

NORTH WEST

Honister Slate Mine - The Lake District.

Honister Slate Mine is the last working slate mine in England and offers guided mine tours deep underground. Explore the awesome caverns and learn how the Victorian miners worked using hand tools by candle light.

Location: Honister Slate Mine, Honister Pass, Borrowdale, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5XN

Opening times: Daily from 10am

More information: www.honister.com or 01768 777 230

Nearest Travelodge: Stay at our Cockermouth travelodge, Europe Way, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 0DP from as little at £29, for the best deals see www.travelodge.co.uk

Loweswater, Lake District

Loweswater is a small scattered hamlet situated between the lakes [Loweswater](#) and [Crummock Water](#). There are breathtaking views to be had from the surrounding fells down onto the quiet and peaceful lake. The view extends from the Solway Coast and Scottish hills to the north right around to the Vale of Lorton and heights of Grasmoor and Robinson. Make the most of a peaceful walk, off the tourist trail.

Location: Loweswater, Lake District, Cumbria

More information: www.visitcumbria.com

Nearest Travelodge: Penrith, A66, Redhills, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0DT

Stanley Park - Blackpool

Discover a secret garden, where colourful floral carpets have been laid across nature's floors. Stanley Park, a little more than a mile from the noisier coastal trappings, is Blackpool's own green oasis. Stroll through pathways galore and relax in its many and various quiet corners. Watch the fountains in the Italian Gardens, admire the perfumed glory of the Rose Gardens, or check out the species growing in the colourful conservatories. Stanley Park covers 256 acres of gardens, with bowling greens, tennis courts, a children's play area, model village and a boating lake.

Location: West Park Road, Blackpool

Opening Times: Daily

More information: Visit www.blackpooltourism.com

Nearest Travelodge: Stay at the new Blackpool Southshore Travelodge, Seaside Way Blackpool FY1 6JJ from as little as £29, for the best deals log onto www.travelodge.co.uk

Blackpool Beach

Pack you bucket and spade, and a picnic and head to one of the most famous beaches in England! Take a stroll along the promenade and take in the great British seaside. The Pleasure Beach is free to enter but all rides and rollercoaster's carry charges.

Tate Liverpool

Tate Liverpool is one of the largest galleries of modern and contemporary art, outside London. It's home to the National Collection of Modern Art in the North of England. Tate Liverpool houses two main types of exhibits: [displays from the Tate Collection](#) and [special exhibitions](#) of modern and contemporary art. Tate Liverpool has had over 150 different exhibitions and collection displays of work by hundreds of different artists, some seen for the first time in the UK at Tate Liverpool.

Location: Tate Liverpool, Albert Dock, Liverpool, L3 4BB

Opening Times: Oct-Mar: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00-17:50. Apr-Sept: Monday to Sunday 10:00-17:50

More information: www.tate.org.uk/liverpool or call 0151 702 7400

Nearest Travelodge: Stay at the Liverpool Central Travelodge, 25 Old Haymarket, Liverpool, Merseyside, L1 6ER from as little as £29, for the best deals log onto www.travelodge.co.uk

Sefton Park

Whilst in Liverpool why not pack a picnic and visit Sefton Park, Liverpool's largest park. Sefton Park in Liverpool is arguably the best known and most loved by locals. The magnificent 200-acre Park looks like a natural landscape rather than a man-made park. In spring the sight of millions of golden daffodils around the lake draws residents from across the city and carpets of bluebells give an impression of rural permanence. The park features many distinctive curved paths and driveways and beech and other indigenous British trees abound. Amongst the park's many features are a boating lake, replica statues of Eros and Peter Pan and a café. The park is also home to the famous Palm House, a fabulous glass-paneled building that has been restored to its former glory.

Location: Sefton Park, Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 1AP

More Information: www.visitliverpool.com

Museum of Science & Industry

MoSI is a world class cultural attraction right at the heart of Manchester and aims to make science and industry inspirational for all ages. From the world's first industrial city to today's 24-hour party capital, MoSI takes you on a journey through Manchester's heritage with sights, sounds and even smells! See what it was like to work in a cotton mill during a Textile demonstration, carry out your own experiments in Xperiment or even venture into a Victorian sewer. The museum's galleries and exhibitions cover six key areas – Science & Technology, Industry & Innovation, Energy, Transport, People and Communications.

Location: Museum of Science & Industry, Liverpool Road, Castlefield, Manchester M3 4FP

Opening Times: Open daily 10am to 5pm

More information: www.msim.org.uk or call 0161 832 2244

Nearest Travelodge: Stay at the Manchester Central, Blackfriars Street, Manchester M3 5AL from as little as £29, for the best deals log onto www.travelodge.co.uk

The Lowry

Set in a magnificent waterside location at the heart of the redeveloped Salford Quays in Greater Manchester, The Lowry is an architectural flagship with a unique and dynamic identity. Rising from the regenerated docklands, it is a welcoming building, designed to reflect the surrounding landscapes and flourishing waterways, in its glass and metallic surfaces. The Lowry brings together a wide variety of performing and visual arts under one roof. Opening its door to the best in entertainment and education in the arts, The Lowry aims to give everyone access to new areas of creativity and to embrace its broad community

Location: The Lowry, Pier 8, Salford Quays, M50 3AZ
More Information: Call 0870 787 5780 or visit www.thelowry.com

COTLAND

Glasgow City Chambers

In the very heart of Glasgow stands one of the city's most important and prestigious buildings – the City Chambers. A grand and imposing edifice overlooking George Square, the City Chambers is an impressive symbol of Glasgow's political strength and historical wealth. Completed in 1888, the City Chambers has for over a hundred years been the headquarters of successive councils serving the City of Glasgow. Take a guided tour around the chambers and learn all about the Glasgow's political history.

Location: City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow, G2 1DU

Opening times: Tours are conducted twice per day at 10.30am and 2.30pm

More information: Call 0141 287 2000 or visit

[www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/YourCouncil/Council Committees/CityChambers](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/YourCouncil/Council%20Committees/CityChambers)

Nearest Travelodge: Stay at the Glasgow Central Travelodge, 5-11 Hill Street, Glasgow, G3 6RP from as little as £19 per night, for the best deals log on to www.travelodge.co.uk

Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA), Glasgow

GoMA is the second most visited contemporary art gallery outside London, offering a thought-provoking programme of temporary exhibitions and workshops. GoMA displays work by local and international artists as well as addressing contemporary social issues through its major biannual projects. GoMA opened in 1996 and is housed in an elegant, neo-classical building in the heart of Glasgow city centre.

Location: Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow, G1 3AH

Opening Times: Monday to Wednesday 10am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 8pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm, Friday and Sunday 11am to 5pm

More information: Call 0141 229 1996 or visit

<http://www.glasgowmuseums.com/venue/index.cfm?venueid=3>

Nearest Travelodge: Stay at the Glasgow Central Travelodge, 5-11 Hill Street, Glasgow, G3 6RP from as little as £19 per night, for the best deals log on to www.travelodge.co.uk

Museum of Scotland - Edinburgh

The Museum of Scotland building is a landmark in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town. Collections at the museum tell the story of Scotland - its land, its people and culture. For generations, the museum has collected key exhibits from all over Scotland and beyond. From Viking brooches, Pictish stones, ancient chessmen, medieval oak carvings, ornate quichs to Queen Mary's clarsach. But that's not all, you can also meet Dolly the sheep, design a robot, test drive a Formula One car, power up a generator or blast off into outer space.

Location: Chambers Street Edinburgh, EH1 1JF

Opening Times: 10am – 5pm

More Information: www.nms.ac.uk or call 0131 225 7534

Nearest Travelodge: Stay at the Edinburgh Haymarket Travelodge. The grade II listed building is perfectly situated for exploring everything Edinburgh has to offer, for the best rates visit www.travelodge.co.uk

Museum of Childhood - Edinburgh

Described as 'the noisiest museum in the world', the Museum of Childhood is a favourite with adults and children alike. It is a treasure house, crammed full of objects telling of childhood, past and present. The museum opened in 1955, the brainchild of town councillor Patrick Murray, and was the first museum in the world to specialise in the history of childhood.

There are toys and games of all kinds from many parts of the world, ranging from dolls and teddy bears to



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train sets and tricycles. Listen to the children chanting multiplication tables in the 1930s schoolroom. Watch the street games of Edinburgh children of the 1950s, and find out how children have been brought up, dressed and educated in decades gone by.

Location: 42 High Street, Royal Mile

Opening Times: Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 12 noon - 5pm

More information: Call 0131 529 4142 or visit http://www.cac.org.uk/venues/museum_childhood.htm

Nearest Travelodge: Stay at the Edinburgh Haymarket Travelodge. The grade II listed building is perfectly situated for exploring everything Edinburgh has to offer, for the best rates visit www.travelodge.co.uk

Yellow Craig Beach – Edinburgh

Take in the spectacular views over the Firth of Forth to Fife and the island of Fidra from this picturesque, long sandy beach. Extremely popular with families and dog walkers alike, there's plenty to see and lots of room for the kids to run about, fly a kite or enjoy a picnic. Make sure you take your bucket and spade.

Location: Yellowcraig beach is east of Edinburgh, just before North Berwick on the A158.

More information: www.edinburgh.org/beaches/

Nearest Travelodge: Stay at the Edinburgh Haymarket Travelodge. The grade II listed building is perfectly situated for exploring everything Edinburgh has to offer, for the best rates visit www.travelodge.co.uk

Balmedie Country Park

Balmedie Country Park, just north of Aberdeen, is within part of a dune system that stretches 14 miles from Aberdeen to just north of the mouth of the River Ythan at Newburgh. The very long, wide beach comprises clean golden sand and is bordered by a substantial area of grassy sand dunes. There is ample parking within the Country Park with wooden walkways across the sands and streams, picnic areas with barbeques and a swing park with a fishing theme to keep the kids amused.

Location: Balmedie Country Park, AB23 8XG

Timing: Country Park open during daylight hours every day of the year

More information: www.aberdeen.gov.uk/countryparks

Nearest Travelodge: Aberdeen Central, 9 Bridge Street, Aberdeen AB11 6JL