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The Green Guide 2023

Eco-friendly places to eat, stay and play in York, Durham and Dundee.



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Welcome to LNER's Green Guide

This is the third instalment in our Green Guide series, following on from the popularity of the last two editions which focused on **Inverness, Harrogate & Lincoln** and **Edinburgh, London & Newcastle**.

This latest Guide showcases some of the very best spots to discover in yet another three iconic destinations along our route – **York, Durham & Dundee**. With historical and cultural hotspots to explore in each of these destinations, there are a wealth of options for you to discover on your travels – whether that's spending a night within the walls of Durham Castle or tucking into the finest Yorkshire treats at the famous Bettys.

Furthering our efforts to encourage sustainable tourism across our network, the distinctive hotspots featured in this LNER Green Guide also reveal some of the historic and cultural gems that are working hard in their pursuits to become more environmentally friendly. This comes in the form of using hyperlocal produce in menus, providing staff with eco-friendly work transport options, and following sustainable hotel practices. At LNER we have an ongoing commitment to sustainability, from our new fleet of Azuma trains, to the way in which we process our waste, reduce water usage, and promote recycling.

Travelling by train is the most eco-friendly mode of motorised transport, particularly our world-class Azuma trains which run under electric power on much of our network. If over the next year each of us substituted just half of our planned leisure car and plane journeys within the UK with train, we'd reduce our carbon emissions by a staggering 331 kgs.

With sustainable recommendations from LNER colleagues, locals and tourism organisations, this Guide has something for everyone to enjoy when exploring Dundee, Durham, and York this year and beyond.

We hope that you enjoy your journey. Please don't forget to tag us on Twitter or Instagram **@LNER** and **#GreenGuides** so that everyone can see where and what you've been enjoying on your travels.

David Horne,
LNER Managing Director

YORK

Beyond its ancient walls, the cosmopolitan, vibrant city of York has over 2,000 years of historic roots to explore, promising an adventure for everyone who visits.



PLACES TO VISIT IN YORK

NORTH YORK MOORS

BEST FOR: Those looking to be at one with nature

ADDRESS: North York Moors National Park Authority, The Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley, York, YO62 5BP

Take a short bus or train journey from York city centre and you'll find yourself surrounded by the beautiful rolling hills of the North York Moors.

Whether you're exploring the spring daffodils in Farndale, the romantic Rievaulx Abbey or strolling along the beach at Hayburn Wyke, there's so much to explore in the crisp countryside air surrounding York.

Courtesy of Make it York

northyorkmoors.org.uk

NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM

BEST FOR: Train lovers of all ages

ADDRESS: Leeman Road, York, YO26 4XJ

The exhibits here tell the story of the railways from their earliest days - George Stephenson's pioneering "Rocket" from 1829 is here - to the modern era. Go inside the carriage of a Japanese bullet train, gaze through the window of Queen Victoria's sleeping carriage and get up close to the world's fastest steam train, the Mallard.

The museum's "2025 project" will see its biggest revamp since it opened, with an emphasis on sustainable building materials such as recycled copper and low-carbon timber framing.

Courtesy of Kristofer McGee

LNER Social Media Manager - Content

railwaymuseum.org.uk

YORK MINSTER

BEST FOR: Those who like to delve further into history

ADDRESS: York Minster, Deangate, York, YO1 7HH

York's imposing cathedral has dominated the skyline since the 7th century. But there's much more here than first meets the eye, whether you're exploring the details of the exquisite stained glass, the history of the undercroft, or the views after you've climbed the 275 steps to the top of the tower. Look around to spot the 13th-century gargoyle, sculpted by a mischievous mason, that involves a cheeky monkey and a donkey!

York Minster has also discreetly installed solar panels to the roof of their Refectory building, producing approximately 10,000 kilowatt-hours of power every year and supporting the Minster's ambitions to achieve operational net zero carbon.

Courtesy of Make it York

yorkminster.org



YORK GIN

BEST FOR: Gin lovers

ADDRESS: 12 Pavement, York,
YO1 9UP

York Gin is an award-winning independent gin distiller inspired by Yorkshire's local flavours and the history of York, as shown by their motto 'History in the Tasting'.

Sustainability and responsibility are at the heart of everything they do, with the distillery powered by 100% green energy and all their vehicles being emission-free. You can also refill your empty York Gin bottles at the York Gin shop for a £5 discount.

Courtesy of Make it York

BRADLEY'S JEWELLERS YORK

BEST FOR: Those looking for a sparkling souvenir

ADDRESS: 67 Low Petergate, York,
YO1 7HY

Bradley's Jewellers York is proud to be an award-winning, family owned, and family run independent jewellers in York just a stone's throw from the Shambles. There's something for everyone including ethically sourced and sustainable diamonds, laboratory-grown diamonds and collections using Single Mine Origin Gold.

Courtesy of Make It York

bradleysjewellersyork.com

THE YORKSHIRE MUSEUM

BEST FOR: Bringing history alive for the whole family

ADDRESS: Museum Gardens, York,
YO1 7FR

This museum first opened its doors almost 200 years ago and has amassed an amazing collection of almost a million objects that span from the dinosaurs to the present day.

It's particularly good at highlighting objects from the Roman period - when the city was called Eboracum - as well as those from the Anglo Saxons (when York was Eoforwic), the Vikings (when the city was called Jorvik) and medieval times. The Museum Gardens in front are a lovely spot for a picnic on a sunny day and there are occasional guided walks that highlight the actions taken by the museum to increase its diversity of flora and fauna.

Courtesy of Dave Edwards
LNER Head of Procurement

yorkshireremuseum.org.uk

COOPER KING DISTILLERY

BEST FOR: Those searching for environmentally friendly tipples

ADDRESS: The Old Stable, Stillington Road, Sutton-On-The-Forest, York, YO61 1EH

Located on the outskirts of York, Cooper King Distillery is proudly England's first carbon-negative gin, with every bottle of their Dry Gin or Herb Gin removing CO₂ from the atmosphere and planting a square meter of native UK woodland.

Ingredients are locally sourced too, with Cooper King Distillery using honey from their own beehives and locally grown Yorkshire lavender and other botanicals. Distillery tours run every Saturday, or you can find Cooper King Distillery spirits in many of the bars and pubs throughout York.

Courtesy of Make it York

cooperkingdistillery.co.uk

JORVIK VIKING CENTRE

BEST FOR: History lovers of all ages

ADDRESS: 19 Coppergate, York, YO1 9WT

This popular museum opened on the site of the Coppergate archaeological dig, providing a fascinating insight into life when the Vikings ruled. Step aboard a carriage and hurtle back in time, peering into the lives of hunters, blacksmiths and leather workers, along with authentic sounds, sights and smells - if you've wondered how pongy a 10th century loo was, now's your chance. The centre has received national recognition for its Archaeology on Prescription initiative which pairs those with mental health or substance dependency issues with expert archaeologists to learn new skills, make friends and explore local history.

Courtesy of Katy Carling
LNER Executive Assistant

jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk



CLIFFORD'S TOWER

BEST FOR: Learning about dark secrets from the Middle Ages

ADDRESS: Tower Street, York, YO1 9SA

This well-preserved Norman tower from the 11th century is a local landmark, and a climb to the top gives fantastic views across the city. Over the years it's played many roles including a royal mint and a garrison and it's recently emerged from a multimillion pound renovation.

New staircases and sustainable-timber walkways have been added that have opened up previously inaccessible parts and allow a closer examination of its unsavoury past.

Courtesy of Rachael Wilson
LNER Community Investment Manager

AVORIUM

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BEST FOR: Stationery lovers

ADDRESS: 13 Colliergate, York,
YO1 8BP

Avorium is a family run business encouraging everyone to style their workspace with gorgeous, matching desk accessories.

There are nine products in eight beautiful colour variations, for those wishing to curate their workspace in a simple uniform style or a colourful mix and match. Sustainability is at the heart of the shop, with regular tree planting initiatives, vegan leather, and paper at the highest environmental standards.

Courtesy of Make It York

avorium.co.uk

PLACES TO EAT IN YORK

FISH & FOREST

BEST FOR: Food fanatics

ADDRESS: 110 Micklegate, York,
YO1 6JX

Fish & Forest is a forward-thinking, sustainable restaurant whose menu is small and changes regularly, reflecting what they can source.

The fish is wild, native, ethically farmed and sustainably caught, while the game is sourced from local and regional estates who are conscious of population control.

Courtesy of Make it York

fishandforestrestaurant.com

FORAGE

BEST FOR: Foraging fans

ADDRESS: 2-4 Little Stonegate, York,
YO1 8AX

Aptly named, Forage showcases the best of locally sourced and foraged ingredients. The produce is handpicked and then transformed into exciting seasonal menus, which are full of flavour and freshness and cooked over an open flame.

The ethos is extended further, with remaining ingredients transformed into delicious cocktails. Forage showcases the abundance of local Yorkshire ingredients in sustainable and delicious creations.

Courtesy of Make it York

forageyork.com

BETTYS

BEST FOR: Anyone whose diet begins tomorrow

ADDRESS: 6-8 St Helen's Square, York, YO1 8QP

Can you really come to York and not go to Bettys for afternoon tea? Apparently not, judging by the queues that snake into St Helen's Square most days.

This beloved café-restaurant first opened its doors here in 1936. Bettys supports the Cone Exchange, a community scrap store, where things such as empty mushroom baskets, ice cream tubs, ribbon reels and silver cardboard trays are used as play materials for schools, playgroups, and creative crafters.

Courtesy of Rachael Wilson
LNER Community Investment Manager

bettys.co.uk

Top tip: try coming for breakfast - a plate of Swiss rösti potatoes, gruyere cheese, bacon, egg, tomato, and mushroom will really set you up for the day.



ROOTS YORK

BEST FOR: Those who want to splash out

ADDRESS: 68 Marygate, York, YO30 7BH

Roots is chef Tommy Banks' second venture, and is just as much about highlighting sustainability, local provenance, and general Yorkshire pride as his first - the Michelin starred Black Swan. The tasting menu adopts a different style throughout the year to reflect each of the growing seasons Banks and his team follow, including "The Preserving Season", "The Hunger Gap" and "The Time of Abundance". Meaning what's on offer showcases current produce from the Banks' family farm, crops that have been preserved throughout the year, and the best-quality harvest from local suppliers. Book ahead of time as the restaurant is only open on selected days.

Courtesy of Luke Richardson

LNER Environmental Partnerships Manager

rootsyork.com

SPARK

BEST FOR: Anyone who likes to pick and mix

ADDRESS: 17-21 Piccadilly, York, YO1 9PB

The great thing about eating at a venue with multiple outlets is you can mix and match what you fancy - a starter from one stall, a main course from another and a dessert (or two!) from that one at the back. This socially-responsible community space set among upcycled shipping containers near the Jorvik Viking Centre has been a big hit with locals and visitors since it opened a few years ago.

Here you'll find all sorts of grub to choose from including organic burgers, Sicilian street food, vegan cakes, and traditional Colombian flavours. There are shops, a co-working space and it hosts multiple events from open-air cinema to salsa classes.

Courtesy of Kristofer McGee

LNER Social Media Manager - Content

sparkyork.org



ORCHID VEGAN

BEST FOR: Pure, plant-based cuisine

ADDRESS: 16 George Hudson Street, York, YO1 6LP

Orchid Vegan is proudly York's first 'pure vegan kitchen with an Asian fusion'. The chefs are excited to present their vision of modern vegan cooking to all visitors, proving vegan eating can still be delicious, fresh and full of flavour.

Courtesy of Make it York

orchidvegan.com

THE BOW ROOM

BEST FOR: Those looking for a taste of the local environment

ADDRESS: Grays Court Hotel, Chapter House Street, York, YO1 7JH

The Bow Room believes in bringing the garden to your plate, with chef Adam Jackson creating exquisite seasonal menus using ingredients straight from the kitchen garden, and local Yorkshire suppliers.

All produce is grown organically to protect local wildlife, with food waste and paper used for compost or sent to a hedgehog sanctuary.

Courtesy of Make it York

thebowroomyork.com

Haxby Bakehouse
ARTISAN BAKERY & DELICATERIES

*Olive & Pumpkin
Sourdough*

*Packed with olives, Pumpkin seeds,
rosemary & lemon zest.*

£3.50 600g

*Olives, Pumpkin seeds, rosemary, lemon
organic wholemeal flour, Salt, natural leaven*

SHAMBLES MARKET

BEST FOR: Foodies

ADDRESS: Silver Street, York,
YO1 8RY

Foodies visiting York need to visit the Shambles Food Court. Home to various local traders and small businesses, the Shambles Market is bursting with delicious, locally sourced produce from across Yorkshire, including street food independents, butchers, fishmongers, bakeries and various other fresh produce stalls.

Courtesy of Make it York

makeityork.com/markets

KREP

BEST FOR: Lunch on the go

ADDRESS: Shambles Food Court,
York, YO1 8RY

Cut through from York's most famous medieval street, the Shambles, and you'll find a small food market tucked away. Here you'll see Krep, a stall selling savoury and sweet pancakes that are a meal in themselves, which you can stroll away with or sit down to eat at a nearby table.

A complet includes York ham, cheddar cheese, local free-range egg, pepper and mustard. If you still have space, try a fraise with fresh strawberries, chocolate, strawberry and raspberry coulis. Many ingredients, including their meat, flour, veg, milk and eggs are locally sourced.

Courtesy of Katy Carling
LNER Executive Assistant

krep.york.com



PLACES TO STAY IN YORK

THE PARISI TOWNHOUSE

BEST FOR: Groups of family or friends

ADDRESS: 51 St Denys Road, York,
YO1 9QD

This former hotel is now a swish self-catering, dog-friendly townhouse for eight people in four bedrooms, a five-minute stroll from the centre of town. On sunny summer evenings, you can meet for drinks in the garden, and there's even an outdoor bathtub for a post-sightseeing soak.

Sisters and owners, Sophie and Maria, reuse, repair and recycle whenever possible and favour vintage over new as well as championing local suppliers and using eco-friendly cleaning products.

Courtesy of Rachael Wilson
LNER Community Investment Manager

theparisi.com

NO 1 BY GUESTHOUSE

BEST FOR: Cosy couples' hideaway

ADDRESS: 1 Clifton, York, YO30 6AA

This hotel sits next to the grounds of St Peter's School, whose most famous pupil was Guy Fawkes. It's seriously stylish inside, erring on playfulness, with violins, locally-sourced artwork and antiques lining the walls and corridors.

The restaurant gives a serious nod towards Yorkshire producers, with lots of links to local providers. This goes for snacks in the "tuck cupboard" that guests can help themselves to on the first-floor landing.

Dan Guilfoyle
LNER Head of Regulatory Compliance

guesthousehotels.co.uk

GRAYS COURT HOTEL

BEST FOR: History lovers

ADDRESS: Chapter House St, York,
YO1 7JH

“Well hidden” is certainly an apt description for this hotel, tucked in a quiet courtyard off a narrow, cobbled lane in the shadow of the Minster. Parts of it date back to the 11th century and you can certainly feel the history. Despite that, its 12 bedrooms, award-winning restaurant and bar are all thoroughly up to date and it has a charming garden backed by York’s impressive medieval city walls.

The hotel has invested in a UV triple-filtration drinking water system (which means no more plastic bottles) and all suitable kitchen waste is composted. Many of the gardens herbs are used in the award-winning restaurant and milk from a local dairy is delivered in cardboard containers.

Courtesy of Dave Edwards
LNER Head of Procurement

grayscourtyork.com



THE GRAND

BEST FOR: Anyone wanting a touch of luxury

ADDRESS: Station Rise, York, YO1 6GD

Yorkshire's only AA 5-star hotel, The Grand, opened in 1906 as the London and North Eastern Railway headquarters. Now it's an opulent hotel, just a few minutes' walk from York station, with a basement spa. One half retains the feel of the original building with Edwardian offices lovingly turned into bedrooms, while a more modern extension brings a touch of contemporary glamour. The rooftop beehives make very local honey for guests and the kitchen composts its waste food and distributes it to Yorkshire farms. The hotel participates in group litter picking in central York and they've also introduced a bike scheme to encourage guests to travel the city by bike.

Courtesy of Make it York

thegrandyork.co.uk

CLEMENTINE'S TOWN HOUSE

BEST FOR: Couples looking for a romantic getaway

ADDRESS: 4-5 St Peter's Grove, York,
YO30 6AQ

The owners of this new property in the quiet suburb of Clifton say that a stay here is a blend of "Parisian chic with Yorkshire Victorian heritage". We can see what they mean: the 28 bedrooms are individually-styled, and some come with a four-poster bed. Staff are encouraged to take public transport, cycle, or walk to work with a monetary-based initiative to support them.

Gardens bloom with herbs and vegetables for use in the hotel kitchen, with harvested rainwater to keep them freshly watered. A local North Yorkshire toiletry supplier makes refillable bottles for bathrooms.

Courtesy of Luke Richardson

LNER Environmental Partnerships
Manager



DURHAM

Nestled in the heart of the North East, Durham brings scenery and fascinating history together. With visitors having the option to explore on city breaks, coastal or countryside escapes, Durham truly has it all.



PLACES TO VISIT IN DURHAM

CROOK HALL AND GARDENS

BEST FOR: Fresh air lovers

ADDRESS: Frankland Lane, Sidegate,
Durham, DH1 5SZ

Crook Hall is a medieval manor built around 1220, which over the centuries has developed into a Jacobean then Georgian townhouse. Reopened under the guidance of the National Trust, its café and ten-acre gardens give a fantastic view over the city.

Crook Hall Gardens are close to Moorhouse Woods, just south of Durham, which are also cared for by the National Trust. A longer-term ambition is to create access to the green space stretching from Crook Hall, making a green corridor between the two sites.

Courtesy of Paul Rushton
LNER Durham Shift Leader

nationaltrust.org.uk/crook-hall

DURHAM BOTANIC GARDEN

BEST FOR: Family fun, garden inspiration

ADDRESS: Hollingside Lane,
South Road, Durham City, DH1 3TN

This RHS partner is not only beautiful to look at but also has a full programme of activities including Winter Wonderlands, and Family Fun days in the summer months.

Explore the many different natural areas within Durham University's 10 hectare Botanic Garden, with hidden artworks and new plantlife waiting to be discovered around every corner.

Courtesy of Paul Rushton
LNER Durham Shift Leader

dur.ac.uk/botanic.garden

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

BEST FOR: Everyone who dreams of lazy summer days

ADDRESS: The Boathouse, Elvet Bridge, Durham, DH1 3AF

There's something very relaxing about messing about on the river. You can hire a hand-built rowing boat for a jaunt on the River Wear from the boathouse just under Elvet Bridge. It's a great eco option as the power from the oars comes solely from you or whoever you can get to row while you settle back with a cool drink.

Courtesy of Paul Rushton
LNER Durham Shift Leader

PLACES TO EAT IN DURHAM

UNDERCROFT RESTAURANT

BEST FOR: Everyone who appreciates great homemade food

ADDRESS: Durham Cathedral, The College, Durham, DH1 3EH

Located just off the Cloister, The Undercroft Restaurant is an eatery at the world-renowned Durham Cathedral. A delicious range of homecooked food and sweet treats are on offer, made from locally-sourced produce and ingredients.

Courtesy of Visit Durham
For more: visitcountydurham.org

durhamcathedral.co.uk

EL CASTILLO

BEST FOR: Those seeking a taste of Spain at tapas restaurant El Castillo

ADDRESS: Market Place, Bishop Auckland, Durham, DL14 7JF

Head to Bishop Auckland's visitor destination, the Auckland Project, for a taste of Spain at tapas restaurant – El Castillo.

Chefs use the very best locally sourced ingredients from the North East region, alongside produce grown within Auckland Castle's grounds, offering a relaxed dining experience culminating in bringing simple, unfussy but flavourful small plate dishes.

Courtesy of Visit Durham
For more: visitcountydurham.org

aucklandproject.org



FLAT WHITE

FLAT WHITE KITCHEN

BEST FOR: Coffee connoisseurs

ADDRESS: 40 Saddler Street,
Durham, DH1 3NU

Brunch is served all day at this lovely independent spot in a refurbished Grade II-listed building – and the queues you’ll often find outside prove its popularity.

Tuck into ricotta pancakes with fresh fruit, maple syrup and cinder toffee butter, or ham hock hash with peas, egg, and mustard dressing. Coffee comes from Ouseburn Coffee Company and tea from Ringtons (both in Newcastle), cups are biodegradable, coffee grounds are given to gardeners for compost and pottery is locally made.

Courtesy of Paul Rushton
LNER Durham Shift Leader

flatwhitekitchen.com

REFUSE CAFÉ

BEST FOR: Sustainable snacking

ADDRESS: 143c Front Street,
Chester-le- Street, Durham, DH3 3AU

Intercepting approximately 12 tonnes of food that would otherwise go to waste each month, REFUSE redistributes unjustly wasted food from retailers around the North East and serve it to the community from its volunteer led ‘Pay As You Feel’ café in Chester-le-Street.

Courtesy of Visit Durham
For more: visitcountydurham.org

refusedurham.org.uk

CLAYPATH DELICATESSEN

BEST FOR: Relaxed vibes and freshly baked breads

ADDRESS: 57 Claypath, Durham, DH1 1QS

Bakery specialising in sourdough breads and speciality coffee sourced via a local roaster. Relax within the cosy café during the winter months, and when the weather improves, soak up the sunshine in the outdoor seating within the deli garden. Claypath regularly hosts special events, including live music from local talent and Friday Pizza Nights.

Courtesy of Paul Rushton
LNER Durham Shift Leader

facebook.com/claypathdeli

WHITECHURCH FREE HOUSE

BEST FOR: Anyone who loves a pub lunch

ADDRESS: 29 Church Street Head, Durham, DH1 3DN

This friendly pub serves globally-inspired comfort food made from locally-sourced ingredients to a hungry mix of locals, tourists, and students. Its outdoor area is often booming on sunny summer days and there's a café too for those on the go.

Sunday lunchtimes see a classic roast with Yorkshire puddings, all the veggies and a strawberry cheesecake for dessert. On an evening, you might find monkfish or roasted cauliflower, followed by grilled banana with dulce de leche and toasted marshmallow, with local Wearside cheese and Durham honey to draw things to a belt-loosening close.

Courtesy of Steven Gray
LNER Operations Training Manager

whitechurchdurham.com



CAFÉDRAL

BEST FOR: Everyone who appreciates great homemade food

ADDRESS: First Floor, Ownegate House, Durham, DH1 3HB

As the name implies, you're not far from the Cathedral if you stop for a bite here after wandering from the centre of town. There's a wide range of favourites from sandwiches and light bites to pies and paninis, homemade cakes, and plenty of vegetarian and vegan choices.

Scones are baked on-site each morning and any leftovers are donated to homeless people. The café grows its own avocados and, if you bring back a plastic cup from the previous purchase of a smoothie or iced coffee, you can take a sprouted seed away to grow your own at home.

Courtesy of Richard Salkeld
LNER Head of Media

BARRIO

BARRIO COMIDA

BEST FOR: People who love authentic Mexican food

ADDRESS: 34 Church St, Durham, DH1 3DG

This tasty taqueria dishes up Mexican-inspired tacos, cocktails, and mezcal-based beverages. It started as a summer pop-up before finding a permanent base on Church Street.

The owners make their own fresh tacos daily in their kitchen – dough is ground in a volcanic-stone molino – and they only work with producers who they believe are the best in their field. This includes small-scale Mexican family farms, and more locally, coffee roasted in Durham, lamb, pork, and beef reared in North Yorkshire, and potatoes grown in Northumberland.

Courtesy of Chris Healy
LNER Standards and
Development Manager

barriocomida.com

BELLS

BEST FOR: Fish and chip lovers

ADDRESS: 11 Market Place, Durham, DH1 3NE

Sometimes only a good fish and chips hits the spot. But even when you're tucking into a delicious piece of cod or haddock, it's good to know it's come from sustainably-caught stocks, like Bells.

Bells source their fish from Field's in Esh Winning, some five miles away from the restaurant.

In the central Market Place branch have the opportunity to sample steamed mussels or lemon sole, alongside the classic fish shop favourites.

If by some miracle you still have some room for dessert, dig into the sticky toffee pudding or chocolate fondant.

Courtesy of Steve Rooney
LNER Apprentice Train Manager

bellsfishshop.co.uk

PLACES TO STAY IN DURHAM

TEESDALE CHEESEMAKERS

BEST FOR: Family friendly escapes

ADDRESS: Pond Farm, 11 Copley Lane,
Butterknowle, Durham, DL13 5LW

Join Allison and Jonathan on their family run farm for a relaxing glamping overnight stay and experiences.

Sleep under the dazzling dark skies of the Durham Dales in your very own private shepherds hut complete with private hot tub. Try your hand at cheesemaking or tuck into delicious food made from locally sourced ingredients and sausages and bacon made from the farm's pigs.

Courtesy of Visit Durham
For more: visitcountydurham.org

teesdalecheesemakers.co.uk

DURHAM MARRIOTT ROYAL COUNTY

BEST FOR: Couples or families who want to stay close to the centre of town

ADDRESS: Old Elvet, Durham, DH1 3JN

In a convenient location, guests won't be far from the River Wear, the Market Place, or the iconic Cathedral. The hotel's Cast Iron Grill is open all day, although you're just a hop, skip and a jump to lots of great dining options nearby.

As a company, Marriott is aiming to hit various sustainability goals by 2025, including reducing waste to landfill by 45 per cent, achieving a minimum of 30 per cent renewable energy usage and sourcing at least 50 per cent of produce locally.

Courtesy of Steven Gray
LNER Operations Training Manager

marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel

SEAHAM HALL

BEST FOR: Those looking for a luxurious, wellness retreat

ADDRESS: Lord Byron's Walk, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7AG

Located a 20 minute drive from Durham, Georgian country house hotel, Seaham Hall is socially and environmentally committed to deliver the best experiences for their guests.

Amongst the best places to stay in the North East, guests can relax and unwind in the award winning Serenity Spa or experience some of Durham's finest dishes in The Dining Room or pan-Asian restaurant Ozone - using seasonal ingredients foraged from within the hotel grounds.

Courtesy of Paul Rushton
LNER Durham Shift Leader

seaham-hall.co.uk/going-green

DURHAM CASTLE

BEST FOR: Anyone who wants to stay surrounded by history

ADDRESS: Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RW

In term-time, this Norman castle and UNESCO World Heritage Site is reserved for students. But when they've gone home for the holidays, the public can book B&B accommodation here, just a stone's throw from the Cathedral.

Different levels of comfort are available to suit every budget - with some rooms offering shared facilities right through to four poster beds, complete with chandeliers. Parking is unavailable at the castle, meaning guests must explore on foot, although some rooms require venturing up a lot of stairs.

Courtesy of Chris Healy
LNER Standards and
Development Manager

dur.ac.uk/event.durham/venues

RADISSON BLU

BEST FOR: Couples, families, and solo travellers

ADDRESS: Frankland Lane, Durham, DH1 5TA

This riverside property is one of the first city-centre hotels you come to when you walk from the station, which is about ten minutes away however it is slightly longer uphill on the way back!

There are 207 rooms, some of which look out directly over the River Wear. Facilities include an all-day restaurant and an indoor pool, ideal for relaxing in after a busy day sightseeing. Radisson has several sustainability measures in place, one of which is to let guests opt out of room cleaning in return for additional frequent-stay reward points.

radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels

WHISPERING WATERS ECO LODGES

BEST FOR: Getting back to nature

ADDRESS: Whispering Waters Lodges, Gainford, Barnard Castle, Durham, DL2 3AA

Three uniquely-designed ecologically-friendly lodges set along the banks of the River Tees in Teesdale - one of the least-discovered parts of England. Each equipped with a hot tub, the lodges have 'meadow roofs' that change with the seasons as well as heating features to keep you toasty warm in the winter months.

Courtesy of Visit Durham

For more: visitcountydurham.org

whisperingwaterslodges.co.uk



DUNDEE

The UK's only UNESCO designated City of Design,
Dundee is best known for its cultural attraction
and mesmerising waterfront views.



PLACES TO VISIT IN DUNDEE

THE LITTLE GREEN LARDER

BEST FOR: Eco-friendly shoppers

ADDRESS: 272 Perth Road, Dundee,
DD2 1AE

Offering a zero waste shopping experience, The Little Green Larder has a selection of over 300 refillable items - including whole and dried foods, liquids and cleaning products.

Courtesy of Brian McKiddie
Senior Host, Dundee

thelittlegreenlarder.com

DUNDEE & ANGUS CYCLE HIRE

BEST FOR: Those who want to explore the city on two wheels

ADDRESS: Waterfront Place, Dundee,
DD1 4EZ

This social enterprise offers numerous community projects - including bike recycling schemes and safety education programmes. For those visiting the city, be sure to hire a bicycle or electric bike and if you want to explore on two wheels, Dundee Cycle Hub is the place to rent a bike. If you're lucky, your trip might coincide with one of the many events the Cycle Club offers - including the Crazy Bike experience. There are also lots of routes to take advantage of - including the 26 mile Green Circular - which includes the V&A amongst the sightseeing stops.

Courtesy of Dundee City Council

dacyclehub.org

DUNDEE FARMERS MARKET

BEST FOR: Those looking for a taste of Dundee

ADDRESS: City Centre, City Square, Dundee, DD1 3AJ

With a plethora of family-run farms bursting with fruits, vegetables and artisanal products, Dundee's Farmer's markets are a great way to try the local flavours.

Food and drink suppliers from Dundee, Fife, Angus and Perthshire head into the City Square on the third Saturday of the month from February to December, making it a great day out for the whole family. Head down to Caird Hall, in City Square, between 9am and 4pm, to sample some Scottish delights.

Courtesy of Dundee City Council

dundee.com/activity

THE URBAN BEACH

BEST FOR: Urban dwellers looking for a waterfront stroll

ADDRESS: 1 Riverside Esplanade, Dundee, DD1 4EZ

Explore Dundee's waterfront and see where the river meets its city. Treat yourself to an ice cream from Janetta's Gallateria whilst you stroll through the landscaped Slessor Gardens, or head to the colour-lit fountains and admire the impressive River Tay whale sculpture. The promenade is the perfect spot for those who like a cycle too. Transformation works are still in progress, so there will be more to discover soon.

Courtesy of Dundee City Council

xploredundee.com

SPEX PISTOLS

BEST FOR: Vintage lovers

ADDRESS: 4 Johnston's Ln,
Dundee, DD1 5ET

Independent optical boutique with a passion for vintage frames and their preservation. Created to offer something a little different, the Spex Pistols team also offer vintage stoneware jars, cameras, and record players in addition to expertly crafted lenses and frames.

Fans can also walk away with Spex Pistols merchandise to show off when back at home.

Courtesy of Dundee City Council

spexpistols.com



V&A DUNDEE

BEST FOR: Museum fans

ADDRESS: 1 Riverside Esplanade,
Dundee, DD1 4EZ

The first Victoria & Albert museum outside of London, the V&A Dundee has been designed to be a sustainable building using renewable energy. The design museum has 30 boreholes - each with a depth of 200 metres - that use latent heat from the ground to help heat and cool the building. There are also air source heat pumps on the roof, while sun pipes add daylight to the lighting system.

Underfloor heating is also an effective way to keep the building at a more stable temperature, while natural ventilation reduces the need for mechanised systems to circulate air.

Courtesy of Dundee City Council

vam.ac.uk/dundee

WANDER ALONG THE WATERFRONT

BEST FOR: Everyone

ADDRESS: Riverside Esplanade, Dundee, DD1 4EZ

There's no more eco-friendly way of exploring Dundee than on foot, and you'll find a number of the city's top attractions grouped close together on the banks of the River Tay. The architecturally striking building houses permanent and temporary exhibitions, some of which are free to explore.

Next door you'll find RRS Discovery, which was built in Dundee in 1873 and took Captain Robert Scott and his team on their ill-fated voyage to the South Pole. You'll also find the 200-year-old HMS Unicorn nearby, and if you want to explore on two wheels, Dundee Cycle Hub is the place to rent a bike.

rrsdiscovery.co.uk

THE MCMANUS ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM

BEST FOR: Those wanting to learn more about Dundee

ADDRESS: Albert Square, Dundee, DD1 1DA

It's hard to miss this imposing Gothic-Revival style building in the centre of town, which houses an art gallery and museum, with an impressive collection of fine art and natural history.

There's an authentic local street complete with shops from yesteryear and the local history section is very strong. Some exhibitions focus on environmental topics and the museum has an especially strong community involvement which reaches out to a wide range of groups to make the site as inclusive and accessible as possible. Best of all, it's free to enter.

mcmamus.co.uk



VERDANT WORKS

BEST FOR: Anyone who wants to step back in time and learn how Dundee became the city it is today

ADDRESS: West Henderson's Wynd, Dundee, DD1 5BT

Dundee's commerce was founded on jam, jute, and journalism. At this museum and former mill, you can learn about the middle one – a natural fibre second only to cotton in the amount produced and variety of uses – and how, in Victorian times, the city rose to build trading links all over the world on the back of it.

Verdant Works encourages skills such as upcycling, mending, crafting, and fixing in order to make existing items last longer. Verdant and the jute industry is a place that is held dear in the heart of the people of Dundee.

Courtesy of Graeme McKinnie
LNER Stations Manager for Scotland

verdantworks.co.uk



DUNDEE CONTEMPORARY ARTS

BEST FOR: Seeing Dundee in a new light

ADDRESS: 152 Nethergate, Dundee, DD1 4DY

There is always something interesting going on at this cultural hub where artists and audience, both locals and visitors get to experience and create.

There are two free-to-enter gallery spaces, a print studio, and a busy schedule of (free) learning programmes, activities, classes, events, and workshops. Cinema prices are kept deliberately low to allow as many people as possible to enjoy the eclectic range of films.

Courtesy of Gail Bruno
Customer Host, Scotland

dca.org.uk

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THE WARDROBE

BEST FOR: Fashionistas who want to shop with a clear conscience

ADDRESS: 112 Nethergate, Dundee, DD1 4EH

This clothes shop is a great spot to pop into for cool retro fashions, but there's more to it than that. The store is a community-led social enterprise that aims to make Dundee a more sustainable, healthier, and happier place through various climate-focussed projects.

People are encouraged to reuse, repair and share to highlight the problems caused by throwaway "fast fashion", while various workshops help people learn new skills such as repairing and upcycling clothes. It's a great place for those who get a buzz from finding a gem at a great price.

PLACES TO EAT IN DUNDEE

EMPIRE CAFÉ

BEST FOR: Anyone who craves great coffee

ADDRESS: 28 Whitehall Crescent, Dundee, DD1 4AY

If you're walking to or from the station, this friendly little café is en route downtown. Open from 7.30am most mornings, it's the perfect stop if you need a pick-me-up before catching your train.

Coffee is roasted on site and there's a great range of pastries either made in house or from Wild Hearth Bakery in Comrie. Suppliers are kept as local as possible, whether that's a dairy in Dundee or fruit and veg from local farms.

Courtesy of Graeme McKinnie
LNER Stations Manager for Scotland

empirestatecoffee.business.site

BRIDGEVIEW STATION RESTAURANT


BEST FOR: Those looking for a delicious meal with an incredible view

ADDRESS: Riverside Drive, Dundee, DD2 1QU

Built and opened in 2009, the Bridgeview Station is a family-run independent restaurant with spectacular views overlooking the River Tay and the Tay Railway Bridge. Award-winning chefs pride themselves on using locally sourced, seasonal produce and cater for all dietary requirements.

Courtesy of Brian McKiddie
Senior Host, Dundee

bridgeviewstation.com



THE BACH



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BEST FOR: Laid-back weekend brunches

ADDRESS: 31 Meadowside, Dundee, DD1 1DJ

In New Zealand, a bach (pronounced “batch”) is a holiday cottage, often found by the beach or river. This socially aware, dog-friendly, Kiwi-inspired café pays homage to good times and great food from down under, where brunch stretches till late afternoon.

All day brekkies and burgers are the order of the day, accompanied by a wide range of drinks, both boozy and non-alcoholic. There’s a special menu for wee ones, and plenty of veggie options - just the thing to warm up a dreich day.

Courtesy of Gail Bruno
Customer Host, Scotland

the-bach.com



LOCO RITA'S

BEST FOR: A vegan fiesta

ADDRESS: Old Hawkhill, Dundee, DD1 5EU

Nestled in the heart of Dundee's cultural quarter, Loco Rita's is a 100% vegan Mexican cantina. Named 'Crazy Daisy' after the owner's daughter's nickname, this gem creates all food from scratch and is said to be home to Scotland's only vegan soft serve ice cream machine. If you're looking to enjoy great plant-based food, with delicious frozen cocktails, this is the place to be.

Courtesy of Dundee City Council

locoritas.com

HEATHER STREET FOOD AND DRINK

BEST FOR: Hungry museum fans

ADDRESS: 1 Riverside Esplanade, Dundee, DD1 4EZ

Heather Street Food and Drink is located outside of the beautifully designed V&A Museum and the world famous Discovery Ship on the River Tay - offering fantastic views of the recently redeveloped waterfront and wildflower meadows.

Heather Street Food's electricity comes from geothermal pumps beneath the V&A Dundee, using the heat of the earth to produce electricity and using eco-friendly packaging and produce from local and organic suppliers.

Courtesy of Brian McKiddie
Senior Host, Dundee

heatherstreetfood.co.uk



TAILEND

BEST FOR: Fish and chip aficionados

ADDRESS: 81 Nethergate, Dundee, DD1 4DH

Ask around and many Dundonians will agree this is the best spot in town for a fish supper, whether you want to take out, or dine in. This old-fashioned chippy was turned into a chic eatery a few years ago, with an empty cellar space becoming the dining room.

It's owned by G&A fish merchants of Arbroath, so the fish is local and fresh with a strong eye on sustainability. You can tuck into world-famous Arbroath Smokies, as well as hot-smoked salmon, lobsters, and langoustines. Gluten-free batter is available on request, and if you've got room left over, desserts include Luvians' ice creams from Cupar.

Courtesy of Zoe Belhomme
LNER Corporate Communications Manager

FISHER AND DONALDSON

BEST FOR: Anyone with a sweet tooth

ADDRESS: 12 Whitehall Street,
Dundee, DD1 4AF

Warning: your life may never be the same after you've tasted this café's speciality: fudge doughnut - a squidgy, custard-like centre topped off with a layer of fudge.

There are three branches in Dundee, the most central being on Whitehall Street with its traditional Scottish tea room where you can pop in for a reviving slice of Dundee Cake and a cup of Earl Grey. Local provenance is important to the family-run business, with strawberries and oats from farms in Fife, flour milled in Kirkcaldy and meat from Perthshire.

PLACES TO STAY IN DUNDEE



SLEEPERZ

BEST FOR: Those catching an early train

ADDRESS: 2 South Union Street, Dundee, DD1 4BF

This waterfront hotel is a great choice for travellers who are keen to lower their carbon footprint: step off a train, exit the railway station, walk 10 metres and you're there. Think of it as a modern reincarnation of a classic railway hotel, complete with a bar and cafe.

It used to get through more than 400 juice cartons a week before investing in a juice dispenser, which cuts down on excess food and packaging waste. All fruit and veg is sourced locally and longer-stay guests are asked to request room cleaning as and when it's needed, to save on laundry and water usage.

sleeperz.com/dundee

MALMAISON

BEST FOR: A touch of luxury

ADDRESS: 44 Whitehall Crescent, Dundee, DD1 4AY

This hotel is just two minutes' walk from the train station, housed in a refurbished Victorian mansion that retains many of the original features from when it was built in 1899. There's a chic brasserie, snazzy bar, and there are several spacious suites among the 91 rooms if you want to push the boat out.

The property has launched an array of sustainability efforts that go beyond just the usual "please reuse your towels", including planting bee-friendly shrubs outside and asking staff to print memos in Century Gothic text as it uses 30% less ink compared to the default Arial. Who knew?!

Courtesy of Dundee City Council

malmaison.com/locations/dundee

APEX CITY QUAY

BEST FOR: Spa lovers

ADDRESS: 1 West Victoria Dock Road, Dundee, DD1 3JP

This contemporary hotel is close to attractions such as HMS Unicorn and the V&A museum. Rooms are decorated with a light, freshly minimalist feel, with a choice of views over the city or out towards the quayside and River Tay.

If you fancy a facial or a massage, head to the spa (which uses Elemis, vegan products) or take a dip in the swimming pool if you want to chill out after a hard day's sightseeing. LED lighting is being introduced throughout the property as it requires less electricity, while the maintenance best-practice plan helps manage the use of air conditioning in rooms and reduces energy use.

Courtesy of Dundee City Council

apexhotels.co.uk/destinations/dundee

INDIGO

BEST FOR: Everyone

ADDRESS: Lower Dens Mill, Constable St, Dundee, DD4 6AD

Just 15 minutes' walk from the station, this trendy hotel is in a former jute mill and incorporates many of the original features including bare-brick walls and hardwood floors. Nods to the city's history also carry through to the decoration details in the 102 bedrooms. The on-site restaurant, Daisy Tasker, is named after a mill worker who helped organise social activities, and has comfy booths to relax in.

The hotel is part of its parent company's Green Engage system, an online tool that measures day-to-day environmental impact, which allows them to track how much energy, carbon and water they're using and how well they're managing waste.

Courtesy of Zoe Belhomme

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