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Renowned for its rich industrial heritage, Birmingham has evolved into a modern metropolis bustling with cultural diversity, historic landmarks, world-class attractions, and a vibrant arts scene. From fascinating museums and iconic shopping centres to stunning parks and a thriving food scene, Britain's second-largest city boasts a myriad of experiences that cater to every traveller's interests.

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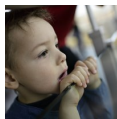
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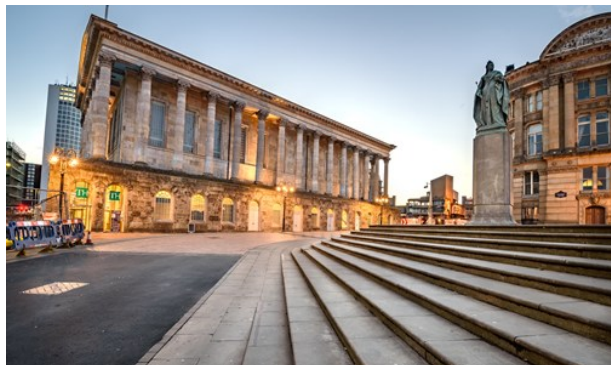
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THE CITY



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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 developed. 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. Today the canals are mostly used for pleasure boating, making it a perfect way to discover Birmingham.

During the Second World War, large areas of the city were destroyed, and the 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.

Today, Birmingham is a fast-growing tourist destination with a compact, pedestrian-friendly city centre and where many exciting attractions are waiting to get explored. A city full of surprises where the English old-world charm meets the new and young vibrant atmosphere.

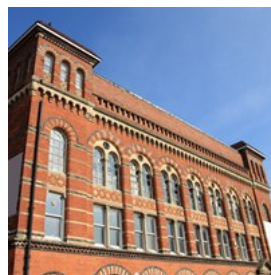
DO & SEE



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With world-class galleries, inspiring museums, beautiful gardens, and outstanding heritage attractions, you'll find yourself quite busy in Birmingham. And if chocolate is your thing, you have definitely come to the right city because it's here you'll find the famous tourist attraction Cadbury World.

Jewellery Quarter



With a rich history dating back over 250 years, the Jewellery Quarter is a conservation area with over 200 listed buildings. Today, it thrives as one of Birmingham's liveliest locations, exuding a vibrant community spirit. As the heart of England's jewellery industry, the quarter hosts more than 700 jewellers and independent retailers, offering a treasure trove of gift and souvenir options. Don't miss the opportunity to

explore the award-winning Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, where a preserved 1980s workshop provides a fascinating glimpse into the area's craftsmanship heritage. The quarter is also teeming with trendy bars, art galleries, as well as Indian and Italian eateries.

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Address: Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham

Internet: jewelleryquarter.net

Email: info@jqbid.co.uk

Birmingham Town Hall



Designed by Joseph Hansom and inaugurated in 1832, Birmingham Town Hall is a Grade I-listed concert hall located in Victoria

Square. Today, it is a cultural hub together with its sister venue Symphony Hall, where you can enjoy a diverse programme of classical concerts, jazz, dance, comedy rock, pop, folk, and more. If you want to learn more about Birmingham's most iconic historic building, then take the Town Hall tour and get an insight into the backstage areas.

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Address: Victoria Square, Birmingham

Public Transport: PC5 (stop station)

Phone: +44 121 780 3333

Internet: bmusic.co.uk/your-visit/town-hall

Cadbury World



Welcoming over 600,000 visitors annually, Cadbury World is one of Birmingham's largest tourist attractions, offering an unforgettable

experience for the entire family. Situated within the historic grounds of the original Cadbury

factory, where chocolate-making began more than a century ago, this immersive destination provides self-guided tours through interactive displays that delve into the art of chocolate-making and the rich history of Cadbury.

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Address: 69 Linden Road, Birmingham

Phone: +44 121 828 9300

Internet: www.cadburyworld.co.uk

Email: cadburyworldgeneralenquiries@mdlz.com

St Martin's



Nestled between the bustling Bull Ring Shopping Centre and the vibrant markets, St Martin's stands as a serene haven amidst the

commercial buzz. As the oldest of Birmingham's churches, it has held the heart of the markets area for centuries. Step inside, and you'll discover a breathtaking interior, adorned with the city's oldest monument—a magnificent 1325 effigy of Sir William de Bermingham, the Lord of the Manor.

Photo: Feraru Nicolae/Shutterstock.com

Address: Edgbaston Street, Birmingham

Opening hours: Tue–Sun noon–5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +44 121 600 6020

Internet: www.bullring.org

Email: office@bullring.org

Gas Street Basin



Nestled in the vibrant heart of Birmingham's city centre lies Gas Street Basin, a historic canal network that was once a bustling port and has now

transformed into a charming hub of bars, cafés,

and restaurants. Take a leisurely stroll along the picturesque canal side, immersing yourself in a harmonious blend of old-world charm and modern living. Interestingly, the name itself holds a clue to its significance, as Gas Street was the pioneering location in Birmingham to introduce gas lighting, marking a milestone in the city's history.

Photo: Tupungato/Shutterstock.com
Address: Gas Street Basin, Birmingham

Twycross Zoo



Situated within an hour's drive from Birmingham, Twycross Zoo is a world-renowned primate sanctuary celebrated for its extensive collection of

monkeys and apes, making it the largest in the Western World. However, the zoo offers much more than just primates, with over 160 species and approximately 900 animals to marvel at, including leopards, meerkats, elephants, giraffes, birds, reptiles, and a diverse array of captivating creatures.

Photo: Jolanda Aalbers/Shutterstock.com
Address: East Midland Zoological Society, Burton Road, Atherstone
Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm
Phone: +44 1827 880250
Internet: twycrosszoo.org
Email: info@twycrosszoo.org

Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery



Housed in a Grade II listed building in the heart of the city, the Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery boasts over 40 galleries, each brimming with a diverse and world-class collection of art.

From local talents to renowned international artists, the museum features over 800,000 objects that span various artistic periods. Delve into the captivating world of art, where Renaissance masterpieces coexist with contemporary creations. The collection encompasses not only traditional art but also an array of applied art forms, such as ceramics, jewellery, silverware, textiles, and woodwork, offering a comprehensive exploration of artistic expression across time and mediums.

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Address: Chamberlain Square, Birmingham
Public Transport: Snow Hill Station
Internet: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk
Email: bmag.enquiries@birminghammuseums.org.uk

National SEA LIFE Centre

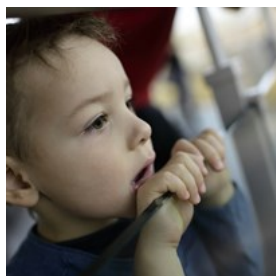


Discover the wonders of marine life at the National SEA LIFE Centre, a fascinating aquarium with over 60 displays showcasing a

diverse range of freshwater and marine creatures. Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of sea creatures, from turtles and sharks to clownfish, octopuses, and jellyfish. This is a great family attraction with plenty of activities for the children. Do not miss the unforgettable experience of walking through the underwater tunnel, where you can observe these incredible animals up close and personal.

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Address: The Water's Edge, Eleven Brindley Place, Birmingham
Opening hours: Sun-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 9:30am-6pm
Phone: +44 121 634 2610
Internet: www.visitsealife.com/birmingham
Email: slcbirmingham@merlinentertainments.biz

Thinktank Science Museum



Spread across four floors, Thinktank is an award-winning and unique science museum that offers a captivating experience for all. With ten galleries showcasing historical artefacts, interactive displays, and futuristic facts, Thinktank stimulates the mind with a wide range of exhibits covering everything from aircraft and steam engines to the intricacies of the human body and the fascinating world of emotional robots. Don't forget to check out the state-of-the-art Planetarium and the outdoor Science Garden for an all-encompassing experience.

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Address: Millennium Point, Curzon Street, Birmingham

Public Transport: Snow Hill Station

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +1 121 348 8000

Internet: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank

Email: hello@birminghammuseums.org.uk

National Motorcycle Museum



The National Motorcycle Museum holds the world's largest collection of British motorcycles. On display is a large number of motorcycles, some 1000 plus machines, from vintage to new. Immerse yourself in the world of motorcycles by booking a guided tour, which promises a lively and immersive experience, offering insights and stories behind these magnificent two-wheeled wonders.

Photo: mashurov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Coventry Road, Bickenhill, Solihull

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-5:30pm

Phone: +1 1675 444123

Internet: www.nationalmotorcyclemuseum.co.uk

More Info: Guided tours must be pre-booked

Birmingham Botanical Gardens



Spanning across a lush 15-acre site, the Birmingham Botanical Gardens is a stunning destination adorned with elegant Victorian glass houses, showcasing a splendid variety of exotic flora. Within its enchanting grounds, you'll also discover a Bonsai garden, as well as a collection of birds.

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Address: Westbourne Road, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat & Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +1 121 454 1860

Internet: www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk

Email: admin@birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk

Winterbourne House & Garden



Only minutes from Birmingham's city centre lies an extraordinary gem—the Winterbourne House & Garden. This remarkable destination showcases a diverse array of over 6000 plant species hailing from every corner of the globe. Step inside the house, adorned with antiques and soft furnishings reminiscent of the Edwardian era, and embark on a journey through time, learning about the families that once called this place home. A perfect English heritage where you can soak up the atmosphere of a bygone era.

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Address: 58 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-5pm

Phone: +44 121 414 3003

Internet: www.winterbourne.org.uk

Email: winterbournehg@contacts.bham.ac.uk
More Info: Tea room on-site

Villa Park Stadium



Home to Aston Villa Football Club since 1897 and with a seating capacity of 42,640, Villa Park Stadium is one of the oldest and most

well-known venues in world football. Throughout its long history, it has hosted an array of prestige events like the World Cup and European Championship matches. To get to know more about its history and tradition, take a stadium tour or just simply visit during an exciting game.

Photo: [Maxisport/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Trinity Road, Birmingham
Internet: www.avfc.co.uk

Spa



While on vacation, finding moments of relaxation is just as important as exploring exciting sights. Indulge in ultimate tranquillity at Santai Spa,

a luxurious retreat boasting a range of amenities including a salt cave, outdoor hot tub, pool, sauna, and more. Unwind with rejuvenating treatments like facials, massages, and manicures that will leave you feeling refreshed and revitalized. Conveniently situated within Resorts World, a vibrant multi-entertainment complex featuring shopping, cinema, a casino, and various dining options, a visit to Santai Spa becomes an exquisite addition to your itinerary if time permits.

Photo: [lightwavemedia/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Genting Hotel Resorts World, Pendigo Way, Marston Green, Birmingham

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm
Phone: +44 121 273 1000
Internet: www.gentinghotel.co.uk/santai-spa

DINING



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With Michelin-starred restaurants, stylish eateries, some of the best Indian restaurants in the UK, yummy street dining, family-run favourites, and new hot spots offering fusion cuisine, Birmingham has for sure something for every taste. 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



Located within the cosmopolitan area at Brindleyplace, Bank is a chic and elegant brasserie-style venue serving pasta, seafood, and steak in a spacious yet intimate dining area with an open kitchen.

Photo: [Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 4 Brindley Place, Birmingham
Public Transport: Brindleyplace (Stop BR1)
Opening hours: Sun-Wed noon-10pm, Thu-Sat noon-11pm
Phone: +44 121 633 4466
Internet: therestaurantbarandgrill.com
Email: birmingham@therestaurantbarandgrill.com

Pushkar



Pushkar is a destination for authentic North Indian cuisine, where Indian fine dining reaches its pinnacle. With an eclectic menu that

skillfully combines contemporary, traditional, and original ideas, the restaurant offers a culinary experience like no other. From aromatic curries to flavorful tandoori specialities, each dish is a masterpiece. And to complement the exquisite flavours, Pushkar also boasts a vibrant cocktail bar, making it a perfect setting for indulging in the finest Indian cuisine while sipping on expertly crafted drinks.

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Address: 245 Broad Street, Birmingham

Public Transport: Brindleyplace (Stop BR4)

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-11pm

Phone: +44 121 643 7978

Internet: www.pushkardining.com

Email: dining@pushkardining.com

Cucina Rustica



Nestled in the renowned Jewellery Quarter, Cucina Rustica brings the heart of Italy to Birmingham through its authentic Italian cuisine. With a

passion for culinary excellence, this restaurant offers a delectable selection of dishes, ranging from flavorful pasta and risotto to tantalizing fresh seafood.

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Address: 24 Ludgate Hill, Birmingham

Phone: +44 121 233 2277

Internet: www.cucinarustica.co.uk

Email: info@cucinarustica.co.uk

Topokki



Topokki is a warm and cosy eatery that specialises in Korean home-cooking cuisine. From mouthwatering Korean dumplings to fiery

spicy fried pork and delectable Korean-style pancakes, each dish is bursting with authentic Korean flavours.

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Address: 1c Hurst Street, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon-Thu noon-10pm, Fri noon-11pm, Sat & Sun noon-9pm

Phone: +44 121 622 7301

Internet: linktr.ee/topokkibirmingham

Carters of Moseley



Carters of Moseley, a Michelin-starred restaurant, presents an exquisite dining experience featuring a luxurious multi-course

tasting menu crafted with the finest seasonal British ingredients. From succulent Scottish beef to fresh Cornish fish and locally sourced vegetables, every dish is a celebration of the country's culinary treasures. To complement the exceptional cuisine, the restaurant offers a thoughtfully curated wine list that spotlights artisanal growers.

Photo: patarapong saraboon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2c Saint Mary's Row, Wake Green Road, Moseley, Birmingham

Phone: +44 121 449 8885

Internet: wearecarters.co.uk

Email: enquiries@wearecarters.co.uk

Simpsons



Simpsons, a French restaurant boasting a coveted Michelin star, offers a delightful fusion of inventive British cooking within the

elegant confines of a Georgian dining room. Nestled in the picturesque and verdant neighbourhood of Edgbaston, the restaurant provides a romantic and beautiful setting for an unforgettable dining experience.

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Address: 20 Highfield Road, Birmingham

Opening hours: Wed-Sat noon-2pm / 7pm-9pm; Sun noon-2pm; Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +44 121 454 3434

Internet: www.simpsonsrestaurant.co.uk

Email: info@simpsonsrestaurant.co.uk

CAFÉS



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In Birmingham, finding a cosy café to unwind in is not hard, since the city is experiencing a coffee shop boom. From renowned international chains to charming family-owned establishments that craft your beloved brew to perfection, the options are endless.

The Kitchen Garden Cafe



The Kitchen Garden Cafe is a serene oasis in the middle of the busy shopping centre in Kings Heath. It offers a garden-inspired menu of freshly-made salads and home-cooked meals, plus cakes and pastries, which can be enjoyed in the lovely courtyard with live music.

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Address: 17 York Road, King's Heath, Birmingham

Public Transport: Institute Road (Stop KA)

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Phone: +44 121 443 4725

Internet: www.kitchengardencafe.co.uk

Boston Tea Party Birmingham



Housed in a grand old building, this award-winning independent café chain offers an array of breakfast delights,

burgers, salads, and freshly baked goods. With an unwavering commitment to sustainability, their philosophy revolves around crafting simple, made-to-order dishes from responsibly sourced ingredients.

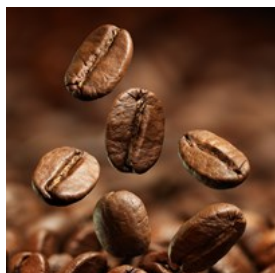
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Address: 190 Corporation Street, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7am-4pm, Fri 7am-5pm, Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 8am-4pm

Internet: bostonteaparty.co.uk/our_cafes/birmingham.php

Urban Cafe / Bar / Kitchen



Whether you crave a delightful breakfast, a weekend bottomless brunch, a fulfilling lunch, or simply a perfectly brewed cup of coffee, Urban Cafe has got you covered. Indulge in a delectable array of sandwiches, pastries, and cakes, as well as coffee expertly crafted by their knowledgeable baristas.

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Address: 30 Church Street, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon 7:30am-2:30pm, Tue-Fri 7:30am-4pm,
Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 9am-3pm

Internet: urbanemporiums.com

Saint Kitchen



Overlooking St Paul's Square, this stylish independent coffee shop offers homemade food, scrumptious cakes, and doughnuts, which all can be accompanied by a cup of single-origin coffee, hot chocolate, or tea. A popular brunch spot among visitors and locals alike.

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Address: Unit 2, 61 St Paul's Square, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun
10am-4pm

Phone: +44 121 236 2940

Internet: www.saintkitchen.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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With the huge student population in the city, Birmingham's nightlife is as famous as it is varied. The city boasts an assortment of pubs, bars, and nightclubs, with the vibrant hub centred on the renowned and bustling Broad Street. Another area that deserves a visit is Digbeth, Birmingham's best-kept secret that is quickly becoming a hot clubbing area and where regular music events take place.

The Briar Rose



Located at Briar Rose JD Wetherspoon Hotel, this busy pub, in the city centre of Birmingham tends to draw a mixed crowd of people, which creates a dynamic atmosphere. It also boasts a restaurant where food such as burgers, steaks, salads, and burritos are served.

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Address: 25 Bennett's Hill, Birmingham

Phone: +44 121 634 8100

Internet: www.jdwetherspoon.com

The Trocadero



Tucked away on Temple Street, The Trocadero is a historic pub, housed in a former gin palace and fire station, serving great value, quality food fresh

from the grill along with a selection of drinks.

This is also a great place to get updated with the latest live sporting events.

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Address: Temple Street, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-11pm, Fri 10am-midnight, Sat 10am-1am, Sun 10am-10pm

Phone: +44 121 643 6107

Internet: www.thetrocaderobirmingham.co.uk

Snobs



Snobs is a popular fixture on Birmingham's club scene offering great music, budget-friendly drinks, and lively dance floors. Talented DJs

curate a playlist spanning indie, rock 'n' roll, alt-pop, and retro jams, ensuring a night filled with catchy beats. It's a highly sought-after spot for those seeking an alternative night out, so arriving early is advisable to secure a prime spot before the crowd swells.

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Address: 51-63 Smallbrook Queensway, Birmingham

Public Transport: Smallbrook Queensway (Stop NS9)

Phone: +44 121 643 5551

Internet: www.snobsnightclub.co.uk

Email: hello@snobsnightclub.co.uk

The Old Joint Stock



Housed within a beautifully transformed Victorian bank building, The Old Joint Stock is a historic gem with origins tracing back to 1862. It

features a captivating island bar beneath a glass-domed roof boasting a remarkable selection of craft lagers, seasonal ales, and exclusive wines. Additionally, this unique establishment doubles as a thriving theatre, offering an array of entertainment from stand-up comedy to captivating musicals.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Temple Row West, Birmingham

Public Transport: Snow Hill Station is just a few hundred metres away

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm, Sun noon-6pm

Phone: +44 121 200 1892

Internet: www.oldjointstock.co.uk

Email: oldjoint.stock@fullers.co.uk

The Wellington



In the heart of the business district, less than 5 minutes' walk from New Street, you'll find The Wellington, a pub that specialises in real

ale. It features 17 different real ales, traditional ciders, and perries, plus more than 150 whiskies. They do not serve food but you're more than welcome to bring your own.

Photo: Ramon L. Farinos/Shutterstock.com

Address: 37 Bennett's Hill, Birmingham

Public Transport: Colmore Row (Stop SH3)

Opening hours: Daily 10am-midnight

Phone: +44 121 269 412

Internet: www.thewellingtonrealale.co.uk

Email: nige@thewellingtonrealale.co.uk

The Windsor



The Windsor is a down-to-earth pub with a central location, where you can enjoy affordable food and drinks. This cosy spot offers a range of traditional pub grub, complemented by a selection of beers, cocktails, and ciders. Join in the excitement of poker and quiz nights while relishing the warm and welcoming ambience that makes The Windsor a perfect gathering place for everyone.

Photo: DGLimages/Shutterstock.com

Address: 33 Cannon Street, Birmingham

Public Transport: New Street Station

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11am-10pm

Phone: +44 121 633 3013

Internet: www.thewindsorbirmingham.co.uk

The Bartons Arms



Housed in a grand Victorian house, this public house has been here for more than 100 years and is one of the most beautiful pubs in the country. The Bartons Arms offers a collection of award-winning beers, along with guest ales from various parts of the country, plus a large selection of imported bottled beers, and tasty Thai food prepared by authentic Thai chefs.

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Address: 144 High Street, Aston, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-11pm, Sun noon-10pm

Phone: +44 121 333 5988

Internet: www.thebartonsarms.com

The Old Contemptibles



The Old Contemptibles is a beloved establishment cherished by both locals and tourists offering an eclectic selection of real ales and delectable British comfort food. Situated conveniently close to the Jewellery Quarter, this pub promises a delightful experience, showcasing renowned British hospitality that ensures both great ale and a memorable dining affair.

Photo: Olena Yakobchuk/Shutterstock.com

Address: 176 Edmund Street, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-11pm, Sun noon-6pm

Phone: +44 121 200 3310

Internet: www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk

Email: contact@support.nicholsonspubs.co.uk

SHOPPING



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Birmingham is renowned as a shopper's paradise, offering a wide range of options from sprawling malls to charming markets and independent shops. And with a compact and pedestrian-friendly city centre, it is never been easier to stroll around from store to store.

When it comes to shopping malls, you'll be spoiled for choice with iconic destinations such as the Bullring, House of Fraser, Selfridges, and Grand Central. These establishments boast an

extensive selection of your favourite designers and the latest brands. A short distance from the Bullring lies the beloved Saint Martin's Market, affectionately known as The Rag, a thriving flea market that has steadily gained popularity over its 50-year existence. For unique and exquisite jewellery, the Jewellery Quarter is a must-visit, where numerous skilled craftsmen and designers display their creations, making it an ideal place to find gifts and souvenirs.

The bustling thoroughfares of New Street and High Street are teeming with shops that showcase well-known brands, alongside independent boutiques waiting to be explored. So, be sure to take a leisurely stroll through these vibrant areas when in the mood for shopping.

Bullring & Grand Central



Birmingham's premier shopping destination, the Bullring mega-complex, is a shopper's paradise. Explore a diverse range of high-street fashion and household shops, complemented by an array of tempting eateries. The highlight of the complex is, undoubtedly, the iconic Selfridges department store. While offering a more focused selection compared to its London counterpart, Selfridges in Birmingham still delivers an exciting range of goods that will captivate any shopper.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: Moor Street, Birmingham
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 11am-5pm
Phone: +44 121 632 1526
Internet: www.bullring.co.uk

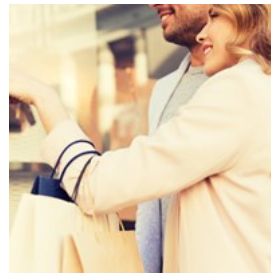
Bullring Rag Market



Home to 350 stalls and 17 perimeter shops, the Bullring Rag Market offers a mix of the latest fashions as well as vintage clothes, plus fabrics, haberdashery, gifts, household goods, and more. With its 50 years of history, The Rag is a must-visit in Birmingham.

Photo: ChiccoDodiFC/Shutterstock.com
Address: 50 Edgbaston Street, Birmingham
Opening hours: Tue, Thu, & Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-5:30pm
Phone: +44 121 303 0208
Internet: www.ragmarket.com
Email: marketstalls@birmingham.gov.uk

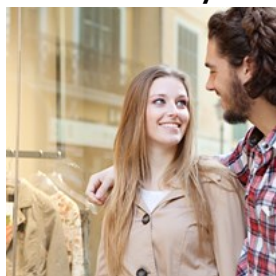
Mailbox



Previously a mail sorting office on Wharfside Street, today the Mailbox is housing fashion shops and galleries. This is where the city has their exclusive stores like Harvey Nichols and shops like Hugo Boss, Calvin Klein, and Armani. This is certainly one of the most luxurious shopping destinations in the town.

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Address: Royal Mail Street, Birmingham
Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm
Phone: +44 121 632 1000
Internet: mailboxlife.com
Email: info@mailboxlife.com

Custard Factory



Nestled within 15 acres of beautifully restored Victorian Factories, a mere stone's throw away from the Bullring, lies the iconic Custard

Factory—the vibrant beating heart of Birmingham's creative quarter. Once the headquarters of Bird's Custard, this extraordinary space has been transformed into a bustling creative hub, housing a myriad of independent shops, charming cafés, bars, and restaurants.

Photo: MJTH/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gibb Street, Birmingham

Internet: digbeth.com/spaces/custard-factory

The Oasis



The Oasis is a unique market featuring a wide variety of alternative, punk, and goth fashions, along with tattoo parlours and vintage shops.

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Address: 114 Corporation Street, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Birmingham Airport (BHX)



Birmingham Airport (BHX) is situated 13 kilometres east of Birmingham, only 10 minutes from the city centre. The adjacent train

station is reached via a short trip on the free Air-Rail Link monorail system between 3:30 am and 12:30 am daily. Trains then depart for Birmingham; there are 7 services per hour from Birmingham Airport. However, they run less frequently in the evenings and at the weekends. Tickets can be purchased at the station for the 10-minute-long journey to New Street Station.

Bus 97/97A connects Birmingham city centre to Birmingham Airport, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Licensed taxis operate 24 hours and are located directly outside the arrivals area of the terminal building.

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Phone: +44 871 222 0072

Internet: www.birminghamairport.co.uk

Best Time to Visit



Birmingham is a fantastic year-round destination with a moderate climate and fewer crowds compared to other destinations in the UK like London and Liverpool. With that said, the best time to visit Birmingham is during the shoulder seasons of spring (March to May) and fall (September to November). Not only will you enjoy pleasant weather to explore outdoor attractions and parks, but you'll also find budget-friendly options during these times.

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Passport & Visa



For travel to the UK, citizens of the EU, EEA, and Switzerland (except Irish citizens) need an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA).

However, those planning to work or study in the UK for more than six months will need to obtain the appropriate visa. Additionally, residents of nine other countries — including Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, and the United States — can also visit the UK for up to six months without a visa, but they will still need an ETA. To ensure a smooth journey, it is advisable to consult the UK government website for any specific visa requirements or regulations.

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Internet: www.gov.uk/uk-border-control

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. You can also pay for your bus ticket when boarding the bus but remember that you need to give the exact change. With that said, walking or cycling around Birmingham is just as popular, as there are plenty of things to see within walking distance.

Photo: Ant Rozetsky/Unsplash

Internet: www.tfwm.org.uk

Taxi



There are many taxi ranks throughout Birmingham, including ranks at all the major train and bus stations. They can also be hailed anywhere on the street or ordered from companies, such as Birmingham Taxis: +44 121 702 2000.

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Post



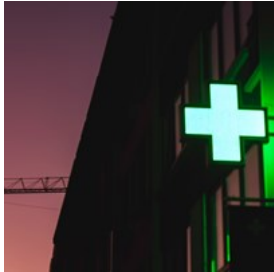
Stamps can be purchased from post offices and newsagents. Post offices are generally open Mon-Sat from 9 am to 6 pm.

Photo: Simona Sergi/Unsplash

Address: Birmingham Post Office, 1 Pinfold Street, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm
Phone: +44 345 722 3344
Internet: www.postoffice.co.uk

Pharmacy



Some of the main pharmacy chains operating in Birmingham, UK, include Boots, LloydsPharmacy, and Superdrug Pharmacy.

Photo: Serkan Yildiz/Unsplash
Address: 66 High Street, Birmingham
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-7pm Sun 11am-5pm
Phone: +44 121 212 1330

Telephone



Country code: +44 Area code: 121

Photo: Wesley Hilario/Unsplash

Electricity



The United Kingdom uses the Type G electric plug, which is one with three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. And it operates on a 230V

supply voltage and 50Hz.

Photo: Hamish Kale/Unsplash (cropped)

Population

1.3 million (2023)

Currency

British Pounds, £1 = 100 pence

Opening hours

Many of the larger shopping malls are open from Monday to Saturday 9am-8pm. Sundays and other public holidays the

usual hours are 11am-5pm.

Internet

visitbirmingham.com

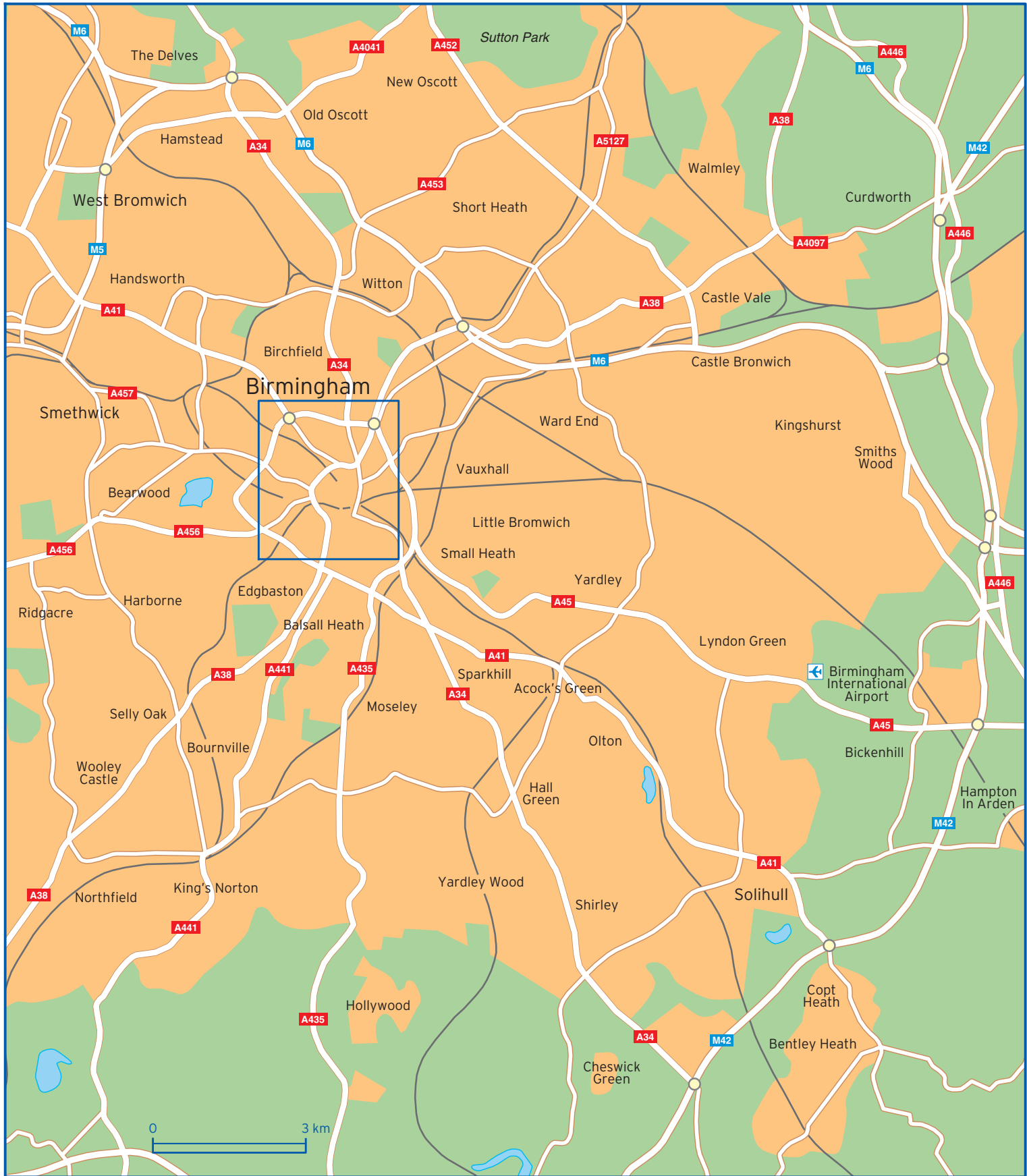
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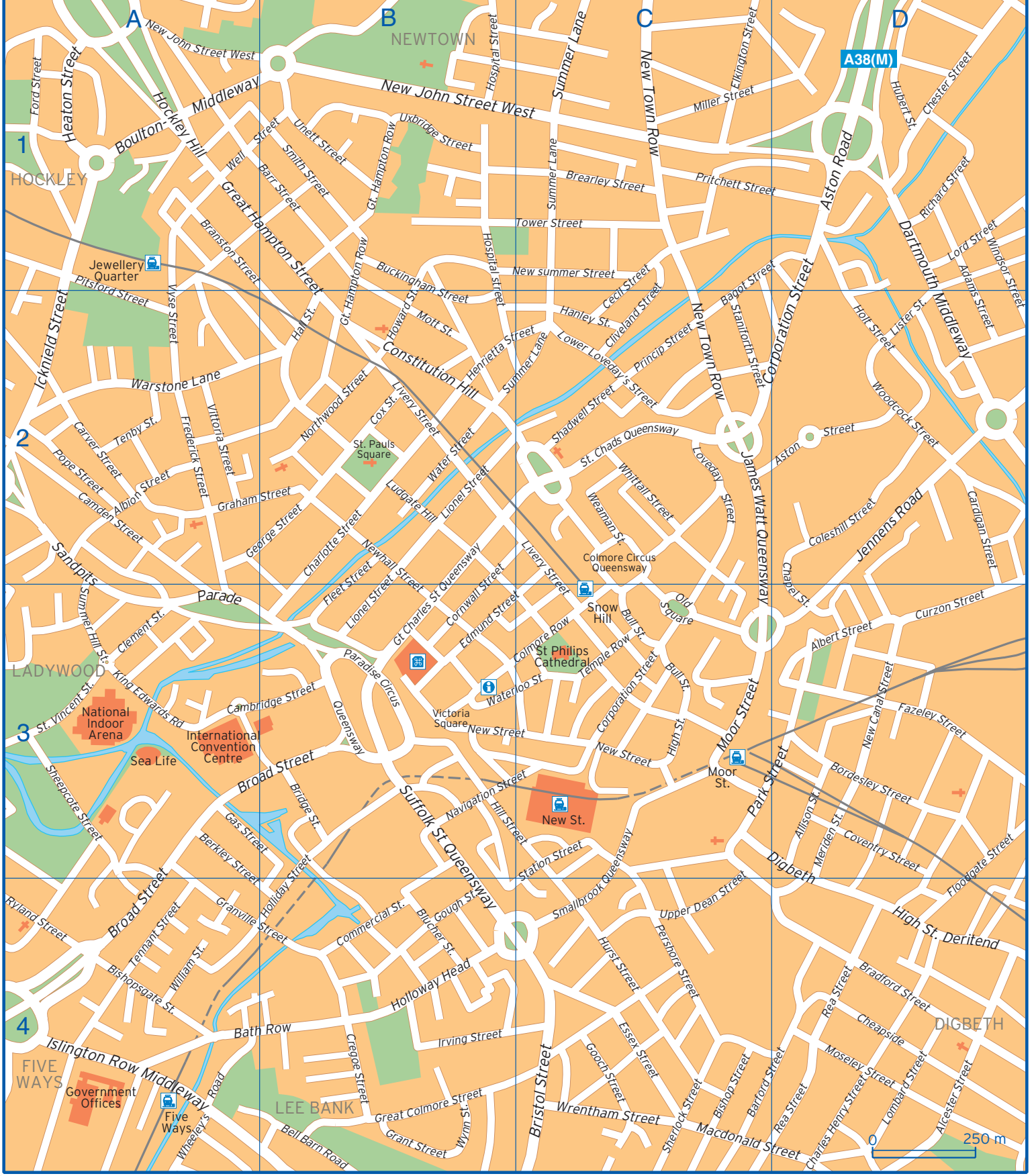
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Emergency numbers

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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	A1 A2	Well Street	A1	Windsor Street	D1 D2
Warstone Lane	A2	Wheeley's Road	A4	Woodcock Street	D2
Water Street	B2	Whittall Street	C2	Wrentham Street	C4
Waterloo Street	B3 C3	William Street	A4	Wynn Street	B4
Weaman Street	C2				