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Conference and Events Guide



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As the UK's most central city, over 6 million people live within one hour's travel time.

Derby is the Pioneering City – an inspiring backdrop to enthuse your delegates.

WELCOME TO DERBY, THE PIONEERING CITY

Derby has a long history of firsts powered by trailblazers and can-doers. From global engineering technologies, to inventing manufacturing processes, from transformative arts to groundbreaking healthcare, Derby has been quietly, yet consistently, changing the world for hundreds of years.

Today, Derby is a dynamic and attractive place to do business with major sector strengths in advanced manufacturing and engineering businesses. Derby is the home of Great British Railways and a range of international blue chip companies including Rolls Royce, Toyota and Alstom. The city boasts a thriving business community and Top 50 University.

Centrally located in the UK, with unrivalled transport links, Derby offers a diverse portfolio of unique and versatile venues to ensure a successful and seamless event, guaranteed to leave a lasting impression on delegates.

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10 REASONS TO MEET IN DERBY

- 1 **World-class event facilities** from contemporary, purpose built conference centres including the new Vaillant Live venue to unique and iconic venues including The Museum of Making, a Grade II listed, impressive 18th century building and the newly refurbished Derby Market Hall.
- 2 **First-class sporting facilities** with versatile event spaces and meeting rooms – such as Derby Arena and velodrome, Derby County Football Club and Coop Central County Ground.
- 3 Derby is **easily accessible** with unrivalled transport links by air, road and rail. Conveniently situated just off the M1 motorway with easy access to East Midlands and Birmingham Airports and regular train services to St Pancras station in London, in just 90 minutes.
- 4 **Centrally located** in the heart of the country.
- 5 **Rich industrial heritage.** Derby is situated on the River Derwent and part of the Derwent Valley Mills UNESCO World Heritage Site. With a long history of firsts, where history meets innovation, explore world-class, unmissable tourist attractions to uncover a rich heritage on display.
- 6 **Vibrant cultural scene** – Derby's array of attractions, festivals and events provide endless opportunities for socialisation and team building activities.
- 7 Embrace the **sustainable** essence of Derby and explore community gardens like Electric Daisy or one of the largest urban rewilding projects in the UK at Allestree Park.
- 8 **Connect with nature.** Immerse yourself in the city's parks and green spaces.
- 9 **Relax and recharge** – or get the adrenaline pumping with epic adventures of hiking or biking. Derby is a stone's throw from the tranquil rural beauty of the Peak District National Park.
- 10 **Delegate accommodation** – from budget options to luxurious stays, there's a range of rooms to suit every requirement and budget.



Darley Abbey



Derby Museum and Art Gallery



Derby Arena

WHY DERBY?



Derby Festé



Electric Daisy

Attractions

Explore Derby's proud industrial heritage at the Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit Derby Cathedral, who host world-class art installations, then take a short stroll to Derby's Museum and Art Gallery, home of the world's largest collection of work by the Internationally renowned painter Joseph Wright of Derby.

Scare yourself silly with ghost walks around the city or work up a sweat on the track at Derby Arena's indoor velodrome or at Moorways Sports Village and Waterpark. Relax and enjoy nature in the many award-winning city parks or in the urban oasis at Electric Daisy, a garden, a haven for nature and a community hub.

Transport

Derby is conveniently situated just off the M1 motorway with easy access to East Midlands and Birmingham Airports and regular train services to St Pancras in London in just 90 minutes.

The compact city centre is easy to explore on foot, or via the 100km of cycle routes.

There are bus services to all areas of Derby and destinations in the surrounding area.

Events

Derby hosts a range of remarkable annual events including Derby Festé, a celebration of outdoor dance, music, art and theatre; Book and Poetry festivals; Derby Beer Festival; Derby Pride and the Download music festival.

Accessibility

Discover Derby's dedication to accessibility and inclusive travel experiences. The Accessibility page of the Visit Derby website offers essential information and resources ensuring a seamless and enjoyable visit to the city.

Sustainability

Explore Derby's commitment to sustainability during your visit. Choose eco-friendly accommodations, enjoy locally sourced dining, and support ethical local suppliers. Take advantage of the city's green spaces and cycling routes for breaks that recharge and inspire.

SECTOR STRENGTHS

Advanced Engineering Manufacturing in Automotive, Aerospace and Rail Sectors

Derby is a leading centre of excellence in advanced manufacturing and is home to the primary UK sites of blue chip companies such as:

Alstom

Alstom is a global leader in rail technology, delivering innovative products and services, including trains for HS2. The firm has its UK train-building site in Litchurch Lane, Derby and directly employs 2,000 people in the city

Rolls-Royce

Rolls-Royce is Derby's largest private sector employer, with more than 10,000 people working across two sites. The Civil Aerospace site at Sinfyn designs, develops and manufactures jet engines for passenger aircraft. The Defence site in Raynesway produces nuclear reactor cores, used to power Royal Navy submarines.

Toyota

Toyota has been producing cars at its Burnaston factory for 30 years, where it continues to make several of the popular Corolla models. The firm employs more than 3,000 people across its Burnaston plant - and its engine-making factory in North Wales.

HOME OF GREAT BRITISH RAILWAYS

Derby is the home of Great British Railways (GBR), a new public body responsible for running and transforming the railways to create simpler, better infrastructure.

Derby, as a location is testament to the city's geographic and strategic strengths, its unmatched rail heritage, excellent train connectivity and its commitment to fostering skills, learning and innovation. As the centre of international railway excellence, the city will play a pivotal role in the future development and reform of the railways.



THE PIONEERING CITY

Visionaries, creators, innovators and makers, have shaped Derby since the industrial revolution. That passion for progress is driving the regeneration of Derby, a city at the centre of a green revolution, celebrating many rich and diverse cultures that create a vibrant and exciting city.

The city gave birth to visionaries such as Joseph Wright, whose artwork encapsulated the many technological advances of this profound period. From the exquisite craftsmanship of Royal Crown Derby to contemporary cultural influences, Derby is a place where craftsmanship and creativity flourish.

Contemporary Cultural Influences

Lara Croft, one of the most iconic gaming characters, started life in Derby. The main protagonist of popular video game franchise, Tomb Raider, she was created by a team at Core Design. Not only was Lara one of the first female characters in gaming but she remains one of the most instantly recognisable characters of all time.

Liam Sharp, acclaimed British comic book artist, writer and publisher was also born in Derby. Sharp has worked on a range of famous titles including X-Men, Hulk, Spider-Man, Superman and Batman.

Derby is set to be launched onto the global map for film production and stunt training. The city will soon host a new production house.



Museum of Making



Our Venue, Your Vision

Where Heritage Meets Hospitality

Proudly a part of Rolls-Royce since they built us in 1924. We now welcome guests from near and far to use our facilities, that were once strictly for private use.

Situated just minutes from the city centre, with our variety of facilities all here on site, our venue is the perfect hub for both visitors, and locals.

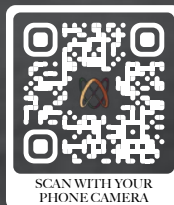
Spread across 32 acres of picturesque grounds, our venue features a range of flexible spaces to suit every occasion.

We have 10 function rooms, perfect for meetings and events, two of which can hold over 200 people.

We provide bespoke bookings, and packages, so your event can be as effortless or as intricate as you like.

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Events

Conferencing

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Fitness

Elevate your next event by choosing a venue that blends historic grandeur with contemporary flexibility. Located in the vibrant heart of Derby with great connectivity by road, rail and bus, Derby Market Hall offers a unique and inspiring setting for conferences, corporate events, and meetings.

Our recently refurbished Victorian Market Hall provides a stunning backdrop, with a magnificent barrel-vaulted roof and elegant architecture creating a bright and airy atmosphere. Beyond its beauty, the venue is equipped with modern amenities to ensure your event runs smoothly.

The Ordish Room, our dedicated conference and meeting space in mezzanine style on the first floor can accommodate up to 65 guests, with a range of facilities, plus access to our great hospitality offer of world street food, cafés and bars.

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VENUE FACILITIES

Parking spaces	0
Meeting rooms	1

MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	65
Reception	800
Boardroom	32



The Derby Conference Centre is a beautiful Grade II listed building, which houses 12 conference and meeting rooms, 50 en-suite hotel bedrooms and self-catering accommodation, as well as on site office space. Once home to the British Rail Training College, the elegant exterior, art deco features and distinctive sunken lounge are the perfect backdrop for a corporate event or place to stay for a weekend away. Being a multi-purpose venue, the Derby Conference Centre can hold weddings for up to 200 people, as well as hosting over 100 events a year, including 'Derby Comedy Club', Derby's biggest Comedy Club.

Contact Details

Website: www.thederbyconferencecentre.com
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 Telephone: 01332 861842



VENUE FACILITIES

Bedrooms	50
Parking spaces	300
Meeting rooms	12

MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	300
Reception	220
Boardroom	40



Are you looking for a space for your upcoming event, conference, meeting, or corporate party? Or a unique and exhilarating team-building activity for an away-day?

Derby Arena is an incredibly flexible space making an ideal venue for a wide range of activities and events. Events of all scales can be catered for, including celebrations, ceremonies, trade fairs, exhibitions, product launches, conferences, and meetings.

The Arena's inspirational main space can hold anything up to 5000 (seated and standing). There is also a suite of multi-purpose rooms that can be used as a breakout space or for smaller events, meetings, training, conferences, and hospitality.

The Arena's 250m indoor cycle track, sports infield, state-of-the-art gym, and exercise studios offer further opportunities to build bespoke corporate packages to meet your needs.

The infield area measures 2900sqm with no obstructions making it perfect for an exhibition or trade show. If you're looking to hold a conference or awards night, our on-site technical team can build staging to suit your event with tiered and flat floor seating available for up to 2200 guests hosted in this space. The space is also dividable with drapes making it possible to host a conference with exhibition space or have a separate catering area. Our on-site catering team can build bars and catering stations based on your event requirements.

Contact Details

Website: www.derbyarena.co.uk/events-and-corporate
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VENUE FACILITIES

Parking spaces	1100
Meeting rooms	3

MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	2200
Reception	1000
Boardroom	90



HOLIDAY INN DERBY RIVERLIGHTS



Whether you're planning a small meeting, training seminar, corporate launch, or team building meeting, Holiday Inn Derby Riverlight's meeting rooms provide the perfect backdrop. We can cater for small meetings of five up to thirty. Make use of free state of the art wifi and flexible layouts while you enjoy a sit down or working lunch. Our beautiful restaurant, The Engine Room, makes for the perfect networking spot for lunch, dinner or drinks.

Holiday Inn Derby Riverlights is located in the heart of the city centre, only metres from Derby bus station. With parking nearby, delegates have the option to stay overnight so they can wake up refreshed and ready for your conference or event.

Contact Details

Website: ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/derby/dbyrl/hoteldetail

Email address: admin@holidayinnderby.com

Telephone number: 01332 406099



VENUE FACILITIES

Bedrooms	105
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Parking spaces	0
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Meeting rooms	3
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MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	60
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Reception	50
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Boardroom	30
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On the site of what is widely considered to be the world's first factory, Derby's iconic Silk Mill offers a stunning industrial backdrop on the banks of the River Derwent. With a treasure trove of objects displayed, the museum invites your guests to explore and create their own journey through 300 years of making.

The venue offers the Italian Mill, located on the ground floor accommodating conferences for up to 250 and awards dinners for up to 160, catered for by our on-site River Kitchen chefs. Also available are 3 premier meeting rooms, The River Room, The Loom Room and The Loft, accommodating up to 32 delegates all with an industrial feel created by the display of our objects. Other breakout spaces can be available on request.

Our other sites, the Museum and Art Gallery and Pickford's House, are fantastic venues for events from small meetings to weddings!

Contact Details

Website: derbymuseums.org/venue-hire
 Email: venuehire@derbymuseums.org
 Telephone: 01332 641901

VENUE FACILITIES

Parking spaces **0**

Meeting rooms **7**

MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre **250**

Reception **180**

Boardroom **40**





VENUE FACILITIES

Bedrooms	213
Parking spaces	35
Meeting rooms	4

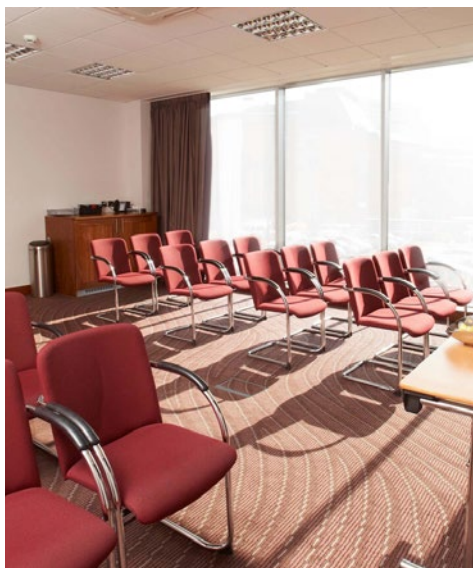
MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	70
Reception	0
Boardroom	18

Leonardo Hotel Derby is located just north of Derby City Centre, in the historic Cathedral Quarter, just a ten-minute walk from the main shopping area and a four minute taxi ride from Derby train station. Leonardo Hotel Derby has 213 bedrooms in total. Our bedrooms are more spacious than you'd expect, as our rooms can accommodate up to three adults or two adults with two children under twelve, or just one guest. The well lit, spacious feel is designed around our guests' comfort. If you want to work out during your stay, visit our Cardio gym to get active. Or if you're visiting Derby on business, our hotel has four fully-equipped meeting rooms, ready for your next conference, training day or event.

Contact Details

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CENTRAL CO-OP COUNTY GROUND



Situated in the heart of the UK, The Central Co-op County Ground is ideally located with excellent transport links, making it a convenient choice for your next event. Our conference and event spaces offer stunning views of the cricket ground, with many rooms having fantastic panoramic views over the cricket ground.

Recognised as one of Derbyshire's most versatile venues, The Central Co-op County Ground can host up to 350 guests and provides ample free parking on site. From meetings and conferences to team-building days and celebrations, our wide range of indoor and outdoor spaces offers something truly unique.

We pride ourselves on creating tailored packages to meet your specific needs, ensuring every detail is taken care of so your event runs seamlessly.

Contact Details

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VENUE FACILITIES

Parking spaces	300
Meeting rooms	8

MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	350
Reception	350
Boardroom	50



Welcome to Vaillant Live, the ultimate destination for exceptional live events, conferences, and celebrations.

All our rooms come fully equipped with the latest audiovisual technology, which is included in your hire cost.

The auditorium can accommodate up to 2,247 attendees and up to 590 for a seated dinner. The Vaillant Live Lounge is the perfect space whether you're looking to host a theatre-style session for up to 400 guests, or need a more intimate setting dinner, this versatile space can be adapted to your exact needs. Don't be intimidated by the size of our auditorium; the Live Lounge is designed to work seamlessly as its own standalone venue. This space is perfect for breakout sessions and can easily be split into 2 or 4 separate sections, each with its own built-in AV system, ensuring top-tier sound and visual quality. We can also facilitate smaller meetings with our 5 smaller meeting rooms, ranging from 5 to 30 theatre style capacity.

To find out more, please get in touch with our sales team on:
conferenceevents@vaillantlive.co.uk.

Contact Details

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Telephone number: 07741893769

VENUE FACILITIES

Parking spaces	2
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Meeting rooms	12
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MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	2247
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Dinner	590
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Reception	2000
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Boardroom	56
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Find space to think, create and collaborate

The Peak District and Derbyshire is the birthplace of the modern factory system and is home to Britain's Original National Park, the Peak District, surrounded by breathtaking landscapes and spectacular countryside.

Wellness at work

Get back to nature and enjoy enriching health and wellbeing experiences in the heart of the Peak District National Park.

Inspire your team on a rural retreat, relax on a yoga workshop at Wildhive Callow Hall, recharge at the Buxton Crescent Hotel & Thermal Spa, or reset on a guided walking or climbing experience with local experts such as MyGuidedWalks and Acclimatize.

There has never been a better time to promote employee wellness and here you can enjoy everything from gentle countryside pursuits to adrenaline-fuelled activities.

Unmissable experiences

There's no end of hands-on activities for you to enjoy. The area is world-famous for its spectacular walking and cycling routes, but you can also have a go at horse riding, climbing, abseiling and watersports. As well as vineyards, breweries and distilleries to explore.

Find out more at visitpeakdistrict.com



Accommodation

Hotel	Page	Number of Rooms
B&B Hotel		112
Delta Hotels Breadsall Priory Country Club		112
Derby Conference Centre	10	50
Derby Mickleover Hotel		99
Holiday Inn Derby Riverlights	12	105
Holiday Inn Express		103
Ibis Budget Derby		81
Kedleston Country House		5
Leonardo Hotel Derby	14	213
Makeney Hall Hotel		46
Morley Hayes		32
Premier Inn Derby Cathedral Quarter		118
Premier Inn Derby Riverlights		117
Premier Inn Derby South		51
Premier Inn Derby West		86
Premier Inn Derby East		108
The Cathedral Quarter Hotel		38
The Farmhouse at Mackworth		10
Travelodge Derby Chaddesden		29
Travelodge Derby Cricket Ground		100
Travelodge Derby Pride Park		84
Serviced Apartments		
The Stay Company (71 rooms)		48
Bay Tree Apartments		22
East Midlands Airport Hotels		
Leonardo East Midlands Airport		164
Holiday Inn Express East Midlands Airport		90
Premier Inn East Midlands Airport		80
Travelodge Nottingham East Midlands Airport		78
Raddison Blu East Midlands Airport		218

Venue capacities

A selection of our city venues

Residential

	Page	Venue facilities			Max capacities		
VENUE		Bedrooms	Parking spaces	Meeting rooms	Theatre	Reception	Boardroom
B&B Hotel		112	112	3	70	120	28
Delta Hotels Breadsall Priory Country Club		112	300	8	120	140	36
Derby Conference Centre	10	50	300	12	300	220	40
Derby Mickleover Hotel		99	140	8	170	150	45
Holiday Inn Derby Riverlights	12	105		3	60	50	30
Kedleston Country House		5	80	3	60	60	12
Leonardo Hotel Derby	14	213	35	4	70		18
Makeney Hall Hotel		46	90	5	180	180	50

Non-residential

	Page	Venue facilities		Max capacities		
VENUE		Parking spaces	Meeting rooms	Theatre	Reception	Boardroom
Artcore			8	75	100	35
The Bell Hotel			4	200	120	20
Central Co-op County Ground	15	300	8	350	350	50
Chapel Street Arts Centre			3	124	80	20
Derby Arena	11	1100	3	2200	1000	90
Derby Cathedral		30	1	200	150	12
Derby Leisure and Events Venue	8	150	10	250	204	25
Derby Market Hall	9		1	65	800	32
Derby Museums	13		7	250	180	40
Derby Theatre			4	535	100	20
Great Northern Classics		60	1	80	60	30
Pride Park Stadium	Back	350+	40	450	500	75
QUAD			6	234	100	30
Reach Conference Centre		40	8	700	400	150
University of Derby Enterprise Centre		35	4	120		28
Vaillant Live	16	2	12	2247	2000	56

A PERFECT EVENT LOCATION FOR ALL OCCASIONS!

Here at Pride Park Stadium, the home of Derby County, we understand that finding the right venue is one of the most important parts of your special event.



Our modern and contemporary conference and banqueting facilities are completely adaptable and designed to give you maximum choice and flexibility, from discrete interview rooms to large dedicated suites for corporate events and personal celebrations - we can cater for all occasions.



We are also in an incredibly accessible position for anyone travelling up and down the country, conveniently located a short distance from the M1, with ample complimentary car parking provided on site. If travelling by train, we are a short distance from Derby Station on foot.

With impressive panoramic views, the stadium offers the perfect backdrop and we can guarantee it will add the 'wow' factor from the moment your guests arrive!

