

Tours for Manchester

The Arts:

Manchester Uncovered;

A tour that cherry picks its way through the city's gems; it's architectural and historic past, its politics, its famous men and women.

Tread the Boards Theatre walk;

Trace the history of Manchester's theatrical past and present; its famous names, famous plays and players. Trace the evolution of entertainment in the city up to the present day

The Manchester Literary Walk

Join the bards, poets and playwrights of Manchester's best on this literary romp through the city's heritage. You'll hear Gaskell at the Portico, Burgess, Banks, Shakespeare at the Theatre Royal. Read John Cooper Clarke, Shelagh Delaney, Carol Ann Duffy The Mask of Anarchy, this is a tour de force of the best there is.

City of Culture

Discover the wealth of Manchester's Orchestras, poets, playwrights, novelists, musicians and painters. This highly informative walk covers everything from Ford Madox Brown to Burgess and Gaskell, Chopin and Annie Horniman to The Halle, Carol Anne Duffy to John Cooper Clarke.

Be amazed at how rich the cities cultural legacy is.

Fac 51 Music walk

See the shrines, listen to the tunes, the stories, the legends of this iconic musical city. Relive Madchester; the 2nd summer of love outside the Hacienda, go to the Ritz to remember the Smith's first gig and step back in time to that notorious moment when the Sex Pistols played the Free Trade Hall .

Gothic Manchester:

From the glories of the Town Hall, past the John Ryland's Library, to the riches of Manchester's actual Cathedral, this tour explores these outstanding structures and the treasures within them. work. This tour is a fascinating mix of great art, history and hidden meaning.

Northern Quarter;

Radical Manchester's spirit lives on in the Northern quarter, the heart of independent music, fashion, art, design and food. Discover the past and present of this vibrant heart.

Art in Manchester;

1 The Manchester Impressionist- Adolphe Valette

Explore the clouded spires, the reflections in the water, the atmospheres and passing moments of an Edwardian jewel.

2 The world of L.S. Lowry

Relive the route of the shy rent collector, a landscape many understand to be the image of the industrial north, explore the images and psychology of the man and the city he created.

3 Pop Art to Picasso

Get a real taste of the city's diverse heritage, on the streets, and in the city's architecture

4 The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood

See the impressive collection of Manchester's Pre-Raphaelite work; map the themes, the obsessions, the women, the progress of the movement and finish under Ford Madox Brown's 12 murals in the Great Hall.

5 The Manchester Murals

Explore this hidden treasure; see beyond the murals into the politics of Ford Madox Brown and the city that gave his commission. A fascinating mix of great art, history and hidden meaning.

Architecture

21st century Manchester the birth of cool

Sleek and chic, bold and breaking the new frontier. Manchester is the 21st century city with all the ingredients of the modern international player.

Architecture Revealed

From elegant Classical to Renaissance splendour, from glorious Gothic to the magnificence of the palazzo, join this tour and see the best the city has.

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Dice to Chips

Weave your way through some of the most interesting architectural designs in the city; Venetian copies, Scottish Baronial, Wedding cake decorative, modern chic, Edwardian Baroque the best of Building Design Partnership. See these and much more then finish in a cornucopia of today's latest at Chips, Islington wharf and the new Marina soon to become the Venice of Manchester

Historical Manchester

Manchester Town Hall

Explore the city's most magnificent Gothic palace and the men who built it. Discover the treasure that is Manchester's municipal heart; the great hall, the state rooms, the art, the history, the police cells, have the building brought to life as you walk its lofty corridors.

Social and Industrial tour

Politics and poverty, cholera pits, mills and markets, relive the lives of Manchester's Victorian legacy; the scuttlers, hawkers, mill workers and political thinkers, on this tour you will meet them all.

Manchester; the radical outlook

Manchester, a cauldron, a shock city, a firmament of political power, a spawning ground for chartists, communists, suffragettes, Jacobites, Fenians, socialists, capitalists and philanthropists.

Peterloo

Relive this epic day step by step. Go back in time on the very streets of this most Mancunian of outrages. Start with the politics, the characters and the day's events; the charge, the victims and the blood-stained streets then finish with the legacy outside the Free Trade Hall.

Castlefield

The Romans were here first then the world turned upside down as the industrial revolution poured into the city. Explore Castlefield's rich past and present, now the epicentre of historical Manchester where rail, canal, bridge, railway line and museum create a visible reminder of where the city grew from.

Underground Manchester

Go deep underground into the subterranean world of canals, air raid shelters, hidden crypts, hidden rivers, hidden tunnels and much more. Relive the Manchester blitz of 1940 and discover some of the city's most secret vaults.

Manchester canals

Escape the noise of central Manchester, and explore the sublime heart of the city's canal heritage. Roman forts, railway viaducts, cotton palaces, parks, secret tunnels, this walk includes them all and much more

Peace and Social Justice trail

From the peace gardens to the Suffragettes map out the places where human rights and many of today's political rights were fought for and won in this notorious city. Robert Owen, Engels, TUC, CWS, Annie Kenny, Lydia Becker, Thomas Clarkson- the walk is ideal for anyone studying anything from religious freedom to freedom of speech, pacifism to people power. See how this Multicultural city has evolved and how its pioneering ideas affect the whole world.

Salford Quays/media City

Closed in 1982 then completely transformed, the docks are now one of THE places to visit in the city. See the "Theatre of Dreams", visit the Lowry ,the Imperial War Museum North, See Media City stamp itself on the sky line.

Rochdale Explorer

Know your town; relive Rochdale's industrial past, its history and famous characters; the vision of the Pioneers, the independence of its political giants, the squalor of its working poor. Jacobites, Chartists and Liberals, hangmen, murderers and celebrities learn of the men and women who made this fiercely independent town. Start at the Station but finish in the eerie calm of Rochdale's Quaker burial ground.

Pub walks and quizzes

Music nights, pre theatre talks or crime and punishment walks-ideal for office parties or groups over 6 who want to start their night out with a difference.