



Manchester

Travel Guide



Introduction

Manchester is a dynamic and thriving destination for business travellers. As a vibrant economic centre, it offers a rich tapestry of industries, from finance and technology to creative arts and healthcare. Conveniently positioned and boasting excellent transportation links, getting here is a breeze, whether you're arriving from across the globe or from within the UK. With top-notch conference facilities, luxurious hotels and a melting pot of dining experiences, you'll find everything you need for a productive and enjoyable stay. Amidst its buzzing atmosphere, Manchester strikes the perfect balance between work and play, ensuring a successful and enjoyable business trip for all.



Airport Transfer

Strategically located at the heart of the UK, Manchester Airport is a prime destination for business travellers. As a major international airport, it boasts an extensive network of global flights, connecting you seamlessly to key business hubs worldwide. From New York to Singapore, you can access major financial centres with ease. Additionally, its robust domestic flight options ensure efficient travel within the UK, enabling swift access to regional business meetings and events. Equipped with modern amenities, such as executive lounges, high-speed Wi-Fi, and conference facilities, Manchester Airport caters to the discerning needs of business travellers, making it the perfect launchpad for your corporate endeavours.



Getting into Manchester

BY TRAIN

The station is located at the heart of the airport campus, which means passengers have easy access to all the terminals. With moving walkways throughout, it should take no more than 5 – 15 minutes to get to and from the terminals. Trains from Manchester Airport to Manchester Piccadilly station in the city centre take around 20 minutes. They run every 10 minutes, 7 days a week, through train operators TransPennine Express and Northern Rail. Meanwhile, you can travel to just about anywhere in the UK from Manchester Piccadilly.



You can pre-book your train tickets online. You can also buy train tickets online for travel that day, or there are ticket machines and an information desk at the Manchester Airport train station.

BY BUS

Buses to Manchester Airport arrive at and leave from The Station, the airport's dedicated transport interchange. It's open 24 hours a day and links trains, coaches and buses into one building. It is connected to all terminals by the Skylink moving walkways, lifts and escalators.



The bus station at Manchester Airport is located in the airport train station. All three terminals are located within a 10-minute walk. You can find more information on bus routes to and from the airport on TfGM's bus route planner.

BY TAXI

A 100% wheelchair accessible fleet of Manchester licensed "black cab" taxis operates from Manchester Airport. Taxi ranks are located just outside at all three Terminals and The Station. No booking is required, go straight to the taxi rank. Set fares for within the Manchester Licensed Area are shown on the taxi meter HERE.



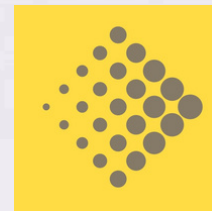
Transport Options

Navigating the city is made easy with a range of efficient transport options. Whether attending meetings or exploring during leisure time, two essential apps that should be downloaded are:

Get me there – TfGM Metrolink



Manchester Metrolink



Manchester's extensive bus network ensures seamless travel throughout the city. Navigating to business meetings and exploring popular tourist destinations becomes a breeze with real-time bus schedules and route information at your fingertips.

The Metrolink tram system, integrated into the "Get me there – TfGM Metrolink" app, offers a convenient way to access key locations, including the bustling city center and exciting attractions. You can travel by tram with contactless cards and devices using the smart readers.

The railway network is well-developed, and it connects the city to various major destinations across the UK. The "Metrolink" app is your ticket to stay updated on train schedules, ensuring a smooth journey for your business meetings and allowing you to plan exciting day trips to nearby places.

For those who love to embrace a healthier and eco-friendly way to explore, we've got cycling covered! Manchester is becoming more bike-friendly, and you can easily rent a bike to pedal through dedicated cycling lanes.

Lastly, if you prefer to take things slow and enjoy the city's charming atmosphere, walking is the way to go. Manchester's city center is pedestrian-friendly, and you'll find plenty of delightful shops, restaurants, and cultural spots as you stroll around.



Hotel Options

In Manchester, you'll discover a diverse selection of hotels catering to all travel preferences. To optimise your business trip, we recommend choosing a hotel close to your workplace, taking your corporate travel budget into account. Staying centrally provides convenience and access to a variety of dining and entertainment options, immersing you in Manchester's vibrant ambiance. While city centre hotels may be pricier, they offer a well-rounded experience. If you prefer a more budget-friendly option or don't mind staying further out, the city's public transport system is efficient and affordable, ensuring quick travel to your destinations.

At Selective Travel Management, we have a Hotel Process in place to ensure we fulfil our Duty of Care as a professional travel Booker and to make sure you receive the service you expect. We quality check all hotels and make recommendations based upon a benchmark of the review sites on the day that you confirm your hotel. The final choice of where you want to stay is yours, we will simply provide our recommendations.

For recommendations on hotel options in Manchester, please get in touch with your Dedicated Team, who can advise on the best accommodation to suit your travel needs. Our team of experts will use their personal experience, expertise, and knowledge to advise on the best accommodation for your trip. We will take into consideration many factors including: the airport you are flying in to, the reason for travel, your travelling scenario (solo, female, group etc.), your personal preferences, and more.



Work Facilities

If you require a co-working space outside of the office, Manchester offers lots of options that provide high-speed internet, private offices, and hot desk options to suit your working preferences. For free workspaces in Manchester, we have some fantastic recommendations: Selina NQ1 Manchester, TAKK, Holiday Inn Manchester City Centre, The Foundation Coffee House, Holiday Inn Express Trafford City, and Pot Kettle Black. Head to one of these locations, grab your laptop, and enjoy productive hours while savouring a cuppa. These places offer an ideal environment to work and collaborate with colleagues, providing a blend of productivity and stunning views.



Business Districts

Manchester, renowned for its economic prowess, stands as one of the UK's top business centres, hosting industry-leading corporations like BBC, Siemens, and Adidas. Spinningfields stands out as a prominent financial centre, housing offices of prestigious institutions like Deloitte, HSBC, and RBS. The thriving Northern Quarter has carved a niche for itself as a vibrant hotspot for creative and digital ventures, fostering an inspiring atmosphere for innovation and artistic expression. Piccadilly Gardens sees numerous service-based firms and hospitality ventures flourishing, contributing to the city's diverse economic landscape. In addition to these, King Street and the Trafford area draw businesses in the retail and fashion industries, with well-known names such as Selfridges, Harvey Nichols, and Nike anchoring their presence in the city.

With its diverse range of industries and thriving commercial environment, Manchester stands tall as an attractive destination for businesses seeking growth, development, and success.



Sightseeing

If you have some spare time, where do you start with a place like Manchester? Fear not, as we've got you covered with some top recommendations to kickstart your exploration of this marvellous city:

[Manchester Art Gallery](#): This grand art gallery houses an astonishing collection of paintings, sculptures, photographs, and more. Prepare yourself for a world-class art experience.

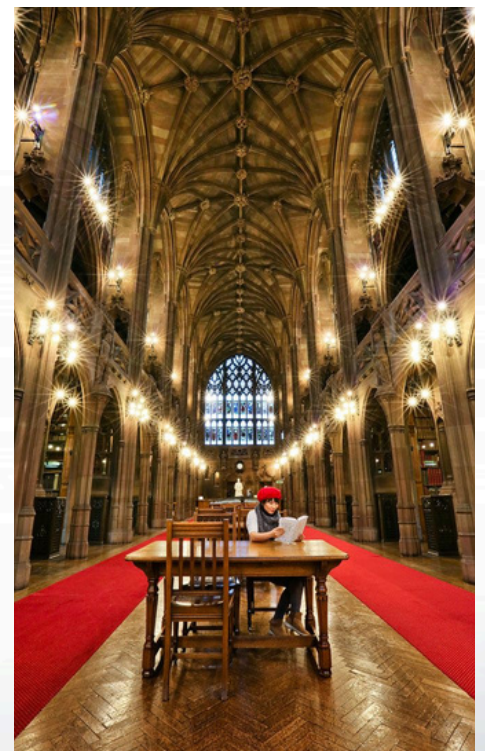
[Castlefield Viaduct](#): Manchester's very own New York-style high line, which has been transformed into a beautiful park in the sky, offering a unique and scenic escape.

[The Quays](#): A striking waterfront destination born from the regenerated docklands of Salford and Trafford Quays. Iconic buildings like The Lowry and Imperial War Museum North stand alongside each other, creating a cultural, sports, and shopping hub.

[John Rylands Library](#): Step inside this late Victorian neo-Gothic gem that resembles a church. With around 200,000 books, the John Rylands Library is a soul-enriching oasis for book lovers and those seeking spiritual guidance.

[National Football Museum](#): Being home to top football teams like Man City and Man United, Manchester is a football lover's paradise. Here you'll find captivating memorabilia, including the very first rulebook and historic trophies.

If you are looking for general advice or guidance on Manchester, please speak to your Dedicated Team.



Food and drinks

Manchester's food and drink scene is a thriving paradise for foodies. The city is rapidly gaining recognition as one of the UK's most exciting culinary destinations, with new restaurants, bars, gastropubs, microbreweries, and cafes popping up regularly.

From fine dining and delightful afternoon tea to bustling pop-up markets and delectable street food, Greater Manchester offers an array of options to suit any craving and culinary preference. Explore the vibrant Corn Exchange, indulge in contemporary pub fare at The Pilcrow in Sadler's Yard, or savour local produce and quirky coffee shops. Manchester embraces diverse tastes, catering to vegans, vegetarians, and those seeking halal options. For an extra touch of sophistication, **Michelin-starred restaurants** await your culinary curiosity.

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Useful Apps

Before your arrival in Manchester, consider downloading Citymapper, Moovit, First Bus App, Get Me There, and Manchester Metrolink for efficient navigation during your stay. Additionally, individual airline, bus, and train service apps provide live information and timetables to enhance your travel experience.

Apart from transport apps, Manchester offers various other apps to enrich your visit. For local recommendations and insider tips, the Manchester City Guide app serves as your virtual tour guide, highlighting must-visit spots and hidden gems. To discover the city's vibrant arts scene, the Google Arts & Culture app showcases museums, galleries, and creative events, providing a cultural treat for visitors. With these apps in hand, you'll be well-equipped to explore Manchester with ease and make the most of your time in this vibrant and dynamic city.

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