



# Durham

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Not without reason, Durham is regarded as a historical city with a fascinating history. With its numerous Heritage sites, Durham is considered, by many, the spiritual capital of northern England as well as one of its most beautiful and unspoilt medieval centres. The medieval city sits atop a craggy hill encircled on three sides by the River Wear. Its panoramic view of the Cathedral and Castle is a relic of the Norman conquest and described as 'one of the finest architectural experiences of Europe'.



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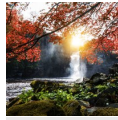
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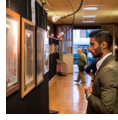
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## THE CITY



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Shrouded in mystery and intrigue, Durham is a captivating place with a rich if not slightly turbulent history. The prosperity of the city naturally developed around the Norman Cathedral, St Cuthbert's Shrine, which has been attracting pilgrims for the past 900 years and has been used as a venue for Hogwarts in the Harry Potter movies. No less spectacular is Durham Castle. Built during the Norman invasion, it is now used as a college of Durham University. With its picturesque view of these ancient sites, Durham is the perfect location for a stroll along the river to delve into its history.

The Industrial Age gave prominence to County Durham at the heart of the vital coal fields, and saw the creation of the world's first passenger railway in 1825. Step back in time into the Industrial Revolution and visit the Railway or Mining Museum during your stay.

Today, the city of Durham serves not only as a major tourist venue, but also as a centre of culture, education (The University of Durham is England's third oldest behind Oxford and Cambridge), spirituality and commerce. Boasting a striking coastal scenery and countryside, Durham also has a lot to offer beautiful nature and landscape. Explore the country's beauty by walking or cycling in one of the numerous

National Parks or along the coastline.

## DO & SEE



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Only a short journey away there's plenty of interest in this compact region that's bursting with activity, visual drama and history. A dramatic coastline of sandy beaches and towering cliffs, gentle and untamed countryside sprinkled heavily with pretty villages, grand castles and some of the most unique and wonderful collections of museums and heritage sites in all England.

### Durham Cathedral



Durham Cathedral, the city's crowning glory, is Britain's finest example of Norman architecture. Standing for over 900 years, this majestic structure has also graced the screen as Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films.

Photo: Bernal Photo/shutterstock

Address: Durham Cathedral, Durham

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

Phone: +44 191 338 7178

Internet: [www.durhamcathedral.co.uk](http://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk)

## Durham Castle



Dating back to 1072, the castle served as the primary residence of the Prince Bishops of Durham until 1832, when it transitioned into

University College. Outside of term time, during student holidays, the building is open for guided tours.

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Address: Palace Green, Durham  
Phone: +44 19 1334 3800

## River Cruises



Enjoy one-hour sight-seeing cruises along the River Wear with suggestive views of Durham Cathedral and Castle aboard the 150

seat Prince Bishop. For a gentle and more intimate journey, rowing boats are also for hire at Browns Rowing Boats.

Photo: Sergii Figurnyi/shutterstock  
Address: Prince Bishop River Cruises, Elvet Bridge, Durham  
Phone: +44 19 13869525

## Coastal Walk



Discover the Durham Coastal Footpath, an 18-kilometre trail from Seaham to Crimdon, part of the England Coast Path National Trail.

Experience the unique Magnesian Limestone Grasslands, coastal denes, vibrant wildflowers, and the sounds of skylarks. Wander through natural woodlands, home to deer and foxes, and enjoy seasonal blooms like bluebells. Witness the

coastline's recovery post-coal mining, with improving water quality and thriving marine life including seals and basking sharks.

Photo: Graeme J Baty/shutterstock  
Address: Durham Coastal Footpath, Durham  
Internet: [durhamheritagecoast.org](http://durhamheritagecoast.org)  
Email: [heritagecoast@durham.gov.uk](mailto:heritagecoast@durham.gov.uk)

## Durham Museum



Durham Museum, set in the historic St Mary-le-Bow church, showcases the city's evolution from medieval times. Its exhibits reveal

Durham's rich history of industry and trade, alongside special exhibitions and a brass rubbing centre.

Photo: chrisdorney/shutterstock  
Address: St Mary-le-Bow, North Bailey, Durham  
Opening hours: Wed-Sun 11am-4:30pm, Mon & Tue closed  
Phone: +44 191 384 6939  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/durhammuseum](http://www.instagram.com/durhammuseum)  
Email: [contact@durhammuseum.co.uk](mailto:contact@durhammuseum.co.uk)

## Beamish – the Living Museum of the North



Beamish Museum, a pioneer of living museums, invites visitors to touch objects, embodying the practice of interactive exhibits. It

showcases everyday life in North East England during the peak of industrialisation in the early 1900s. Explore a recreated town with shops, houses, a pub, offices, and a sweets factory, all brought to life by costumed staff and set amidst countryside influenced by the industrial revolution from 1825.

Photo: coxy58/shutterstock

Address: Beamish, County Durham  
Phone: +44 191 370 4000  
Internet: [www.beamish.org.uk](http://www.beamish.org.uk)  
Email: [museum@beamish.org.uk](mailto:museum@beamish.org.uk)

### Hall Hill Farm



Hall Hill Farm is the perfect destination for a family day out, offering a range of activities sure to delight children. They can enjoy a bumpy tractor ride, lamb bottle feeding, rabbit handling, pony rides, and an outdoor playground. The excitement continues with a sheep race and puppet show.

Photo: Craig Hanson/shutterstock  
Address: Lanchester, Durham  
Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-5pm  
Phone: +44 1388 731333  
Internet: [www.hallhillfarm.co.uk](http://www.hallhillfarm.co.uk)

### HMS Trincomalee



Just north of the River Tees estuary, you can experience life on board of a prestigious heritage fleet. HMS Trincomalee was built in Bombay in 1817 and is one of the oldest warship afloat in the world. Step into the history of the Royal Navy, watch old guns and the cannons being set off and see how life on board was like.

Photo: Graeme J Baty/shutterstock  
Address: National Museum of the Royal Navy Hartlepool, Jackson Dock, Maritime Avenue, Hartlepool  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm  
Phone: +44 1429 860077  
Internet: [www.nmrn.org.uk/visit-us/hartlepool/hms-trincomalee](http://www.nmrn.org.uk/visit-us/hartlepool/hms-trincomalee)

### Crook Hall Gardens



The beautiful cottage gardens at Crook Hall provide views across open countryside and a peaceful and relaxing environment. Some of the gardens have been largely untouched for centuries, while others have been created afterwards. Let yourself be inspired by the magic of these gardens as with every turn there is something new to admire.

Photo: Chemival/shutterstock  
Address: Frankland Lane, Sidegate, Durham  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm  
Phone: +44 191 383 1832  
Internet: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens)  
Email: [info@crookhallgardens.co.uk](mailto:info@crookhallgardens.co.uk)

### Killhope Lead Mining Museum



The Killhope Lead Mining Museum is a restored 19th-century Victorian lead mine where you can delve into the history of mining by mining for your own gemstones or panning for fools gold. The museum has a host of different minerals on display and is surrounded by woods and forest inviting for long walks.

Photo: JordanCrosby/shutterstock  
Address: Cowshill, County Durham  
Opening hours: April through October: daily 10am-4:30pm  
Phone: +44 1388 537505  
Internet: [killhope.org.uk](http://killhope.org.uk)

### Auckland Castle



Auckland Castle is one of the UK's most important historical buildings with the largest private chapel in Europe. Once built as an estate for hunting in pleasant surroundings, it has since then been used as the palace of the Prince Bishops of Durham. You can see how the men of great power resided in this historical building as well as many important works of art and treasures.

Photo: Erhan Inga/shutterstock

Address: Market Place, Bishop Auckland

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 10:30am-4pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +44 1388 743750

Internet: [aucklandproject.org/attraction/auckland-castle](http://aucklandproject.org/attraction/auckland-castle)

Email: [enquiries@aucklandproject.org](mailto:enquiries@aucklandproject.org)

### Bowes Museum



A French château is home to the Bowes Museum and venue for the founders' amazing love story. It is filled with treasures and has an internationally renowned collection of paintings, porcelain, furniture and fine arts on display. The highlight of the exhibition is a 240-year-old Silver Swan automaton.

Photo: travellight/shutterstock

Address: Barnard Castle, Newgate, County Durham

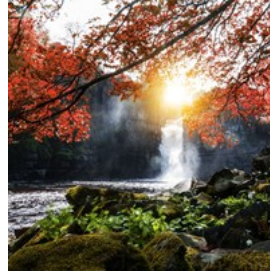
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +44 1833 690606

Internet: [thebowesmuseum.org.uk](http://thebowesmuseum.org.uk)

Email: [info@thebowesmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@thebowesmuseum.org.uk)

### High Force Waterfall



Explore the breathtaking beauty of England's largest waterfall, nestled in the enchanting landscape of Forest-in-Teesdale, in the heart of the Durham Dales. This picturesque and powerful waterfall plunges 21 metres into the River Tees, offering a stunning natural spectacle.

Photo: Pornpipat Charoenthai/shutterstock

Address: High Force, County Durham

Opening hours: Daily 10am-4pm

Internet: [www.raby.co.uk/high-force/waterfall](http://www.raby.co.uk/high-force/waterfall)

Email: [highforce@rabycastle.com](mailto:highforce@rabycastle.com)

### Oriental Museum



The Oriental Museum evolved in conjunction with the teaching of oriental languages at Durham University and is completely devoted to the art and archaeology of the regions of Northern Africa, Near and Middle East, as well as Asia. It boasts a unique collection of Asian artefacts and there are plenty of activities like dressing up or colouring to keep children amused.

Photo: ArtOfPhotos/shutterstock

Address: Durham University, Elvet Hill Road, Durham, County Durham

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat & Sun noon-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +44 191 334 5691

Internet:

[www.dur.ac.uk/things-to-do/venues/oriental-museum](http://www.dur.ac.uk/things-to-do/venues/oriental-museum)

Email: [oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk](mailto:oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk)

### Gala Theatre & Cinema



On a rainy day in Durham, consider visiting the Gala Theatre Durham on the banks of the river Wear. It is known as one of the best theatres in the

northeast. The venue hosts leading theatre companies, comedians, bands, musicians and dance performers, as well as a cinema programme.

Photo: hafakot/shutterstock

Address: 1 Millennium Place, Durham

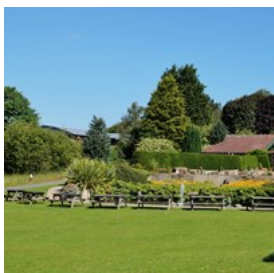
Opening hours: Gala Lounge: Mon-Fri 10am-3pm, Sat 10am-5pm

Phone: +44 300 026 6600

Internet: galadurham.co.uk

Email: boxoffice@galadurham.co.uk

### Durham University Botanic Garden



Stroll through Durham University's Botanic Gardens, which house a unique collection of indigenous and exotic plants and animals.

Originally established for teaching and research to promote biodiversity on campus, the gardens are now open to the public. Experience diverse ecosystems from arid deserts to tropical rainforests and native woodlands, all in one place.

Photo: EQRoy/shutterstock

Address: Durham University, South Road, Durham

Opening hours: March through October: daily 10am-4:30pm.

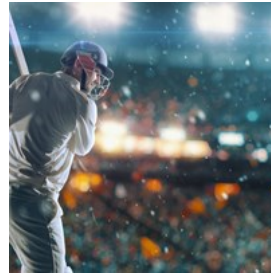
November through February: daily 10:30am-4pm

Phone: +44 191 334 2887

Internet: [www.dur.ac.uk/things-to-do/venues/botanic-garden](http://www.dur.ac.uk/things-to-do/venues/botanic-garden)

Email: [botanic.garden@durham.ac.uk](mailto:botanic.garden@durham.ac.uk)

### Riverside Ground Cricket Stadium



The Riverside Ground, situated near the River Wear, is the home of Durham County Cricket Club. This venue hosts thrilling local cricket

matches and has also been the stage for numerous international fixtures.

Photo: Vasyl Shulgar/shutterstock

Address: Riverside, Chester-le-Street, County Durham

Phone: +44 191 387 1717

Internet: [www.durhamcricket.co.uk](http://www.durhamcricket.co.uk)

### DINING



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Durham is a university city attracting students from across the globe, so the restaurant scene has adapted and found itself in a position to boast culinary fare from most corners of the planet. This is not to say that local delicacies from the nearby sea ports and farming land have been ignored. After years of scorn at both home and abroad British cooking and ingredients have found a new respect and recognition.

### The Capital



This venue offers a diverse menu of exquisite traditional Indian dishes, ranging from subtle, delicate flavours to intensely spicy curries.

The wait staff are courteous, friendly, and always ready to assist.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/shutterstock  
Address: 69 Claypath, Durham City  
Opening hours: Daily 5:15pm-10:30pm  
Phone: +44 191 386 8803  
Internet: thecapitalindian.co.uk

### Finbarr's Restaurant



In a restored 17th century farmhouse, an eclectic menu offers flavours from around the globe at reasonable prices in a choice of two

settings. Choose from a room dedicated to the wild and raucous, or alternatively a more formal and romantic evening.

Photo: Art\_rich/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Aykley Heads, Durham  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12h-14h, Sun 18h-21h  
Phone: +44 191 307 7033  
Internet: www.finbarrsrestaurant.co.uk  
Email: info@finbarrsrestaurant.co.uk  
More Info: Aykley Heads House

### Bells Fish Restaurant



Ideally located on Market Place, Bells Fish Restaurant offers tasty fish and seafood dishes.

Here you can also enjoy bread rolls, chips and coffee with a great selection of sauces.

Photo: Kris Wiktor/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 11 Market Place, Durham UK  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11h15-20h30, Sun 12h-15h  
Phone: +44 191 384 8974  
Internet: www.bellsfishshop.co.uk  
Email: bells@bellsfishshop.co.uk

### Cross Keys Inn



The Cross Keys Inn has traditional homemade British classics as well as international cuisine on their menu. Great traditional local pub

atmosphere with excellent food. Try British classics like Cullen Skink, Spotted Dick or Sticky Figgy Pudding.

Photo: Jamie Rogers/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Cross Keys Inn, Front St, Durham  
Opening hours: Daily 12h - 00h  
Phone: +44 191 373 1279  
Internet: www.crosskeyshamsterley.co.uk

### Bella Mamma



The family friendly Italian restaurant Bella Mamma is one of the favourite spots for locals to enjoy traditional Italian cuisine in a lively and welcoming

atmosphere. Groups of all ages come here to have a good time with friends and family with excited chatter and laughter.

Photo: Andrea Mangoni/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Nevilles Cross Complex, Darlington Rd, Durham, County Durham  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 17h-22h, Sunday closed  
Phone: +44 191 370 9922  
Internet: www.bellamammadurham.co.uk  
More Info: hosts occasional live music nights

### Tia's



Tia's Mexican and Mediterranean restaurant has a great choice of tasty Tex Mex food ranging from traditional Mexican enchiladas,

fajitas and chimichangas as well as a host of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free dishes. Enjoy the famous Tia's Rose or the frozen Margaritas.

Photo: Cesarz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 84 Claypath, Durham

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 17h-23h or till late, Sunday closed

Phone: +44 191 383 9001

Internet: [www.tiasmexican.co.uk](http://www.tiasmexican.co.uk)

More Info: Happy Hour 5pm - 7pm

### Lebaneat Restaurant



This is the place to eat if you are looking for new tastes, aromas. Enjoy authentic Lebanese cuisine in the heart of Durham with a fantastic

view of the historic city. On Monday and Thursday you can even bring your own alcohol.

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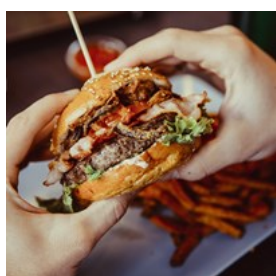
Address: 47 North Bailey, Durham

Opening hours: Daily 12h - 23h

Phone: +44 191 384 6777

Internet: [www.lebaneat.co.uk](http://www.lebaneat.co.uk)

### Paxtons Sandwich Bar



Paxtons Sandwich Bar is renowned in whole Durham for its beautifully displayed selection of fresh sandwiches and its excellent, friendly

service. All dishes are handmade and range from English breakfast to baked potatoes and

delicious burgers.

Photo: veryulissa/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Romaine Square, Bowburn, Durham

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7h-14h, Sat 8h-13h

Phone: +44 191 3772393

Internet: [www.paxtonssandwichbar.co.uk](http://www.paxtonssandwichbar.co.uk)

### The Old Mill



The Old Mill, a typical English Inn, is located in a countryside setting with an intimate and cosy atmosphere. Formerly used as a mill, its interior has been turned into a tasteful and stylish restaurant. The food is outstanding and portions are more than generous even for a big appetite.

Photo: KarepaStock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Metal Bridge, Thinford Rd, Coxhoe, Durham, County Durham

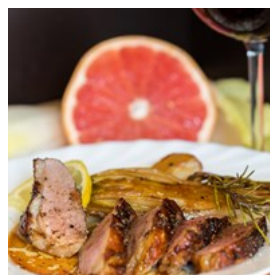
Opening hours: (Serving food) Mon-Thu 12h-21h Fri-Sat 12h-21h30 Sun 12h-21h

Phone: +44 1740 652 928

Internet: [www.oldmilldurham.co.uk](http://www.oldmilldurham.co.uk)

Email: [office@oldmilldurham.co.uk](mailto:office@oldmilldurham.co.uk)

### The Blue House



The family-run pub The Blue House is an oasis of tranquility in a wonderful rural setting. There is plenty of choice for the whole family as they

serve both traditional pub dishes like steak pie or fish and chips and Sunday roast as well as light lunch and suppers.

Photo: JL-Pfeifer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Salters Ln, Haswell, Durham

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12h- 14h30 and 17h-21h, Sat 18h-21h, Sun 12h-16h

Phone: +44 191 526 0307

Internet:

[www.thebluehouse-haswell.co.uk/bar-and-restaurant](http://www.thebluehouse-haswell.co.uk/bar-and-restaurant)

### Three Horseshoes



Originally built as a farm, The Three Horseshoes serves excellent home cooked food in a comfortable environment.

On Pie Tuesday, you should enjoy one of the delicious pies with a selection of fine fillings baked freshly after your order.

Photo: ShengImages/Shutterstock.com

Address: Three Horseshoes, Lanchester Rd, Lanchester, Maiden Law, Durham, County Durham

Opening hours: Mon-Friday 11h30-14h30 and 18h-22h30, Sat 11h30-23h, Sun 12h - 17h

Phone: +44 1207 520 900

Internet: [www.thethreehorseshoesmaidenlaw.co.uk](http://www.thethreehorseshoesmaidenlaw.co.uk)

### The Head Of Steam - Durham



The Head of Steam is an English pub, situated directly in the centre of Durham, and has a huge variety of draught and bottled beers from all

over the world with wheat beers and lots of Belgian beers among them. Test your appetite in the Burger Challenge and see if you can finish the giant burger.

Photo: JM Travel Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Reform Place, North Road, Durham, County Durham

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 12h-23h, Fri 12h 00h, Sat 12h-00, Sun 12h-23h

Phone: +44 191 383 2173

Internet: [www.theheadofsteam.co.uk](http://www.theheadofsteam.co.uk)

### Rib Room Steakhouse & Grill



Situated within the area of Ramside Golf Club and Hotel, The Rib Room Steakhouse and Grill is a great venue for a romantic evening and an exclusive dining experience. Meat-lovers will be pleased by the cuts of fine Durham Beef cooked to perfection and your liking accompanied by a selection of first-class wines.

Photo: DonLand/Shutterstock.com

Address: Carrville, Durham, County

Opening hours: Fri-Sat lunch 12h - 14h, Friday dinner 18h - 22h, Saturday dinner 17h- 22h, Sunday lunch 12h-13h

Phone: +44 1740 620253

Internet: [www.hardwickhallhotel.co.uk/dining/ribroom.aspx](http://www.hardwickhallhotel.co.uk/dining/ribroom.aspx)

### Thai River Restaurant



Located in the heart of Durham on the right side of the river, Thai provides easy access to the city centre a fabulous view of Durham Cathedral and of the beautiful riverside. Enjoy delicious, authentic Thai food and exceptional service for a unique dining experience.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 32 The Riverwalk Durham DH1 4SL

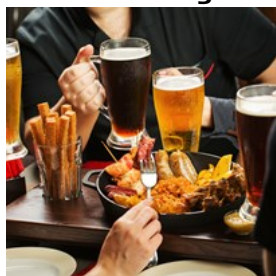
Opening hours: Daily Mon-Sun 12h-15h and 15h-22h

Phone: +44 191 597 8774

Internet: [www.thairiverdurham.co.uk](http://www.thairiverdurham.co.uk)

More Info: Delivery service from [www.deliveroo.co.uk](http://www.deliveroo.co.uk)

### The Three Bridges



The Three Bridges has something for any taste or age. Whether you would like real pub food, a big breakfast or just a drink and join for major sport events, the popular bar can cater for every need, since it comes equipped with two HDTVs and two projector screens, as well as vegan options in the menu.

Photo: PRESSLAB/Shutterstock.com

Address: 80-83 North Rd, Durham, County Durham

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9.30h-23.30h, Fri 9.30h-00h, Sat 9h-00h Sun 10h-23h

Phone: +44 191 384 1775

Internet: [www.greatukpubs.co.uk/thethreebridges-durham](http://www.greatukpubs.co.uk/thethreebridges-durham)

Email: [ThreeBridges.Durham@stonegatepubs.com](mailto:ThreeBridges.Durham@stonegatepubs.com)

### CAFÉS



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In true English spirit, you can find a great number of cosy places to indulge in Afternoon tea. Of course, there are several alternatives if tea is not really your passion, such as delicious cakes and biscuits or tasty sandwiches.

### Vennels Café



With more than one-hundred seats over the three floors of a spectacular 16th century building, Vennel's is famed for its tasty traditional cakes and its beautiful pieces of furniture. Here you can enjoy a country cottage atmosphere with a delightful touch of elegance.

Photo: Alison Henley/Shutterstock.com

Address: Saddlers Yard 71 Rear of Saddlers Street

Opening hours: Mon-Sat: 9h30-17h, Sun 10h30-17h

Phone: +44 191 375 0623

Internet: [www.vennels.com](http://www.vennels.com)

### Tealicious Tea Room



Tealicious Tearoom is appreciated thanks to their impressive attention to detail. You will receive the full experience, with vintage china teacups, charming little teapots and homemade scones. If you prefer coffee that can easily be arranged too.

Photo: Mikhail\_Kaylr/Shutterstock.com

Address: 88 Elvet Bridge, Durham

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10h-16h, Sun 12h-16h

Phone: +44 191 3401 393

Internet: [www.tealicioustearoom.co.uk](http://www.tealicioustearoom.co.uk)

Email: [tealicioustearoom@live.com](mailto:tealicioustearoom@live.com)

### Treats Coffee Shop



Treats Coffee Shop is an excellent venue whether you are looking for a lunch or just a coffee and some snacks. The portions are large and the food is home cooked and of high quality. In addition the prices are reasonable and the staff

welcoming and friendly.

Photo: AlexandriaBryjak/Shutterstock.com

Address: 27-28, Silver St, Durham

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8h-17h30, Sat 8h-18h, Sun 9h-16h30

Phone: +44 191 384 5620

More Info: Located in Silver Street opposite Marks and Spencer and above the Body Shop

### Ye Old Elm Tree



Ye Old Elm Tree is a welcoming pub that attracts a diverse crowd, including young and old, as well as families. The menu offers a wide selection of real ales, tasty food, and delicious vegetarian or gluten-free specials like wheat-free ale. With a large beer garden and folk music, this charming pub ensures there's something for every taste or dietary requirement.

Photo: James John Newton/shutterstock

Address: 12 Crossgate, Durham

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11:30am-11pm, Fri & Sat 11:30am-midnight

Phone: +44 191 386 4621

Internet: [www.instagram.com/yeoldelmtreedurham](https://www.instagram.com/yeoldelmtreedurham)

### Half Moon Inn



A Tudor building is home to The Half Moon Inn, a traditional English pub with award-winning beer which has featured in the Good Beer Guide for years. Join the weekly events and get-togethers while having a decent pint or ale.

Photo: KerrysWorld/shutterstock

Address: 86 New Elvet, Durham

Opening hours: Daily 11am-midnight

Phone: +44 191 374 1918

Internet: [www.thehalfmooninndurham.co.uk](http://www.thehalfmooninndurham.co.uk)

### Flat White Kitchen



Flat White, located in a renovated 17th-century townhouse in the heart of Durham, is renowned for its delicious food and acclaimed as one of

Northeast England's top coffee spots. Don't miss out on their brunch and sandwiches, sure to delight any visitor.

Photo: Sasha Davas/shutterstock

Address: 40 Saddler Street, Durham

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

Phone: +44 191 384 0725

Internet: [flatwhitekitchen.com](http://flatwhitekitchen.com)

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Like all major towns and cities, Durham has a lively and kaleidoscopic bar scene. New fashionable and trendy bars are opening all the time, while the more traditional and quintessential British drinking house, the pubs, remain ever popular with locals, students and tourists.

With its cobbles, centuries of spiritual heritage and old-world feel, Durham is perhaps not normally associated with a lively up to the minute nocturnal scene. However, the nightclubs do what they do very well, particularly those around the North Road district of the city.

### Gala Theatre



Gala theater offers a plenty of cultural activities such as tragedies, comedies, and musical events provided by various

companies and artists. It 's also a nice place to eat and drink in style. Every Saturday from 12.30 pm you can enjoy free chill out jazz.

Photo: aerogondo2/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Millennium Place, Durham

Opening hours: (Depending on the show) lunch menu served daily 11h30 to 14h30.

Phone: +44 3000 266 600

Internet: [www.galadurham.co.uk](http://www.galadurham.co.uk)

### Market Tavern



The Market Tavern, a cherished and historic pub, is ideally situated in the heart of the shopping district, inside the Durham Market Hall. It's

the perfect spot for a quick drink and a bite to eat at a reasonable price.

Photo: DronG/shutterstock

Address: Durham Market Hall, 27 Market Place, Durham

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

Phone: +44 191 386 2069

Internet: [www.greeneking.co.uk/pubs/durham/market-tavern](http://www.greeneking.co.uk/pubs/durham/market-tavern)

### The Water House



The Water House is a popular, child-friendly bar located in a former water board building. Conveniently situated near both the railway and

bus/coach stations, it's also easily accessible

from the Millburngate Centre.

Photo: Lordn/shutterstock

Address: 65 North Road, Durham

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 9am-midnight, Fri & Sat 9am-1am

Phone: +44 19 1370 6540

Internet: [ambertaverns.co.uk/pub/20961](http://ambertaverns.co.uk/pub/20961)

### Klute



Being one of Durham's oldest and enduringly popular clubs, Klute is happy to be a place where people can get to know each other without

the worry of inhibitions.

Located on the historical Elvet Bridge, It is good fun as it loyally sticks to a perpetually-popular selection of 1960's,1970's and 1980's classic pop.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Elvet Bridge, Durham DH1 3AF

Opening hours: Daily 22h30-2h, Wed closed

Phone: +44 7713 341127

Internet: [www.klutedurham.co.uk](http://www.klutedurham.co.uk)

Email: [lisa@tokyoindustries.com](mailto:lisa@tokyoindustries.com)

### Champagne Bar by Ebony



Champagne Bar offers an extensive selection of sparkling wines and cocktails in a sophisticated environment. The bar is

perfect for private parties or for having a relaxing drink with friends.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/shutterstock

Address: 8 Walkergate, Durham City

Opening hours: Tue 11am-8pm, Wed 11am-10pm, Thu 11am-11pm, Fri & Sat 11am-midnight, Sun noon-8pm, Mon closed

Phone: +44 191 375 7121

Internet: [ebonychampagnebar.co.uk](http://ebonychampagnebar.co.uk)

Email: [info@ebonychampagnebar.co.uk](mailto:info@ebonychampagnebar.co.uk)

### The Dun Cow Inn



The Dun Cow is a charming, traditional English pub offering everything you could want in a classic setting. Tucked away among

houses, away from the bustling city centre, it has remained unchanged for decades. Enjoy home-made bar snacks and a selection of local ales in this cosy retreat.

Photo: Meritt Thomas/unsplash  
Address: 37 Old Elvet, Durham  
Phone: +44 191 386 9219

### Fighting Cocks



Fighting Cocks is a vibrant pub with a weekend DJ spinning hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s, and live sports events on screen. Enjoy their great traditional pub food, cask ales, and a wide selection of wines, spirits, and cocktails.

Photo: lansa/shutterstock  
Address: 4 South Street, Durham  
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-11pm, Fri 11am-2am, Sat 11am-2am, Sun noon-11pm  
Phone: +44 191 386 1121  
Internet: [www.thefightingcocksdurham.co.uk](http://www.thefightingcocksdurham.co.uk)

### Whisky River

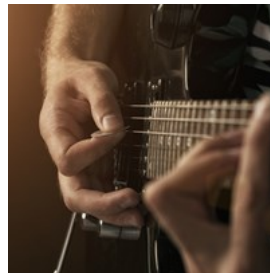


Whisky River is a stylish, old-fashioned cocktail bar with outdoor seating that overlooks Durham's scenic riverside and Elvet Bridge. Even those who aren't cocktail enthusiasts will find something to

enjoy, thanks to a solid selection of continental beers and lagers. Live music enhances the atmosphere in the evenings, making it a perfect spot for a night out.

Photo: Shebeko/shutterstock  
Address: Prince Bishops Place, Riverside, Elvet, Durham  
Phone: +44 191 384 9511  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/whiskyriverbar](http://www.instagram.com/whiskyriverbar)

### The Big Jug



The Big Jug is an ideal spot for a lively night out. Enjoy live bands every Friday and hit the dance floor with top DJs on Saturdays. Sports fans

can catch major events on large screens. With its vibrant atmosphere, The Big Jug promises a fun and memorable experience.

Photo: Danil Nevsky/shutterstock  
Address: William Robson House, 88 Claypath, Durham  
Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/big\\_jug\\_durham](http://www.instagram.com/big_jug_durham)

### Osbornes



Osbornes, located right in the heart of the nightlife scene just off Elvet Bridge and near Klute and Whisky River, offers a prime spot for an

enjoyable night out. With varied DJs, live bands, and a solid selection of drinks, it's a top choice for a lively evening.

Photo: vladko13/shutterstock  
Address: 21A Elvet Bridge, Durham  
Phone: +44 191 383 2783  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/durhamosbornes](http://www.instagram.com/durhamosbornes)

### The Drunken Duck



Whether you're in the mood for classic rock and roll tunes or simply a cosy, relaxed evening, The Drunken Duck is the perfect spot for an exciting night out. Every Friday evening features a live band, providing great musical entertainment to enhance your experience.

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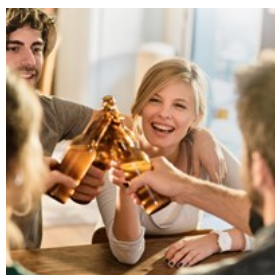
Address: 91-91a Claypath, Durham

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 2pm-midnight, Sat & Sun noon-midnight

Phone: +44 191 374 1114

Internet: [www.instagram.com/thedrunkenduckdurham](http://www.instagram.com/thedrunkenduckdurham)

### The Bishops' Mill



By day, Bishop's Mill operates as a restaurant, but after 10 pm, it transforms into a lively late bar with a DJ, dance floor, and a wide selection of drinks. It has frequently appeared in the Good Beer Guide and is renowned for its extensive range of ales and draught beers.

Photo: Jack Frog/shutterstock

Address: Walkergate Durham, 1 Walkergate, Durham

Opening hours: Daily 8am-late

Phone: +44 191 370 8510

Internet: [www.jdwetherspoon.com/pubs/all-pubs/england/county-durham/the-bishops-mill-durham](http://www.jdwetherspoon.com/pubs/all-pubs/england/county-durham/the-bishops-mill-durham)

### The Library



From the moment you see the welcoming signs outside, you know The Library is a special place. This quirky pub exudes student bar vibes and

offers a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for a relaxing evening with friends. Enjoy acoustic live music regularly and catch all the big games on the screen.

Photo: Casezy idea/shutterstock

Address: 46 Saddler Street, Durham

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-midnight, Fri & Sat

10am-1am, Sun 10am-11:30pm

Phone: +44 191 384 6704

Internet: [www.crafted-social.co.uk/library-durham](http://www.crafted-social.co.uk/library-durham)

## SHOPPING



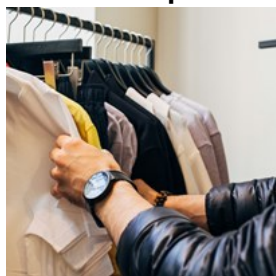
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Despite its compactness, Durham offers a wide range of shopping options amongst the intimate lanes and atmospheric narrow streets, much of which is closed to traffic, making for a pleasant and relaxed experience.

Its monthly farmers' market adds additional colour and life on selected days throughout the week, while Prince Bishops Place offers all the high street and designer brands one could wish for.

Unique to the city is the Fowler's Yards, where artists and craftspeople create and sell their specialities such as glass, metal and textile work. There is even a microbrewery.

### Prince Bishops Place



The Prince Bishops Place, an open-air retail hub, is nestled in the heart of Durham, just a stone's throw from the historic Market Place. It features over 40 leading brands, including Next, Boots, and Clarks. After a day of successful shopping, unwind in one of the on-site cafes or bars.

Photo: charlesdeluvio/unsplash

Address: Centre Management Offices, High Street, Durham

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm, Sun 11am-5pm

Phone: +44 191 375 0416

Internet: [princebishopsplace.co.uk](http://princebishopsplace.co.uk)

Email: [info@princebishops.co.uk](mailto:info@princebishops.co.uk)

### Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors



Save up to 50% while buying world-leading brands at the outlet centre Dalton Park. Over 60 outlet shops selling over 200 different brands can be found all under one roof ranging from Joseph and Radley to Next Clearance, Adidas, Levi or Marks & Spencer.

Photo: Markus Spiske/pexels

Address: Church Street, Murton, Seaham

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 9:30am-6pm, Sun 10:30am-4:30pm

Phone: +44 191 526 6500

Internet: [www.dalton-park.co.uk](http://www.dalton-park.co.uk)

### Bishop Auckland



Bishop Auckland is renowned not just for Auckland Castle but also for its multitude of shopping options in quaint boutiques and

specialist shops in the city centre. With over 200 unique shops that offer items not typically found on high streets, Fore Bondgate (one of the oldest streets in town) is a shopping haven.

Photo: Erhan Inga/shutterstock

Address: Bishop Auckland, Bishop Auckland, County Durham

### Durham City Market



Since 1851, a historic Victorian building has housed the Durham City Market, preserving much of its tradition. Over 50 independent traders offer a diverse selection of locally sourced foods and drinks, hand-crafted items, homewares, and fashion.

Photo: Mark Stebnicki/pexels

Address: Durham Market Hall, Market Place

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-4:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +44 191 384 6153

Internet: [durhammarkets.co.uk](http://durhammarkets.co.uk)

Email: [info@durhammarkets.co.uk](mailto:info@durhammarkets.co.uk)

### The Mugwump



The Mugwump, Durham's distinctive boutique, was established in 1966 by two art school graduates with the aim of creating a shop brimming with treasures and unique finds. Since its inception, it has retained much of its original charm, and the philosophy remains largely unchanged: sourcing exclusive clothing, accessories, plus perfect gift ideas and homeware.

Photo: Nataliya Vaitkevich/pexels

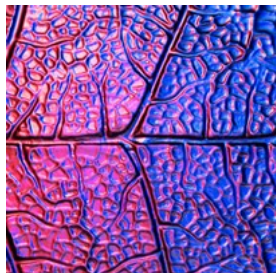
Address: 37 Saddler Street, Durham

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

Phone: +44 191 386 1282

Internet: [www.instagram.com/mugwump\\_durham](http://www.instagram.com/mugwump_durham)

### Crushed Chilli Gallery



At Crushed Chilli Gallery in the city centre, discover unique and handcrafted contemporary art, including paintings, sculptures, ceramics, glass, jewellery, and textiles. Each piece is individually crafted with high-quality art glass. Experience the transformation of glass at the onsite working studio.

Photo: Immo Wegmann/unsplash

Address: South Street, Durham

Phone: +44 7960 654996

Internet: [www.crushedchilli.co.uk](http://www.crushedchilli.co.uk)

Email: <https://www.facebook.com/crushedchilligallery/>

### People's Bookshop Durham



People's Bookshop Durham is an independent bookshop specialising in second-hand books covering local history, politics, biographies, poetry, collectable books, and various tales and ideas from the local community. Step inside and explore the eclectic selection of books on offer.

Photo: Pixabay/pexels

Address: 70 Saddler Street, Saddlers Yard, Durham

Phone: +44 191 384 4399

Internet: [www.instagram.com/peoplesbookshop](http://www.instagram.com/peoplesbookshop)

### Barnard Castle



Explore the historic market town of Barnard Castle, named after its famous castle. With its array of antique shops and independent

retailers, it's a haven for shoppers seeking unique, charming items beyond the high streets. Treasure seekers can discover home décor, second-hand books, designer clothes, jewellery, vintage and retro items, or local crafts.

Photo: Josh Kirk/unsplash

Address: Barnard Castle, County Durham

Internet: [www.thisisdurham.com/explore-durham/durham-to-wns/barnard-castle](http://www.thisisdurham.com/explore-durham/durham-to-wns/barnard-castle)

### The Durham Brewery Ltd



Visit Durham's oldest brewery to see a working microbrewery and sample or purchase bottle-conditioned beers, mini-casks, gift packs, or t-shirts. It's the perfect spot to buy beers directly from the source and learn about the history of brewing.

Photo: Adam Wilson/unsplash

Address: Unit 6a, Bowburn North Industrial Estate, Bowburn, Durham

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

Phone: +44 191 377 1991

Internet: [durhambrewery.com](http://durhambrewery.com)

### Durham Distillery City Centre Shop



Durham Gin is a small-batch craft distillery on the outskirts of Durham City, known for producing genuine, handmade gin using traditional methods and the finest ingredients. Embracing old-fashioned production techniques, they use a 400-litre copper pot and produce small batches, with each bottle and label crafted by hand. Visit their shop on High Street at Prince Bishops Place to explore their unique offerings.

Photo: Sara Cervera/unsplash

Address: Prince Bishops, 31 High Street, Durham

Opening hours: Daily 10am-4:30pm

Phone: +44 780 923 8481

Internet: durhamdistillery.co.uk

Email: info@durhamdistillery.co.uk

### Fowlers Yard – Durham's Arts Quarter



Fowler's Yard, one of Durham's best-kept secrets, is a creative hub where workspaces retain their authentic charm.

Here, an artistic

community shares their skills with visitors, offering experiences in wool spinning and fleecing, furniture restoration, jewellery design, portrait painting, tapestry weaving, and micro-brewing.

Photo: Jazz Bainbridge/unsplash

Address: Fowlers Yard, Back Silver Street, Durham

Internet: fowlersyard.com

### Something Different Antiques



Something Different Antiques is a quaint, family-owned business where you can find a selection of antiques and vintage items. They offer

English and Continental furniture, clocks, pottery, barometers, ethnic carpets, vintage clothing, chandeliers, and decorative items.

Photo: Engin Sezer/shutterstock

Address: 34 Maude Terrace, St Helen Auckland, Bishop Auckland

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10:30am-4:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +44 1388 664366

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Teesside International Airport (MME)



Durham and the surrounding area are served by Teesside International Airport. This small and friendly international airport

regularly sees 1 million passengers per year and is located 30 kilometres from Durham city and close to many of the attractions this region has to offer.

There are numerous bus services you can use to reach the city. Bus service 12 operates between Darlington and the airport.

You can find taxis just outside the terminal building.

Photo: yousef alfuhiqi/unsplash

Address: Tees Valley, Darlington

Phone: +44 1325 332811

Internet: www.teessideinternational.com

Email: enquiries@TeessideInternational.com

More Info: Previously known as Durham Tees Valley Airport

## Railway



Durham city has a well-connected railway station for both local and nationwide destinations. Train services are provided by four

companies: London North Eastern Railway (LNER), CrossCountry, TransPennine Express and Northern Trains.

You can phone the National Rail Enquiry Line for up-to-date information.

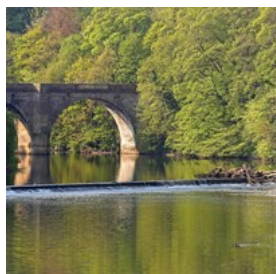
Photo: Graeme J Baty/shutterstock

Address: Durham Railway Station, Station Approach, Durham

Phone: +44 84 5748 4950

Internet: [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## Best Time to Visit



Durham, typical of Northeast England, experiences quite a bit of precipitation, particularly from November to February. Spring or late

winter are excellent times to visit, offering an alternative to the summer peak temperatures.

July is also a great month to explore the city, especially during the Durham Brass Festival.

This event features string bands and orchestras performing in open-air concerts, alongside a variety of street carnivals and music workshops for both adults and children.

Photo: David Ross/unsplash

## 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.

Photo: maramade/shutterstock

Internet: [www.gov.uk/uk-border-control](http://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control)

## Public Transport

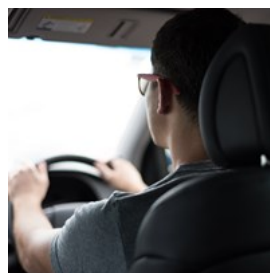


While the station is on a hill just a 10-minute walk from the city centre, there are regular buses between the two. Durham Cathedral Bus service

links the Cathedral, Rail Station, Bus Station, Car and Coach Parks and operates every 20 minutes.

Photo: Ant Rozetsky/unsplash

## Taxi



There are few of the famous Black 'Hackney' taxis in Durham, but plenty of mini cabs to choose from. There are taxi ranks at the Rail and

Bus Stations, outside the Prince Bishops and Gates Shopping Centres, and at Market Place.

Photo: Art Markiv/unsplash

Internet: [www.thisisdurham.com/visitor-information/getting-around/taxis](http://www.thisisdurham.com/visitor-information/getting-around/taxis)

## Post



Postage stamps are available across Durham at post offices, newsagents and supermarkets. To post a package or small

souvenirs, drop into a post office — you can find your nearest branch on their official website.

Post offices are generally open Monday to Friday 9am–5:30pm and Saturday 9am–12:30pm.

Photo: Lina Kivaka/pexels

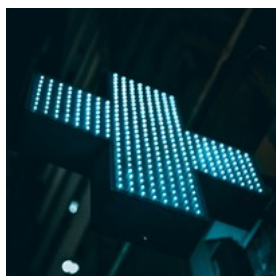
Address: Durham Post Office, Durham Market Hall, 22-23 Market Place, Durham

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Sat 10am–3pm; Wed 10am–5pm; Fri 10am–4pm; Sun closed

Phone: +44 191 386 9103

Internet: [www.postoffice.co.uk](http://www.postoffice.co.uk)

## Pharmacy



All medication is readily available, either over the counter or on prescription. Boots

Chemist has numerous outlets in Durham. If you

need urgent medical care, telephone NHS Direct at 111. They can give you free medical advice and direct you to the nearest hospital with 24-hour accident and emergency departments.

Photo: Vladislav Bychkov/unsplash

Address: Boots Pharmacy, 2-5 Market Place, Durham

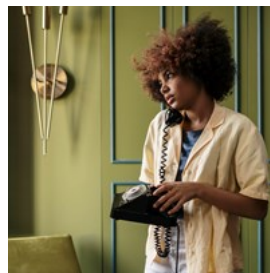
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 8:30am–5:30pm, Sun 11am–5pm

Phone: +44 19 13842213

Internet:

[www.boots.com/stores/561-durham-market-place-dh1-3nb](http://www.boots.com/stores/561-durham-market-place-dh1-3nb)

## Telephone



Country code: +44 Area code: (0)191

Photo: cottonbro/pexels

## Electricity



Electrical appliances are connected to the UK mains supply using a three-pin plug known as plug type G. The sockets come with on-and-off

switches, unlike in many other countries.

The average voltage of a UK power socket is 230V or slightly higher, so check the voltage of your device before plugging it in.

Photo: Idyshah/pixabay

## Population

The city: 48,069

County Durham: 522,100

## Currency

Pound Sterling (GBP) £1 = 100 pence

## Opening hours

Shops are generally open from Monday to Saturday between 9 am and 6 pm. On Thursdays there is late night shopping with stores keeping their doors open until 8 pm. On Sundays many shops, particularly department stores, open at 11 am and close at 4 pm.

## Internet

[www.thisisdurham.com](http://www.thisisdurham.com)  
[durham.gov.uk](http://durham.gov.uk)

## Newspapers

The Stockton and Darlington Times (local):

[www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk](http://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk)

The Northern Echo (local): [www.thenorthernecho.co.uk](http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk)

Teesdale Mercury: [www.teesdalemercury.co.uk](http://www.teesdalemercury.co.uk)

Daily Star: [www.dailystar.co.uk](http://www.dailystar.co.uk)

The Independent: [www.independent.co.uk](http://www.independent.co.uk)

The Guardian: [www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

**Emergency numbers**

Emergency: 999 or 112

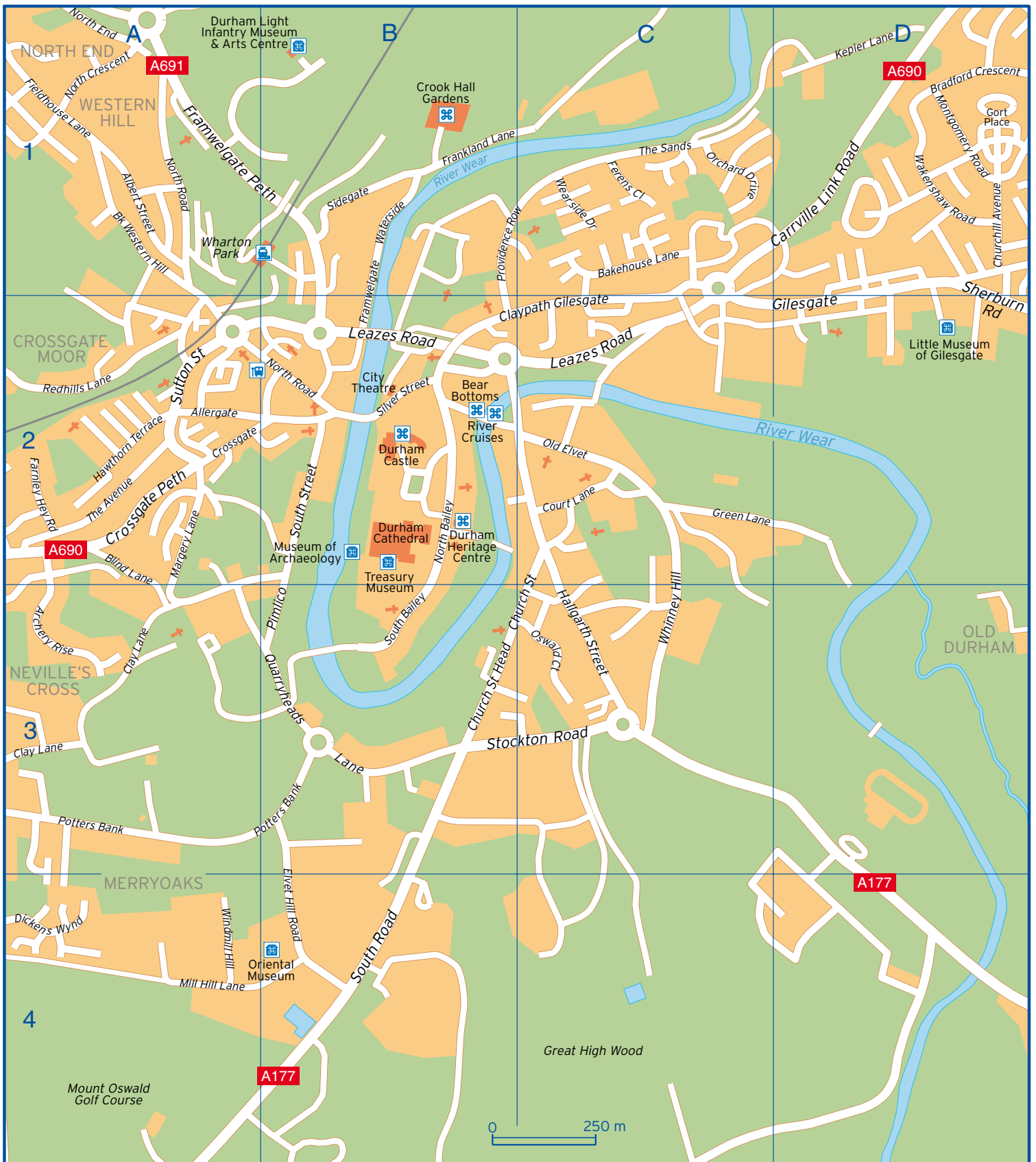
Police: 101

**Tourist information**

There are 19 information point in Durham.

[www.thisisdurham.com/visitor-information/information-points](http://www.thisisdurham.com/visitor-information/information-points)

Durham Town Hall Visitor Information Point  
Market Place, Durham City  
+44 03000 262626



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| Albert Street       | A1    | Framwelgate      | B1 B2 | Pimlico          | B3    |
| Allergate           | A2    | Framwelgate Peth | A1 B1 | Potters Bank     | A3 B3 |
| Archery Rise        | A3    | Frankland Lane   | B1    | Providence Row   | B1 C1 |
| Bakehouse Lane      | C1    | Gilesgate        | C2 D2 | Quarryheads Lane | B3    |
| Bk Western Hill     | A1    | Gort Place       | D1    | Redhills Lane    | A2    |
| Blind Lane          | A2 A3 | Green Lane       | C2    | Sherburn Road    | D1 D2 |
| Bradford Crescent   | D1    | Hallgarth Street | C3    | Sidegate         | B1    |
| Carrville Link Road | D1    | Hawthorn Terrace | A2    | Silver Street    | B2    |
| Church Street       | B3 C2 | Kepier Lane      | D1    | South Bailey     | B3    |
| Church Street Head  | B3    | Leazes Road      | B2 C2 | South Road       | B4    |
| Churchill Avenue    | D1    | Margery Lane     | A2    | South Street     | B2    |
| Clay Lane           | A3    | Mill Hill Lane   | A4    | Stockton Road    | B3 C3 |
| Claypath Gilesgate  | B2 C2 | Montgomery Road  | D1    | Sutton Street    | A2    |
| Court Lane          | C2    | North Bailey     | B2    | The Avenue       | A2    |
| Crossgate           | A2    | North Crescent   | A1    | The Sands        | C1    |
| Crossgate Peth      | A2    | North End        | A1    | Wakenshaw Road   | D1    |
| Dickens Wynd        | A4    | North Road       | A1 B2 | Waterside        | B1    |
| Elvet Hill Road     | B3 B4 | Old Elvet        | C2    | Wearside Drive   | C1    |
| Farnley Hey Road    | A2    | Orchard Drive    | C1    | Whinney Hill     | C2 C3 |
| Ferens Close        | C1    | Oswald Court     | C3    | Windmill Hill    | A4    |
| Fieldhouse Lane     | A1    |                  |       |                  |       |