racing passes. Some rooms have even views of the racecourse. Every morning you can start your day with English or continental breakfast.

Address: York Road, Birmingham B28 8LQ  
Phone: +44 121 777 3480  
Internet: [www.thelodgeathallgreen.co.uk](http://www.thelodgeathallgreen.co.uk)

### **Radisson Blu Hotel, Birmingham**

This chic four-star hotel Radisson Blu Hotel features 211 hotel rooms in a 39-storey skyscraper. This is a place where you can unwind in an elegant hotel room with floor-to-ceiling windows, offering breathtaking views of the city skyline.

Address: 12 Holloway Circus, Birmingham B1 1BT  
Phone: +44 121 654 6000  
Internet: [www.radissonblu.co.uk/hotel-birmingham](http://www.radissonblu.co.uk/hotel-birmingham)

### **Premier Inn Birmingham City**

Sleep well in a comfortable bed at this three-star hotel which is ideally located in the heart of the business centre,

on a quiet square, close to city attractions. The on-site restaurant serves tasty steaks and cocktails and you can even get late-night pizza sent to your room.

Address: 3-6 Waterloo Street, Birmingham B2 5PG  
Phone: +44 871 527 8074  
Internet: [www.premierinn.com](http://www.premierinn.com)

### Castle Bromwich Hall Hotel

Stay in a beautiful and historical 16th-century manor house which is set in an amazing landscaped garden, just 15 minutes' drive from Birmingham. All 31 rooms are individually designed and offer modern comforts. A full English breakfast is served every morning.

Address: Chester Road, Birmingham B36 9DE  
Phone: +44 121 748 0030  
Internet: [www.castlebromwichhallhotel.com](http://www.castlebromwichhallhotel.com)

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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### Airports

Birmingham International Airport (BHX) is the fifth largest airport in the United Kingdom and is situated 13 kilometres east of Birmingham. The adjacent train station is reached via a short trip on the free Air-Rail Link bus. Trains then depart for Birmingham every 5-20 minutes all day long. Tickets can be purchased at the station for the 12 minute long journey to New Street Station. Local bus 900 leaves from bus stop K outside the terminal every 20-30 minutes. The journey to Moor Street Station takes about 35 minutes.

Internet: [www.bhx.co.uk](http://www.bhx.co.uk)

### Public transport

In Birmingham, public transport consists of an extensive bus network and the inner suburbs are linked by local trains and trams. There are several different types of travel passes from which to choose, including a one-day rover pass.

Internet: [www.centro.org.uk](http://www.centro.org.uk)

### Taxi

It is easiest to hail a taxi on the street, especially in the centre of the city or at the airport and train stations. Taxis can also be ordered from companies, for example, Radio Cars.

Phone: +44 121 608 8888

### Post

Stamps can be purchased from post offices and newsagents. Post Offices are generally open from Monday to Saturday from 9 am or 9.30 am to 5.30 pm or 12.30 pm.

Internet: [www.postoffice.co.uk](http://www.postoffice.co.uk)

### Pharmacy

NHS Direct on +44 121 0800 328 3205 can advise you about pharmacies with longer opening hours.



### Telephone

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### Daryl Hall & John Oates — Concert/Theatre

Date: 22/07/2014

Address: Symphony Hall, Birmingham

Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/en/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=737817>

### Ant & Dec's Takeaway On Tour — Concert/Theatre

Date: 09/08/2014

Address: LG Arena, Birmingham

Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/en/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=724068>

### Ant & Dec's Takeaway On Tour — Concert/Theatre

Date: 10/08/2014

Address: LG Arena, Birmingham

Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/en/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=724069>

### Bassman Birthday 2014 — Concert/Theatre

Date: 23/08/2014

Address: O2 Academy, Birmingham

Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/en/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=750443>

### Mordred — Concert/Theatre

Date: 26/08/2014

Address: O2 Academy, Birmingham

Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/en/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=747740>

### Population

1 million

### Currency

British Pounds, £1 = 100 pence

### Opening hours

Monday - Saturday 9.30 am-6 pm. Many larger stores are open until 8 pm and frequently from 10 am-6 pm on Sundays and other public holidays.

### Newspapers

Birmingham Post

Birmingham Evening Mail

### Emergency numbers

999

### Tourist information

Visitor Centre - New Street

The junction of New Street and Corporation Street, Birmingham, B2 4DB

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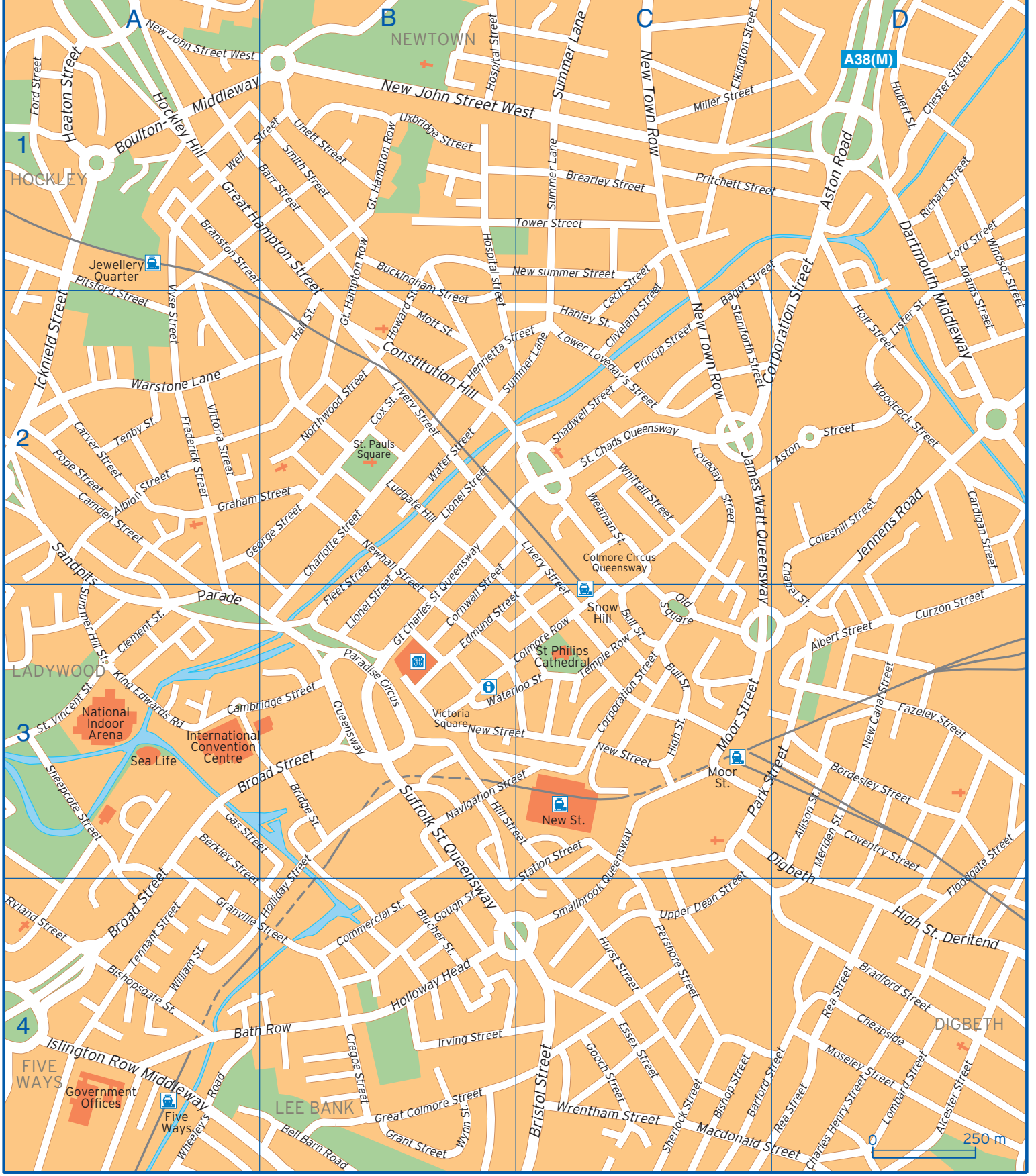
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Adams Street	D1 D2	Dartmouth Middleway	D1 D2	Macdonald Street	C4 D4
Albert Street	D3	Digbeth	C3 D4	Meriden Street	D3
Albion Street	A2	Edmund Street	B3 C3	Miller Street	C1
Alcester Street	D4	Elkington Street	C1	Moor Street	C3
Allison Street	D3	Essex Street	C4	Moseley Street	D4
Aston Road	D1	Fazeley Street	D3	Mott Street	B2
Aston Street	D2	Fleet Street	B2 B3	Navigation Street	B3 C3
Bagot Street	C2 D1	Floodgate Street	D3 D4	New Canal Street	D3
Barford Street	C4 D4	Ford Street	A1	New John Street West	A1 B1 C1
Barr Street	A1 B1	Frederick Street	A2	New Street	B3 C3
Bath Row	A4 B4	Gas Street	A3 B3	New summer Street	B1 C1
Bell Barn Road	B4	George Street	A2 B2	New Town Row	C1 C2
Berkley Street	A3 A4	Gooch Street	C4	Newhall Street	B2 B3
Bishop Street	C4	Gough Street	B4	Northwood Street	B2
Bishopsgate Street	A4	Graham Street	A2 B2	Old Square	C3
Blucher Street	B4	Grant Street	B4	Parade	A3
Bordesley Street	D3	Granville Street	A4 B4	Paradise Circus Queensway	B3
Boulton Middleway	A1 B1	Great Colmore Street	B4	Park Street	C3 D3
Bradford Street	D4	Great Hampton Row	B1 B2	Pershore Street	C4
Branston Street	A1	Great Hampton Street	A1 B2	Pitsford Street	A1 A2
Brearley Street	C1	Hall Street	B2	Pope Street	A2
Bridge Street	B3	Hanley Street	C2	Princip Street	C2
Bristol Street	C4	Heaton Street	A1	Pritchett Street	C1 D1
Broad Street	A3 A4 B3	Henrietta Street	B2 C2	Rea Street	D4
Buckingham Street	B1 B2	High Street	C3	Richard Street	D1
Bull Street	C3	High Street Deritend	D4	Ryland Street	A4
Cambridge Street	A3 B3	Hill Street	B3 C3	Sandpits	A2 A3
Camden Street	A2	Hockley Hill	A1	Shadwell Street	C2
Cardigan Street	D2	Holliday Street	B3 B4	Sheepcote Street	A3
Carver Street	A2	Holloway Head	B4	Sherlock Street	C4
Cecil Street	C1 C2	Holt Street	D2	Smallbrook Queensway	C3 C4
Chapel Street	D2 D3	Hospital Street	B1 B2	Smith Street	B1
Charles Henry Street	D4	Howard Street	B2	St. Chads Queensway	B2 B3 C2
Charlotte Street	B2	Hubert Street	D1	St. Pauls Square	B2
Cheapside	D4	Hurst Street	C4	St. Vincent Street	A3
Chester Street	D1	Icknield Street	A2	Staniforth Street	C2
Clement Street	A3	Irving Street	B4	Station Street	C3 C4
Cliveland Street	C1 C2	Islington Row Middleway	A4	Suffolk Saint Queensway	B3 B4
Coleshill Street	D2	James Watt Queensway	C2 C3	Summer Hill Street	A3
Colmore Circus Queensway	C2	Jennens Road	D2	Summer Lane	B2 C1 C2
Colmore Row	C3	King Edwards Road	A3	Temple Row	C3
Commercial Street	B4	Lionel Street	B2 B3	Tenby Street	A2
Constitution Hill	B2	Lister Street	D2	Tennant Street	A4
Cornwall Street	B2 B3	Livery Street	B2 C2 C3	Tower Street	B1 C1
Corporation Street	C3 D1 D2	Lombard Street	D4	Unett Street	B1
Coventry Street	D3	Lord Street	D1	Upper Dean Street	C3 C4
Cox Street	B2	Loveday Street	C2	Uxbridge Street	B1
Cregoe Street	B4	Lower Loveday's Street	C2	Victoria Square	B3
Curzon Street	D3	Ludgate Hill	B2	Vittoria Street	A2

Vyse Street  
Warstone Lane  
Water Street  
Waterloo Street  
Weaman Street

A1 A2 Well Street  
A2 Wheeley's Road  
B2 Whittall Street  
B3 C3 William Street  
C2

A1 Windsor Street  
A4 Woodcock Street  
C2 Wrentham Street  
A4 Wynn Street

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