

JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2025 / ENGLISH

# DERBY GUIDE

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# WHAT'S ON



**DERBY**

# YOUR SUMMER STARTS HERE!





From sunshine festivals and live music to family adventures and heritage gems, Derby is bursting with events all summer long. Whether you're cruising the River Derwent on a Derby Riverboat Trip, catching an open-air film, or browsing independent stalls and foodie offerings at Derby Market Hall, there's something memorable for everyone.

Make the most of every sunny day – Derby's got your summer sorted.

Take a look at our interactive guide to discover what's happening in Derby - just click on any listing for more details.

**The Tourism Team at VisitDerby**

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# DON'T MISS A BEAT

Top things to do and authentic experiences you can't miss in Derby

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## TK Maxx presents Derby Summer Sessions 2025

5 Jul 2025 - 13 Jul 2025

📍 Vaillant Live, 2 Colyear Street, Derby DE1 1LA

Headline acts for Derby Summer Sessions include Simple Minds, Rag'N'Bone Man, Human League, Jess Glynne and Blossoms.

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## Derby Caribbean Carnival 2025

20 Jul 2025

📍 Derby City Centre & Osmaston Park,

Celebrating 50 golden years of the vibrant Derby Caribbean Carnival with Street performances, colour, music and festivities.

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## Darley Park Weekender 2025

29 Aug 2025 - 31 Aug 2025

📍 Darley Park, DE22 1EN

The three day music event returns on Friday with 80s Mixtape, Saturday with the Ultimate 90s and Sunday, The Darley Park Concert.

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## Derby Folk Festival 2025

10 Oct 2025 - 12 Oct 2025

📍 Various Derby locations,

Derby's Folk Festival returns! Enjoy a mix of concerts and lively entertainment in the heart of the city all weekend.

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## Assemble: Derby's Making Festival 2025

25 Oct 2025

📍 Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill (UNESCO World He...

A vibrant festival celebrating creativity, innovation, and the art of making at Derby's Museum of Making.



## DERBY MARKET HALL IS NOW OPEN!

Step into our lovingly restored, Grade II-listed Victorian market hall. Inside, you'll find a fantastic mix of stalls selling everything from fresh produce to activewear, pet supplies and vintage clothing.

Foodies will be in heaven – whether you're looking for ingredients to take home or fancy a bite to eat! Pick up supplies and locally sourced produce from our butcher, bakery, fishmonger and deli.

Feeling hungry? Enjoy delicious international flavours from our food vendors, bars and cafés. Sample exotic dishes from Asia, South America, the Caribbean and beyond, before indulging in authentic Italian gelato, Dutch pancakes and more. Sit back and raise a glass at one of our bars, or enjoy a cheeky cocktail crafted with spirits distilled on-site.

And Derby Market Hall isn't just about shopping and eating. It's a place where you can experience the vibrant heart of Derby. Regular events and activities will bring a buzz to the market throughout the week. Themed markets and food and drink events will showcase our unique mix of products and traders. Live music and DJs will provide the ambience for you to shop, eat and drink at your leisure.

See you soon!



# SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Derby is a lively city of events. From July to September, you can enjoy a great mix of festivals, celebrations, exhibitions and cultural events.

Find below a small selection of great events, there's lots more, see

[visitderby.co.uk/whats-on](https://visitderby.co.uk/whats-on)



## Joseph Wright: Life on Paper

26 Jun 2025 - 7 Sep 2025

📍 Derby Museum & Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS

An exhibition exploring the life and work of one of Britain's best loved artists.



## Brick By Brick – Building a Solid Foundation

25 Jul 2025 - 21 Aug 2025

📍 Derby Cathedral, 18-19 Iron Gate, Derby DE1 3GP

Discover a unique LEGO art installation & festival at Derby Cathedral celebrating creativity & sustainability.



## Derby CAMRA Heritage Beer Festival

3 Sep 2025 - 6 Sep 2025

📍 Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill (UNESCO World He...

The Derby CAMRA Heritage Beer Festival celebrates real ale and Derby's rich brewing heritage.



## Baton of Hope Tour 25 - Derby and Derbyshire

13 Sep 2025

📍 Derby City Centre,

The baton comes to Derby and will be carried by those affected by suicide on a powerful, purposeful route.



### Dracula Returns To Derby – 101 years and Counting

26 Jun 2025 - 30 May 2026

📍 Pickford's House, 41 Friar Gate, Der...

Explore 100 years of Dracula in Derby - rare items from Stoker, The Dracula Society & Hammer. A must for vampire fans!



### Live Music at BEAR Iron Gate

28 Jun 2025, 26 Jul 2025, 30 Aug 2025

📍 BEAR Derby Irongate, 7 Iron Gate, ...

Free live music nights at BEAR Iron Gate – cocktails, small plates, and toe-tapping tunes every last Saturday!



### Railway200 Open Days: How The Railway Came To Derby

5 Jul 2025 - 6 Jul 2025

📍 Midland Railway Study Centre, Mus...

Celebrate Railway200! Midland Railway Study Centre opens for the first of two heritage weekends at Museum of Making.



### Just the Tonic Comedy Club

10 Jul 2025, 7 Aug 2025

📍 Electric Daisy, 1 - 4 Bold Lane, Der...

Join us for a monthly Thursday night at Electric Daisy, bringing you some of the best comedians at an affordable price.



### Japan Fest 2025

12 Jul 2025

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Pla...

Bringing a small taste of Japan to Derby this is an ideal day for Japan fans of all ages.



### A Jurassic Day Out 2025

12 Jul 2025

📍 Cathedral Quarter Derby, Derby DE...

Don't miss Derbyshire's biggest FREE dino event. A Jurassic Day Out returns with more dinos and fun for all!



### Rumours of Fleetwood Mac

19 Jul 2025

📍 Vaillant Live, 2 Colyear Street, Derb...

Rediscover Fleetwood Mac's magic with Rumours - a tribute that brings their iconic hits to life at Vaillant Live!



### Hydrangea Open Day 2025

10 Aug 2025

📍 Darley Park, DE22 1EN

The Hydrangea Derby Open Day will be held on Sunday 10 August from 10am to 3pm.



### A Night at the Phoenix Comedy Dinner Show

19 Sep 2025

📍 The Old Bell Hotel, 51 Sadler Gate, ...

Join Brian, Jerry, Max & Paddy and other favourite characters for a night of non-stop laughter and zany cabaret.



### Pride Festival

9 Aug 2025

📍 Sadler Gate, Derby DE1 3NQ

Get ready for Sadler Gate to SPARKLE! Enjoy tasty food, street entertainment, and a joyful celebration!



### Cathedral Quarter Street Circus 2025

9 Aug 2025

📍 Cathedral Quarter Derby, Derby DE...

This summer, Cathedral Quarter Street Circus returns to dazzle audiences with thrilling acts and spectacular fun!



### RNB Mania

16 Aug 2025

📍 Bustler Derby, The Chocolate Fact...

Derby, ready for a 90s & 00s R&B takeover? RNB MANIA hits Choc Factory this Summer - don't miss the vibe!



### Derby Fake Festival 2025

23 Aug 2025

📍 Markeaton Park, Markeaton Park, D...

Derby Fake Festival returns to Markeaton Park this August with a sizzling line-up that's too hot to miss!



### An Evening of Pink Floyd

29 Aug 2025 - 30 Aug 2025

📍 Derby Cathedral, 18-19 Iron Gate, ...

An Evening of Pink Floyd live with full band, strings & brass in the stunning Derby Cathedral setting.



### Whooverville 16

30 Aug 2025

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Pla...

The Whoovers & Derby QUAD are back with the East Midlands' ultimate Doctor Who convention!



### Murder at Midnight

5 Sep 2025 - 13 Sep 2025

📍 Derby Theatre, 15 Theatre Walk, St ...

Experience suspense & dark humour with Murder at Midnight - a thrilling New Year's Eve stage play at Derby Theatre!



### DEKA FIT East Midlands

6 Sep 2025 - 7 Sep 2025

📍 Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park...

Take on the UK's first full DEKA FIT at Derby Arena - 10 zones, 5km challenge, test your strength & endurance!



### Edge-Lit 11

20 Sep 2025

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Pla...

Edge-Lit 11 returns to Derby QUAD - dive into a day of horror, sci-fi & fantasy with top authors, panels & workshops!



Image Credit: Derby Museums

# GREATEST GATHERING WEEKEND 1-3 AUGUST

Derby has been at the forefront of railway innovation for 200 years, from pioneering the nation's first purpose-built railway workshops to shaping the future of rail travel.

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the modern railway, Derby will commemorate with a series of events, showcasing its pivotal role in the industry. Explore historic sites and discover Derby's incredible contributions to the railways in the city and the wider area.

Highlights include:

- The [Greatest Gathering event at Alstom](#) from 1-3 August
- Visiting the Museum of Making to see the model railway exhibition to discover the wealth of railway memorabilia on display. (Don't miss the private evening opening exclusively for Greatest Gathering ticket holders)
- Explore Derby's historic railway legacy on a downloadable self guided walking trail through Derby's rich rail heritage
- For train lovers of all ages, take the family to Famous Trains Model Railway in Markeaton Park
- Drop in to Derby Market Hall for model railway displays, train related board games, railway history display, videos and chat with enthusiasts about all things railway.

For more information [visitderby.co.uk/railway200](https://www.visitderby.co.uk/railway200)



# EXPLORE FURTHER AFIELD

On Derby's doorstep is the stunning Peak District and Derbyshire. There is always a great selection of events, whatever time of year you visit.

Find out more at [visitderby.co.uk/whats-on](https://visitderby.co.uk/whats-on)



## The Wombles at the Heights of Abraham

Every weekend and during school holidays

📍 Heights of Abraham, Matlock Bath, ...

Meet Orinoco & friends at The Heights every weekend & school holiday - fun, surprises & more for the whole family!



## Buxton International Festival 2025

10 Jul 2025 - 27 Jul 2025

📍 3 The Square Buxton, Derbyshire S...

Discover world-class opera, music, books, & jazz in the Peak District at one of the UK's top arts festivals!



## Bakewell Country Festival 2025

13 Jul 2025

📍 Bakewell, Derbyshire

A fun family day out with agriculture, activities, entertainment, food, drink, shopping, and more!



## Elvaston Castle Food & Drink Festival

19 Jul 2025 - 20 Jul 2025

📍 Elvaston Castle Country Park, Borr...

Savour global flavours, live music & family fun at Elvaston Castle's Food & Drink Festival - an unforgettable day out!



## Y Not Festival

31 Jul 2025 - 3 Aug 2025

📍 Mouldridge Lane, Pikehall, Derbysh...

Y Not Festival returns with The Prodigy, Courteeners, Madness & more. Don't miss 160+ acts, DJs, comedy & epic vibes!



## Peak District Highland Games

24 Aug 2025

📍 Matlock Farm Park, Jaggars Lane, ...

Peak District Highland Games returns - strongmen, caber toss, tractor pulls & family fun at Matlock Farm Park!



## Chatsworth Country Fair

29 Aug 2025 - 31 Aug 2025

📍 Chatsworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire ...

Featuring grand ring displays in the air and on land, demos from celebrity chefs plus family entertainment.



## Matlock Bath Illuminations

6 Sep 2025 - 26 Oct 2025

📍 Matlock Bath, Derbyshire DE4 3NR

Matlock Bath Illuminations is a dazzling family event with a parade of illuminated boats on the River Derwent.



## Crich Tramway Village: Tram Weekend

13 Sep 2025 - 14 Sep 2025

📍 Crich Tramway Village, Cromford R...

Celebrate 200 years of rail at and ride vintage trams, enjoy live music & family fun!

# POPULAR PLACES AND ATTRACTIONS

Derby is a vibrant city with lots of events throughout the year. Many events take place within our award winning attractions. There are always lots of things to see and do, particularly around celebrations and holidays. Here are a few of our attractions where there is always something to see and do.



## Artcore

📍 8 Albert Street, Osnabruck Square, Derby DE1 2DS

Join our events, a calendar crammed with exhibitions, workshops, training programmes, art residencies and celebrations.

## Bluebells

📍 Brunswood Farm, Locko Road, Derby DE21 7AR

Meet the animals, enjoy indoor and outdoor play and taste delicious artisan ice cream on the fabulous farm park.

## Derby Cathedral

📍 Derby Cathedral, 18-19 Iron Gate, Derby DE1 3GP

A fascinating place to visit and a venue for musical and cultural excellence in the heart of the city.

## Derby Market Hall

📍 Market Place, Derby DE1 2DB

A treasure trove of unique finds and delicious treats, perfect for a day of shopping, dining and entertainment.

## Derby Museum & Art Gallery

📍 Derby Museum & Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS

Lots of treasures to explore and lots of activities for families to enjoy together at Derby Museums.

## Derby Riverboat Trips

📍 Opposite Silk Mill, Derby DE1 2EB

Sit back and enjoy the sun and sights of the river, and learn about Derby's place in history on the river cruise.

## Electric Daisy

📍 Electric Daisy, 1 - 4 Bold Lane, Derby DE1 3NT

A vibrant space where people connect, culture blooms, and nature takes the spotlight with great events happening.

## Great Northern Classics

📍 274 – 278 Osmaston Road, Derby DE24 8AE

Great Northern Classics is a centre of excellence for classic vehicle enthusiasts.

## Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

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Explore Derby's 300-year history of making and enjoy events and activities for families to enjoy together.

## Pickford's House

📍 Pickford's House, 41 Friar Gate, Derby DE1 1DA

Come and experience our unique museum in the show home of the Enlightenment architect Joseph Pickford.

# EATING AND DRINKING

Indulge in a culinary adventure in Derby's vibrant food and drink scene. From cosy cafes and traditional pubs to award-winning restaurants and international cuisines.



## **BEAR Derbion**

📍 Derbion, Level 2, Derby DE1 2PL

BEAR Derbion is a snug little haven that you can use to escape all that retail hustle. Come and make yourself at home.

## **Bistrot Pierre**

📍 18 Friar Gate, Cathedral Quarter, Derby DE1 1BX

Offering the charm and warmth of a Parisian restaurant, unwind and indulge in French-inspired dishes.

## **Exeter Arms**

📍 Exeter Place, Derby DE1 2EU

Award Winning Pub, that has been packing them in with its cutting edge approach, all in a very traditional setting.

## **Glamberry Café**

📍 10 The Strand, Derby DE1 1BQ

A chic boutique-style café, offering a range of artisan cakes, desserts, and a variety of hot and cold drinks.

## **Hickory's Smokehouse Derby**

📍 166 Swarkestone Road, Derbyshire DE73 5UE

Discover the flavours & hospitality of the Southern States in this family-friendly restaurant.

## **Lorentes Darley Abbey**

📍 The Cotton Yard, Darley Abbey Mills, Derby DE22 1DZ

The flavours of Madrid and Barcelona, set in a riverside bistro within the World Heritage site of Darley Abbey Mills.

## **Molly Malones Derby**

📍 1 The Strand, Derby DE1 1BJ

Guinness to perfection, as well as a huge range of premium beers and spirits from all over the world.

## **The Old Bell Hotel**

📍 The Old Bell Hotel, 51 Sadler Gate, Derby DE1 3NQ

The Old Bell Hotel is one of Derby's last surviving coaching inns and one of the city's oldest bars and restaurants.

## **The Pepperpot**

📍 Nightingale Quarter, London Road, Derby DE1 2UH

Exceptional dishes using the finest locally sourced produce. Awarded AA Rosette for Culinary Excellence 2024-2025.

## **BEAR Derby Irongate**

📍 BEAR Derby Irongate, 7 Iron Gate, Derby, DE1 3FJ

Offering all-day dining from a locally-sourced menu, including an abundance of fresh seasonal treats.



# SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

EXPLORE WHAT'S ON IN DERBY

[visitderby.co.uk](http://visitderby.co.uk)

## We're going back to the future of rail

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To mark 200 years since the modern railway, Railway 200 will explore the past, present and future of rail through a series of national partner-led events and activities.

Find out what's happening in Derby at <https://bit.ly/r200events>



# EXPERIENCES

Unlock a world of unforgettable experiences, plan your next thrilling adventure in Derby and create memories that will last a lifetime.



## The Smallprint Company Workshops

📍 The Smallprint Co, 2-3 Friary Street, Derby DE1 1JF

Learn the intricacies of letterpress printing, typography, and bookbinding at our heritage print and design studio.

## Track cycling session at Derby Arena

📍 Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park, Derby DE24 8JB

Experience the thrill of track cycling with a taster session at the indoor velodrome.

## Derby Brewing Co Brewery Tours

📍 Masons Place Business Park, Nottingham Road, Derby D...

Learn about how your favourite Derby Brewing Co ale is made and try plenty of samples.

## Spa Treatments at Breadsall Priory

📍 Delta Hotels by Marriott Breadsall Priory Country Club, ...

Relax on a spa day and enjoy access to a leisure centre with gym, classes, pool and jacuzzi.

## The Escape Room Guys

📍 1-5 Iron Gate, Derby DE1 3FJ

Try a range of immersive escape rooms, perfect for team-building and family outings.

## Ghost Walks & Overnight Vigils

📍 Various locations, Derby

Derby has plenty of spooky experiences waiting for you.... if you dare!

## Derby Riverboat Trips

📍 Opposite Silk Mill, Derby DE1 2EB

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- 1 BBC Radio Derby
  - 2 Council House
  - 3 Bonnie Prince Charlie Statue
  - 4 'Made in Derby' Walk of Fame (Albion Street, Exchange Street, Market Place and Iron Gate)
  - 5 Artcore Gallery
  - 6 Bus Station (Coach bookings please call 01332 711554)
  - 7 Derbyshire County Cricket Ground
  - 8 Derby Cathedral
  - 9 Becketwell Live
  - 10 Dubrek Studios
  - 11 Derby Gaol
  - 12 Derby Museum & Art Gallery
  - 13 Derby Theatre
  - 14 The Hairy Dog
  - 15 Guildhall Theatre (currently closed)
  - 16 Jospeh Wright Centre (Derby College)
  - 17 Make Your escape (Derby Escape Rooms)
  - 18 Derby Market Hall (Opening Spring 2025)
  - 19 Pickford's House Museum
  - 20 The Venue
  - 21 QUAD
  - 22 The Flowerpot
  - 23 Railway Station
  - 24 Museum of Making
  - 25 Pride Park Stadium
  - 26 Derby Arena (Velodrome)
  - 27 Derby Uncovered Heritage Centre
  - 28 Derby Riverboat
  - 29 Electric Daisy
- EV Charging
  - Coach Parking
  - Car Park Parking
  - Designated Disabled Parking (No. of spaces)
  - Derby Sales & Information Centre
  - Toilets
  - Footpath
  - One Way Streets
  - Restricted Vehicle Access
  - Pedestrianised Streets
  - Cul de sac
  - Library
  - Place of Worship
  - Derbion (shopping centre)
- CATHEDRAL QUARTER DERBY** Cathedral Quarter
- St Peters QUARTER DERBY** St Peters Quarter



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NOT TO SCALE

