

## Derby Tourism

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### **Get a taste for a Culinary Weekend in Derby**

Derby will be mixing together a number of mouth-watering ingredients this Spring, to offer its visitors a "Culinary Weekend" city break.

Drawing on a week-long Food Festival, a weekend Food and Drink Fair, and a number of tasty gems within the city itself, the Culinary Weekend is available over the weekend of May 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> 2010.

Inspired by the annual Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair which, this year, takes place at nearby Kedleston Hall, the city is promoting itself as the ideal base for a full flavour of the county.

Time has been allocated on the Sunday to visit the Fair, which kicks-off the week long Derbyshire Food Festival. Just two miles from the city centre, it will feature hundreds of local food and drink producers from The Peak District and Derbyshire. Celebrity chef demonstrations, craft demonstrations, a local plant fair and live music complete the line-up at Kedleston Hall, which will offer the perfect backdrop to the event.

Visitors to Derby that weekend, however, will have the chance to join in a culinary tour of the city centre, starting with cookery demonstrations at the famous Bennetts Department Store.

Derby itself is also home to Red Zebra wine merchants, local food specialists Serendipity, home-cooking haven Jack Rabbits, and Derby Market Hall - with its traditional line up of butchers and a renowned fish market.

Lunch options include a wide selection of restaurants, cafes and pubs, as well as Westfield Derby's very own Eat Central Food Court with its world-wide cuisine.

One of the highlights of the weekend break, however, is the tour of Derby Brewing Company, a micro-brewery not usually open to individual visitors. The tour includes lunch at the award-winning Brewery Tap pub, with its legendary rack of five one-third pint glasses of Real Ale accompanied by a dish of tasty locally produced cheese, plus a bottle of Derby Brewing Company beer to take away. (Advance booking is essential. Tel: 01332-255802).

A choice of city centre restaurants is then available in the evening (with a selection of special offers flagged up on the Derby Tourism website) – along with the chance to either book for the world premier of Broken Hearted by Lucy Gannon at Derby Theatre, or else catching a movie in the Cinema de Lux, or in the new QUAD arts centre.

For further details of the Culinary Weekend Break, Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair, and Food Festival visit [www.visitderby.co.uk](http://www.visitderby.co.uk). For accommodation enquiries and recommended places to eat, please contact Derby Tourist Information Centre on Tel. 01332 255802. Mention the Derby Culinary Weekend Break itinerary and they will then allocate the most suitable accommodation for your needs.

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