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Birmingham, the second largest city in Britain is a real gem, the inspiration source for the famous author J.R.R. Tolkien to write about the celebrated fantasy fiction "The Lord of the Rings". A city, renowned for its dining scene that will satisfy the most demanding palate and thanks to the many attractions the tourists will for sure keep themselves busy and with world-class shopping centres all fashionistas will leave the city with a smile and when the night falls there is an exciting nightlife to discover. Birmingham the city that tourist will be amazed about.



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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 grew up. 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 thanks to the many students in the city.

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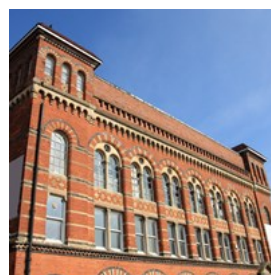


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With world-class galleries, inspiring museums, beautiful gardens and outstanding heritage attractions you will find yourself busy and if chocolate is your thing then you have for sure come to the right city because it is here you will find the famous tourist attraction Cadbury World.

Birmingham offers something for every taste and every age. All you need to do is to start exploring the city and get inspired.

### Jewellery Quarter



Dating back over 250 years, Jewellery Quarter is a conservation area with over 200 listed buildings and today one of Birmingham's most vibrant locations with an amazing community spirit. This is also the home for more than 500

jewellery businesses, the beating heart of England's jewellery industry, making it a great place to buy some gifts and souvenirs.

When here, you should also visit the award-winning museum on Vyse Street, called Museum of the Jewellery Quarter.

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Address: Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham  
Phone: +1 121 638 0457  
Internet: www.jewelleryquarter.net  
Email: info@jewellery-quarter.net

### 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 to enjoy a diverse programme with 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 over the backstage areas.

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Address: Victoria Square, Birmingham  
Public Transport: PC5 (stop station)  
Phone: +44 121 780 3333  
Internet: www.thsh.co.uk  
Email: feedback@thsh.co.uk

### St. Martin's

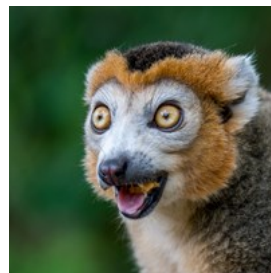


Originally dating from 13th century, the contrast with the futuristic facade of the Bullring shopping centre is extreme, but this does not diminish the

value of the church, either visually, historically, or as a meeting place. A peaceful retreat with beautiful interior in the middle of a shopping area.

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Address: Edgbaston Street, Birmingham  
Phone: +44 121 600 6020  
Internet: www.bullring.org  
Email: admin@bullring.org

### Twycross Zoo



Located one hour drive from Birmingham, Twycross Zoo is renowned as a specialist primate zoo where to discover a wide variety of monkeys and apes. But they have more than monkeys, with more than 160 species and around 900 animals like leopards, meerkats, elephants, giraffes, birds, reptiles and many more you will for sure have a lot to explore.

Photo: Jolanda Aalbers/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Burton Road, Atherstone, Warwickshire  
Public Transport: A444, which can be accessed via the A5 and the M42 junction 11.  
Opening hours: Every day 10am - 5pm  
Phone: +44 844 47 41 777  
Internet: www.twycrosszoo.org  
Email: information@twycrosszoo.org

### Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

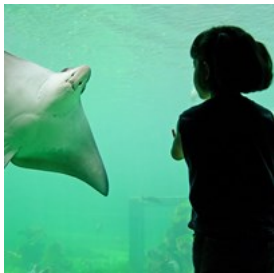


Housed in a Grade II listed building, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery (BMAG) is a vibrant museum in the heart of the city that offers over 40 galleries which are displaying world-class collection of art both from local and international artist. There are over 800,000

objects, everything from Renaissance masterpieces to contemporary art, including applied art such as ceramics, jewellery, silver, textiles, woodwork and more. And with lots of interactive displays, you will keep yourself busy here.

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 Address: Chamberlain Square, Birmingham  
 Public Transport: Snow Hill station  
 Opening hours: Every day 10am - 5pm  
 Phone: +1 0121 348 8000  
 Internet: www.bmag.org.uk  
 Email: bmag.enquiries@birminghammuseums.org.uk

### The National Sea Life



Explore the amazing sea life and learn more about the animal life, about turtles, sharks, clown fish, octopus and jellyfish to name a few. This is a great family attraction with plenty of activities for the children. Do not miss the walkthrough underwater tunnel where you get a closer look of these amazing animals.

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 Address: The Waters Edge, Brindley Pl, Birmingham  
 Public Transport: Brindleyplace (Stop BR1)  
 Opening hours: Mon - fri 10am - 4pm, Sat - sun 10am - 6pm  
 Phone: +44 871 423 2110  
 Internet: www.visitsealife.com  
 Email: slcbirmingham@merlinentertainments.biz

### Cadbury World

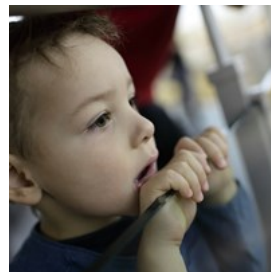


One of Birmingham's largest tourist attractions with over 500,000 visitors each year, this amazing sight is definitely a must if you love chocolate since it allows you to discover the renowned Cadbury chocolate. With fourteen amazing zones

to explore, there is plenty to see and do for the whole family and at the same time, you will learn how this lovely confectionery is made. A great experience that should not be missed.

Photo: Shulevskyy Volodymyr/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: Linden Rd, Bournville, Birmingham  
 Public Transport: Bournville train station is around a 10-15 minute sign-posted stroll away.  
 Opening hours: Fri 9am - 5pm & Sat - Sun 09am - 12pm  
 Phone: +44 844 880 7667  
 Internet: www.cadburyworld.co.uk  
 Email: cadburyworldgeneralenquiries@mdlz.com

### Thinktank Science Museum



At this museum, you can discover the world of science, investigate the past and take a peek into the future of technology. In these ten themed galleries, spread across over four floors with inspiring and interactive fun, you will definitely find yourself busy. There are more than 200 hands-on exhibits but make sure not to miss the state-of-the-art Planetarium and the outdoor Science Garden.

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 Address: Millennium Point, Curzon St, Birmingham  
 Public Transport: Snow Hill station  
 Opening hours: Every day 10am - 5pm  
 Phone: +1 0121 348 8000  
 Internet: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank  
 Email: findout@thinktank.ac

### National Motorcycle Museum



Opened its doors in 1984, The National Motorcycle Museum is known as the largest British motorcycle museum in the world. On display is a large amount of motorcycles, some 1000 plus machines, from



vintage to new. Book a guided tour to get a more lively experience and when the hunger kicks in, there is an on-site restaurant on the first floor.

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Address: Coventry Rd, Solihull, West Midlands

Public Transport: Bickenhill Lane, Solihull

Opening hours: Every day 9.30am - 5.30pm

Phone: +1 167 544 3311

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

Email: [MuseumEnquires@thenmm.co.uk](mailto:MuseumEnquires@thenmm.co.uk)

More Info: Guided tours must be pre-booked

### Birmingham Botanical Gardens



Take a stroll around these beautiful gardens and admire the stunning flowers and plants. As you walk through the garden you will encounter some wild life, there are birds and butterflies everywhere. There is also a Tea Room where you can sip a cup of coffee or tea and for the little once, there is a playground.

Photo: David Hughes/Shutterstock.com

Address: Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham

Public Transport: Botanical Gardens, Birmingham

Phone: +1 121 454 1860

Internet: [www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk](http://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk)

Email: [admin@birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk](mailto:admin@birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk)

### Winterbourne House and Garden



Only minutes from the city centre, you will find this unique Edwardian House and Botanic Garden with over 6000 different plant species

from around the world. The rooms are filled with antiques and Edwardian era soft furnishings and as you walk around the house, you will get to learn the families that lived here. A perfect English heritage where you can soak up the

atmosphere of a bygone era.

Photo: Tony Hisgett/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 58 Edgbaston Park Road, Edgbaston

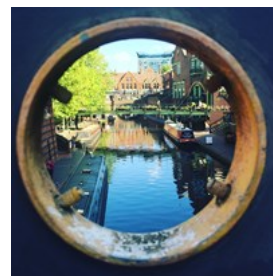
Phone: +44 121 414 3003

Internet: [www.winterbourne.org.uk](http://www.winterbourne.org.uk)

Email: [winterbournehg@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:winterbournehg@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

More Info: Tea room on-site

### City Canal Tour



There is nothing quite so relaxing as a trip by canal boat and with City Canal Tour you will get the chance to discover the city from a different

angle. Away2Canal is one of the companies providing canal tours and with them, you can choose to take either one hour trip or the short half-hour city centre cruise. The one-hour trip will take passengers through the Gas Street Basin and along the Worcester and Birmingham Canal.

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Address: The Waters Edge, Brindleyplace, Birmingham

Phone: +44 121 647 7151

Internet: [www.away2canal.co.uk](http://www.away2canal.co.uk)

Email: [enquiries@theawaygroup.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@theawaygroup.co.uk)

More Info: Canal Trips leaves from The Waters Edge, Brindleyplace, B1 2JB opposite the ICC.

### Gas Street Basin



In the heart of Birmingham city centre you will find Gas Street Basin, a canal network that once was a thriving port but today an area

that boats, bars, cafés and restaurants. Take a lovely stroll along the canal side and experience an area where old meets modern living. And as the name reveal, this was the first street in

Birmingham to have gas lighting.

Photo: Tupungato/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gas Street, Birmingham

### Villa Park Stadium



Home to Aston Villa Football Club since 1897 and with a seating capacity of 42,682, Villa Park Stadium is one of the oldest and most

well-known venues in world football. Hosted an array of prestige events like 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.

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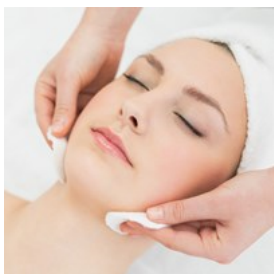
Address: Trinity Road, Birmingham

Phone: +44 333 323 1874

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

More Info: For more information about tickets and games, see website above.

### Spa



When on holiday, it is not only about running around to discover all the exciting sights but also about relaxation and there is nothing quite so

soothing then to go to a spa. Santai Spa is a luxury spa equipped with a salt cave, outdoor hot tub, pool, sauna and of course offers calming treatments like facials, massages and manicures.

Located at Resorts World, a multi-entertainment complex with shopping, cinema, casino and dining so if you have time on your side, it is definitely worth a visit.

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Address: Resorts World, Birmingham

Phone: +44 121 273 1000

Internet: [www.gentinghotel.co.uk/santai-spa/](http://www.gentinghotel.co.uk/santai-spa/)

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

More Info: Located at Genting Hotel, Resorts World

### 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, new hot spots offering fusion, 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. There are hundreds of restaurants to choose from, so start discover and find your favourites.

### Bank



Located within the cosmopolitan area at Brindleyplace, Bank is a chic and elegant restaurant and bar with classical and seasonal

cooking. This brasserie has lively atmosphere with a spacious yet intimate dining area and with an open kitchen, you will able to watch the chef in action. Come here for amazing steaks or just enjoy a delicious cocktail at the bar.

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 4 Brindleyplace, Birmingham  
 Public Transport: Brindleyplace (Stop BR1)  
 Opening hours: Mon - Fri 12am - 11pm Sat 11.30am - 11.30pm Sun 11.30am - 10pm  
 Phone: +44 121 633 4466  
 Internet: www.bankrestaurants.com  
 Email: birmingham.reservations@bankrestaurants.com

### Pushkar



For authentic and fresh Indian food, head over to restaurant Pushkar where the award winning head chef Bishal Rasaily has created an eclectic menu with a mix of contemporary, traditional and original ideas. The food is prepared with quality and natural produce to get clean and refined flavours; this is Indian fine dining at its best.

Photo: Deivukas999/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 245 Broad St, City Centre, Birmingham  
 Public Transport: Brindleyplace (Stop BR4)  
 Opening hours: Mon - Fri 12am - 11.30pm  
 Phone: +44 121 643 7978  
 Internet: www.pushkardining.com  
 Email: dining@pushkardining.com

### The Karczma



Enjoy traditional Polish food in the heart of Birmingham. The restaurant is decorated in the style of an old country cottage with wooden tables and benches. This is a place where you can eat homely, hearty and rustic food, which are prepared with top quality ingredients. From the menu, you can pick numerous Polish classics like stuffed dumplings, beetroot soup, stuffed paprika and more.

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Address: Bordesley Street, Birmingham  
 Public Transport: Moor St Selfridges (Stop MS1)  
 Opening hours: Tue - Sat 11am - 11pm Sun 11am - 9pm  
 Phone: +44 121 448 0017  
 Internet: www.thekarczma.co.uk  
 Email: thekarczma@gmail.com  
 More Info: Polish Millennium House

### Cucina Rustica



Cucina Rustica serves fine Italian food in the heart of Birmingham in the well-known Jewellery Quarter. A restaurant where you can eat authentic Italian food in a warm atmosphere that is created by the attentive and welcoming service. From the menu, you can choose mouth-watering dishes like pizza, pasta and meat dishes, all prepared with passion and love.

Photo: ilolab/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 24 Ludgate Hill, Birmingham  
 Public Transport: Livery St (Stop LN2)  
 Opening hours: Every day 12am - 11pm  
 Phone: +44 121 233 2277  
 Internet: www.cucinarustica.co.uk  
 Email: info@cucinarustica.co.uk

### Topokki



Topokki is an excellent restaurant to experience Korean home cooking cuisine. The friendly and attentive staff serves delicious dishes like Korean dumpling, spicy fried pork and Korean style pancake. A modern place with an open kitchen where the dishes are bursting with authentic Korean flavours.

Photo: TMON/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: Unit 1c Southside, Hurst Street, Birmingham  
 Opening hours: Mon - Fri 12am - 10pm Sat - Sun 12am - 9pm



Phone: +44 121 666 7200

Internet: [www.topokki.co](http://www.topokki.co)

### Carters of Moseley



Michelin starred restaurant, Carters of Moseley is well worth a visit if you like classic British food with a modern twist. The chefs prepare the food with the finest ingredients, from Scottish beef to Cornish fish and vegetables from the local farmers. With your tasty food, select a glass of fine wine from the extensive wine list.

Photo: [patarapong.saraboon/Shutterstock.com](http://patarapong.saraboon/Shutterstock.com)

Address: 2c Wake Green Road, Moseley, Birmingham

Public Transport: Wake Green Rd

Opening hours: Tue - Sat 12am - 9pm

Phone: +44 121 449 8885

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

Email: [holly@cartersofmoseley.co.uk](mailto:holly@cartersofmoseley.co.uk)

### Simpsons



Simpsons is a French restaurant with a Michelin star and is a great place where to enjoy high quality food in a romantic and beautiful setting in the leafy Edgbaston. The attention to detail in the choice of food, ingredients, preparation and service is impeccable at this restaurant.

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Address: 20 Highfield Rd, Birmingham

Public Transport: St Georges Church

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm

Phone: +44 121 454 3434

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

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

### Anderson's Bar & Grill



This steak house is beautifully located in the picturesque Georgian Square of St Pauls Church. The restaurant is housed in an 18-century cellar which creates a romantic and cosy atmosphere. The chef uses the best quality meat; the beef comes from the award-winning Becks Butchers in Kenilworth.

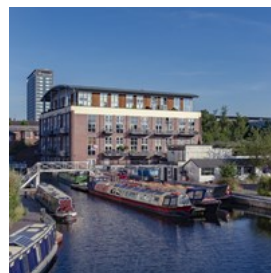
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Address: 30 Mary Ann St, Birmingham

Phone: +44 121 200 2515

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

### Away2dine - Canal Cruising Restaurant



Looking for a different dining experience? Take a relaxing three-hour canal cruise around Birmingham and enjoy three-course dinner while admiring the beautiful views. The welcoming staff serves a wide variety of dishes with meat and fish; there is also a good selection of wine.

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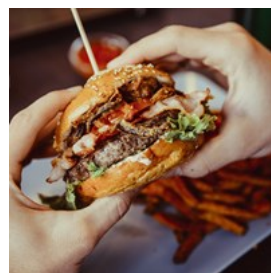
Address: The Waters Edge, Brindleyplace, Birmingham

Phone: +1 121 647 7151

Internet: [www.away2dine.co.uk](http://www.away2dine.co.uk)

Email: [enquiries@away2dine.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@away2dine.co.uk)

### Handmade Burger Co.



In a cosy setting by the canal this restaurant offers more than 40 varieties of handmade burgers which are made from scratch and cooked to order. The chef only uses the finest ingredients to get that perfect taste. You can get



good vegetarian burgers too.

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Address: Brindleyplace, The Waters Edge, Birmingham  
 Opening hours: Mon-Thur 12pm - 10.30pm, Fri-Sat 12pm - 11pm, Sun 12pm - 10.30pm  
 Phone: +1 121 665 6542  
 Internet: <http://handmadeburger.co.uk>  
 Email: [info@handmadeburger.co.uk](mailto:info@handmadeburger.co.uk)

## CAFÉS



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Finding a café to relax in is not hard in Birmingham, since the city is experiencing a coffee shop boom. You will find everything from international brands to the growing number of family-owned cafés who really knows how to make your favourite cup of coffee. Scattered across the city centre and the suburbs of Birmingham, you will never be far away from a cup of the java or a yummy dessert.

### Druckers Vienna Patisserie



Viennese-inspired Druckers serves excellent, hand-made cakes and buns. You can also visit for breakfast or lunch, serving dishes like grilled paninis, sandwiches, soups and jacket potatoes. If you want to connect with your friends, this coffee shop offers free WiFi.

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Address: Upper Mall West, Bull Ring, Birmingham  
 Opening hours: Mon - Sat 8am - 8pm, Sun 10am - 5pm  
 Phone: +44 121 643 7190  
 Internet: [www.druckers.co.uk](http://www.druckers.co.uk)  
 Email: [druckers.facebook@druckerscafe.co.uk](mailto:druckers.facebook@druckerscafe.co.uk)  
 More Info: Café 1

### Floating Coffee Company



The Floating Coffee Company is one of the more unusual cafés, it is a coffee-house-boat moored up at Brindley Place, adjacent to the

International Convention Centre. Relax and choose from a range of beverages and light-bites. Very friendly personnel (or say, crew).

Photo: kikovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Waters Edge, Birmingham  
 Opening hours: Normally open: Mon - Sun 9am - 5pm, (Opening hours are limited during winter months).  
 Phone: +1 121 454 5367  
 Internet: [www.sherbornewharf.co.uk](http://www.sherbornewharf.co.uk)  
 Email: [email@sherbornewharf.co.uk](mailto:email@sherbornewharf.co.uk)

### The Kitchen Garden Cafe



Welcome to this tranquil oasis in the middle of the busy shopping centre in Kings Heath's. A place where to enjoy fresh made salad or

home-cooked meal together with a Fair Trade coffee or tea. If you have a sweet-tooth, do not worry, they serve cakes and pastries too. They also cater for vegetarians and vegans.

Photo: Nitr/Shutterstock.com

Address: 17 York Road, Birmingham  
 Public Transport: Institute Rd (Stop KA)  
 Opening hours: Mon - Wed 9am - 4pm, Thurs - Sat 9am - 16pm, Sun 10am - 3pm  
 Phone: +44 121 443 4725  
 Internet: [www.kitchengardencafe.co.uk](http://www.kitchengardencafe.co.uk)

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

### Boston Tea Party Birmingham



Housed in a grand old building, this award-winning independent café chain is located in the heart of Corporation Street.

Boston Tea Party serves simple and well-prepared food and drinks and it is all served in a family friendly atmosphere. They also have a kids menu.

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Address: 190 Corporation Street, Birmingham

Public Transport: Tesco Express (Stop CS1)

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 7am - 7pm, Sun 9am - 6pm

Phone: +1 121 236 2972

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

Email: [birmingham@bostonteparty.co.uk](mailto:birmingham@bostonteparty.co.uk)

### Urban Emporiums



Whether you want breakfast, brunch, lunch or just a cup of coffee (made by a knowledgeable barista), Urban Emporiums serves

it all. Established in 2009, they have two locations in Birmingham (Jewellery Quarter and Church Street) where they serve sandwiches, pastry and cakes throughout the day and alcohol in the evening.

Photo: Tischenko Irina/Shutterstock.com

Address: 30 Church Street, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon - Fri, Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 11am - 4pm

Phone: +44 121 236 0207

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

Email: [churchst@urbanemporiums.com](mailto:churchst@urbanemporiums.com)

### 6/8 Kafé



Nestled next to the Great Western Arcade in Temple Row, 6/8 Kafé is one of Birmingham's leading artisan coffee shop where you can sip a

cup of coffee made with fresh roasted beans while gazing at the ever-changing art exhibition. Check the Facebook webpage for upcoming live music and poetry evenings.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6/8 Temple Row, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7.30am - 6pm, Sat 9.30am -

5.30pm, Sun 10.30am - 4.30pm

Phone: +44 121 448 8089

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

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

### Saint Kitchen



Overlooking the St. Paul's Square, this stylish independent coffee shop is located in Jewellery Quarter where you can get all-day breakfast,

brunch, lunch and yummy homemade cakes, which all can be accompanied with a cup of fine coffee. Popular among visitors and locals alike, Saint Kitchen is truly a youthful venue with a welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

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Address: 61a St Paul's Square, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7.30am - 5pm, Sat 9am - 3pm, Sun

10am - 2pm

Phone: +44 121 236 2940

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

Email: [hello@saintkitchen.com](mailto:hello@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, a vibrant mix of pubs, bars and nightclubs. Head over to the well-known and bustling Broad Street, the centre of nightlife where you will find some great nightclubs, bars and a casino. 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.

Birmingham is for sure a lively city that boasts some of the best nightlife in the UK and you will definitely enjoy a good time.

### The Briar Rose



Located at Briar Rose JD Wetherspoon Hotel, this busy pub, in the city centre of Birmingham tend to draw a mix crowd of people, which creates a

dynamic atmosphere. Also, boast a restaurant where food such as burgers, steaks, salads, burritos are served. Both drinks and food are reasonably priced and it is all served by the friendly staff.

Photo: SerbBgd/Shutterstock.com

Address: 25 Bennett's Hill, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon - Sun 7am - 1am

Phone: +44 121 634 8100

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

### Island Bar



Always lively on Fridays and Saturdays, this unique Tiki bar, is the place to head for when craving for a delicious cocktail. In fact the bar

has won many awards and many of the cocktails are their own creations, all prepared by experts. During weekends, DJs are playing a great mix of music and occasionally they host live music acts.

Photo: Nykonchuk Oleksii/Shutterstock.com

Address: 14-16 Suffolk Street, Birmingham

Public Transport: Alexandra Theatre (Stop SF1)

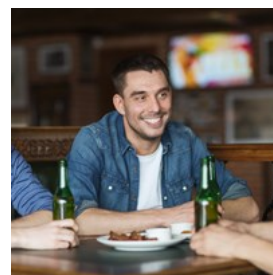
Opening hours: Mon - wed 5pm - 12am, Thur - Sat 5pm - 2am, Sun 9pm - 3am

Phone: +44 121 632 5296

Internet: [www.bar-island.co.uk](http://www.bar-island.co.uk)

Email: [hello@bar-island.co.uk](mailto:hello@bar-island.co.uk)

### The Trocadero



Tucked away on Temple Street, The Trocadero is a historic pub, a Grade II listed local that is hard to miss. This popular pub has a friendly buzz,

where people a gather to enjoy food and drink for a reasonable price, but also a great place to get updated with the latest live sporting events.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Temple St, Birmingham

Public Transport: Lower temple st.

Phone: +44 121 643 6107

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

## Snoobs



Snoobs is a venue combining great music, cheap drinks and full dance floors with a vibrant atmosphere. DJ's are playing music like

Indie Rock 'n' Roll, Alt pop and Retro Jams. Very popular place to experience an alternative night out so come early before it gets too busy.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 51 Smallbrook Queensway, Birmingham

Public Transport: Smallbrook Queensway (Stop NS9)

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 11am - 11pm, Sat 10am - late, Sun 12am - 8pm

Phone: +44 121 643 5551

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

Email: [luke@snoobsnightclub.co.uk](mailto:luke@snoobsnightclub.co.uk)

## The Old Joint Stock



The Old Joint Stock dates all the way back to 1862 and is a beautiful Grade II listed building, that was actually first built as a library. Not only is it one

of the most loved pubs in town serving craft lager, seasonal ales and exclusive wines, but also a theatre where you can enjoy everything between stand-up comedy to 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 - Thur 8am - 11pm, Sat 9am - 11pm, Sun 10am - 5pm

Phone: +44 121 200 1892

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

Email: [oldjointstock@fullers.co.uk](mailto:oldjointstock@fullers.co.uk)

## The Wellington



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

real ale but also serves a range of quality lagers and ciders including foreign bottled beers and whiskies from around the world. They do not serve food but you are 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: Mon - Sun 10am - 12am

Phone: +44 121 200 3115

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

Email: [nige@thewellingtonrealale.co.uk](mailto:nige@thewellingtonrealale.co.uk)

## The Windsor



This is a perfect pub to stumble upon after a long day of discovering the city and all shopping that goes along with it. They have regular events for

their guests, but what draws most guests are the great prices, cosy atmosphere and, of course, the ale. And if the hunger kicks in, they serve well-prepared pub food too.

Photo: DGLimages/Shutterstock.com

Address: 33 Cannon St, Birmingham

Public Transport: New Street station

Opening hours: Mon - Thur 8am - 11pm, Fri - Sat 8am - 12am, Sun 8am - 9pm

Phone: +44 121 633 3013

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



### The Bartons Arms



Housed in a lovely Victorian house, this public house has been here for more than 100 years and is one of the most beautiful pubs in the

country. Do not miss visiting The Bartons Arms, if not for the excellent beer then for the amazing interior. If you are feeling hungry, they serve tasty Thai food too.

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Address: 144 High St, Aston, Birmingham

Phone: +44 121 333 5988

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

Email: [info@thebartonsarms.com](mailto:info@thebartonsarms.com)

### The Old Contemptibles



The Old Contemptibles is a big favourite among locals and tourists alike, a place where the charming staff not only serves beverages but also British

comfort food among other tasty dishes. With a great location, not far from the Jewellery Quarter, they invite you to a relaxing surrounding, great ale and an overall good evening.

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Address: 176 Edmund St, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon - Thur 11am - 11pm, Fri - Sat 11am - 12am, Sun 12am - 8pm

Phone: +44 121 200 3310

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

### Broadway Casino



Broadway Casino, in the heart of Birmingham is the leading independent casino in the city. Not only boasting a first class gaming floor but also

other facilities like a sophisticated Italian restaurant, a stylish bar and a large lounge area. Games like roulette, blackjack and three card poker can be enjoyed as well as slot machines.

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Address: 1 - 4 Broadway Plaza, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon - Sun 12pm - 9am

Phone: +44 121 456 5557

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

## SHOPPING



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Birmingham do not lack in shops, in fact, the city is claimed to be a shopper's paradise where everything from mega malls, to charming markets and independent stores are on offer. 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 will be spoiled with choices with the largest shopping centres in the UK, the Bullring, to House of Fraser, Selfridges and Grand Central. They all stock all your favourite designers and the latest

brands.

A stone's throw from the Bullring is the flea market in Saint Martin's Market, locally referred to as The Rag. After 50 years, it is still increasing in popularity. If you want to buy jewellery, you should head for the unique Jewellery Quarter where hundreds of talented craftspeople and designers are displaying their things, making it a perfect place to find gifts and souvenirs. The shops in the area also sell antiques and clocks.

The bustling shopping streets like New Street and High Street is packed with stores selling well-known brands but also where independent boutiques can be found, so make sure to stroll around these areas when in the shopping mood.

One thing is for sure, you will not leave Birmingham empty-handed.

### **Bullring Mega-Complex**



In Birmingham, much of the shopping is concentrated in the Bullring mega-complex. This is where you will find the traditional chains such as Karen Millen, Monsoon, Miss Sixty and HMV. The exception is Apple's elegant computer shop, full of iPod accessories. The most interesting part, both the inside and the outside, is the highly self-assured Selfridges department store. If you are used to the London store, you should prepare yourself for a somewhat more focused, but still exciting range of goods.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Bullring Shopping Centre, Birmingham  
Public Transport: New street st  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 11am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 8pm, Sun

11am - 5pm

Phone: +44 121 632 1526

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

Email: [marketing@bullring.co.uk](mailto:marketing@bullring.co.uk)

### **The Rag - Flea Market**



Home to 350 stalls, and 17 perimeter shops, at The Rag you can find both bargains and sin, especially early in the morning. Vintage clothes, magazines, goods and gadgets. With its 50 years of history, The Rag is still a must in Birmingham.

Photo: ChiccoDodiFC/Shutterstock.com

Address: Edgbaston Street, Birmingham

Opening hours: Tue, Thur, & Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm

Phone: +44 121 464 8349

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

Email: [marketstalls@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:marketstalls@birmingham.gov.uk)

### **The 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.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Commercial Street, Birmingham

Opening hours: Granville st

Phone: +44 121 632 1000

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

Email: [info@mailboxlife.com](mailto:info@mailboxlife.com)



### The Custard Factory



Just over five minutes walk from the Bullring, you will find another converted industrial premises called The Custard Factory. About

30 independent shops of varying quality are housed in the premises on Gib Square.

Boisterous but interesting.

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Address: Gibb St, Birmingham

Public Transport: Gibb st.

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 8.30am - 6.30pm, Sat 9am - 6pm

Phone: +44 121 224 7777

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

Email: [comms@custardfactory.co.uk](mailto:comms@custardfactory.co.uk)

### River Island



River Island is one of those shops for men, women and kids where you almost every time find something that you would like to buy. Their style of clothes is very varied and the price range low.

Photo: Aaron Amat/Shutterstock.com

Address: 20 Fort Parkway, Birmingham

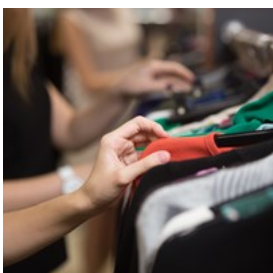
Phone: +44 344 826 9738

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

Email: [customer.services@river-island.com](mailto:customer.services@river-island.com)

More Info: Unit 13 at the The Fort Shopping Park

### Primark



Primark's is fashion at affordable prices. You can easily spend a couple of hours here without spending your entire budget. You can simply

not go wrong at Primark.

Photo: fizkes/Shutterstock.com

Address: 18 New St, Birmingham

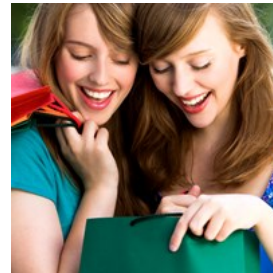
Public Transport: New street st

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 8.30am - 8pm

Phone: +44 121 643 5978

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

### Oasis



At Oasis you can find racks full of beautiful garments. This is the place to go for all fashionistas who love to dress up. If you need a dress for a special occasion, you will most probably not leave this store empty-handed.

Photo: pikselstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 110-114 Corporation St, Birmingham

Public Transport: The Square Peg (Stop BS5)

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 10am - 17.30pm, Sat 10am - 6pm

Phone: +44 121 233 4488

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

### ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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## Birmingham International Airport



Birmingham International 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 and between 00:30 and 02:00 there is a courtesy bus running to the station. 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, (no trains at nights). Tickets can be purchased at the station for the 10 minute long journey to New Street Station.

Bus 97A (a 24/7 service) connects Birmingham City Centre to Birmingham Airport. Tickets can be bought on the bus service.

Licensed taxis operate 24-hour, and located directly outside the arrivals area of the terminal building. You can book your taxi ride in advance by email or phone (email [ctmukltd2016@gmail.com](mailto:ctmukltd2016@gmail.com) +44 (0) 7376 859 569).

Photo: Juan Garces  
Address: Birmingham International Airport  
Phone: +44 871 222 0072  
Internet: [www.birminghamairport.co.uk](http://www.birminghamairport.co.uk)

## 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 your bus ticket when boarding the bus, but remember that you need to give the exact change. There are official bus stops scattered around Birmingham when wishing to board on a bus so hailing will not be necessary.

For online timetables and fare information, check Network West Midlands website ([www.networkwestmidlands.com/ways-to-travel/bus](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/ways-to-travel/bus))

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair  
Phone: +44 121 200 2787  
Internet: [www.tfwm.org.uk](http://www.tfwm.org.uk)

## Taxi



It is easiest to hail a taxi on the street, especially in the centre of the city or at the airport and train stations. Taxis can also be ordered from companies,

for example, Radio Cars.

Phone: +44 121 608 8888

## Post



Stamps can be purchased from post offices and newsagents. Post Offices are generally open from Monday to Saturday from 9 am or 9.30 am to 5.30

pm or 12.30 pm.

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



## Pharmacy



NHS Direct on +44 121  
0800 328 3205 can advise  
you about pharmacies  
with longer opening  
hours. Zenith Pharmacy  
Birmingham:

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Address: 7 Birchfield Rd, Aston, Birmingham

Opening hours: Mon - Sat: 7am-10pm Sun: 12-10pm

Phone: +44 121 554 9944

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

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

## Telephone



Country code: +44 Area  
code: 0121

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## Electricity



240V/50Hz

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## Population

1,1 million

## Currency

British Pounds, £1 = 100 pence

## Opening hours

Many of the larger shopping malls are open Monday -  
Saturday from 9 or 10am and closes at 8 or 9pm. Sundays  
and other public holidays the usual hours are between 11am  
to 5pm.

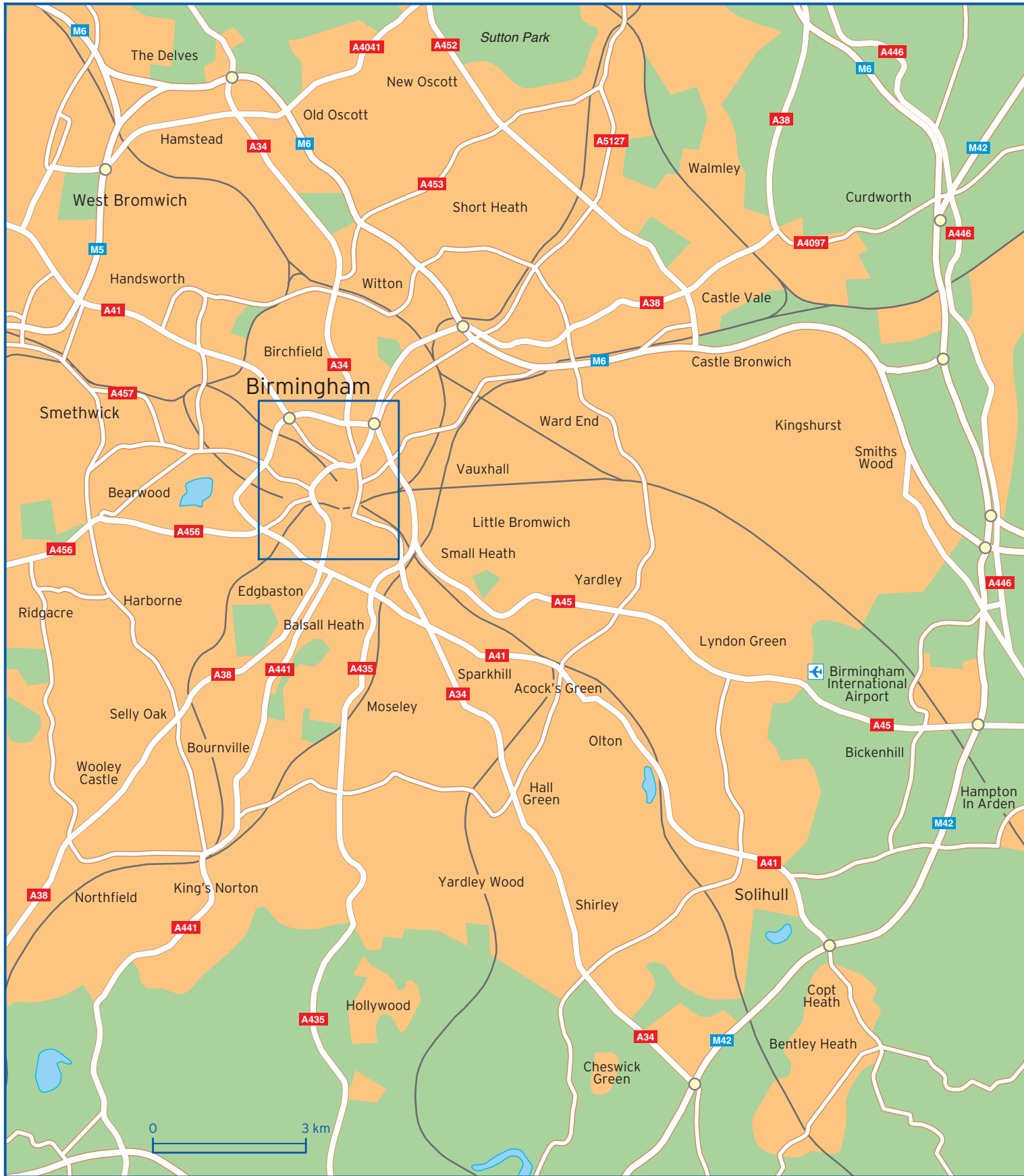
## Newspapers

Birmingham Post- [www.birminghampost.co.uk](http://www.birminghampost.co.uk)  
Birmingham Mail - [www.birminghammail.co.uk](http://www.birminghammail.co.uk)

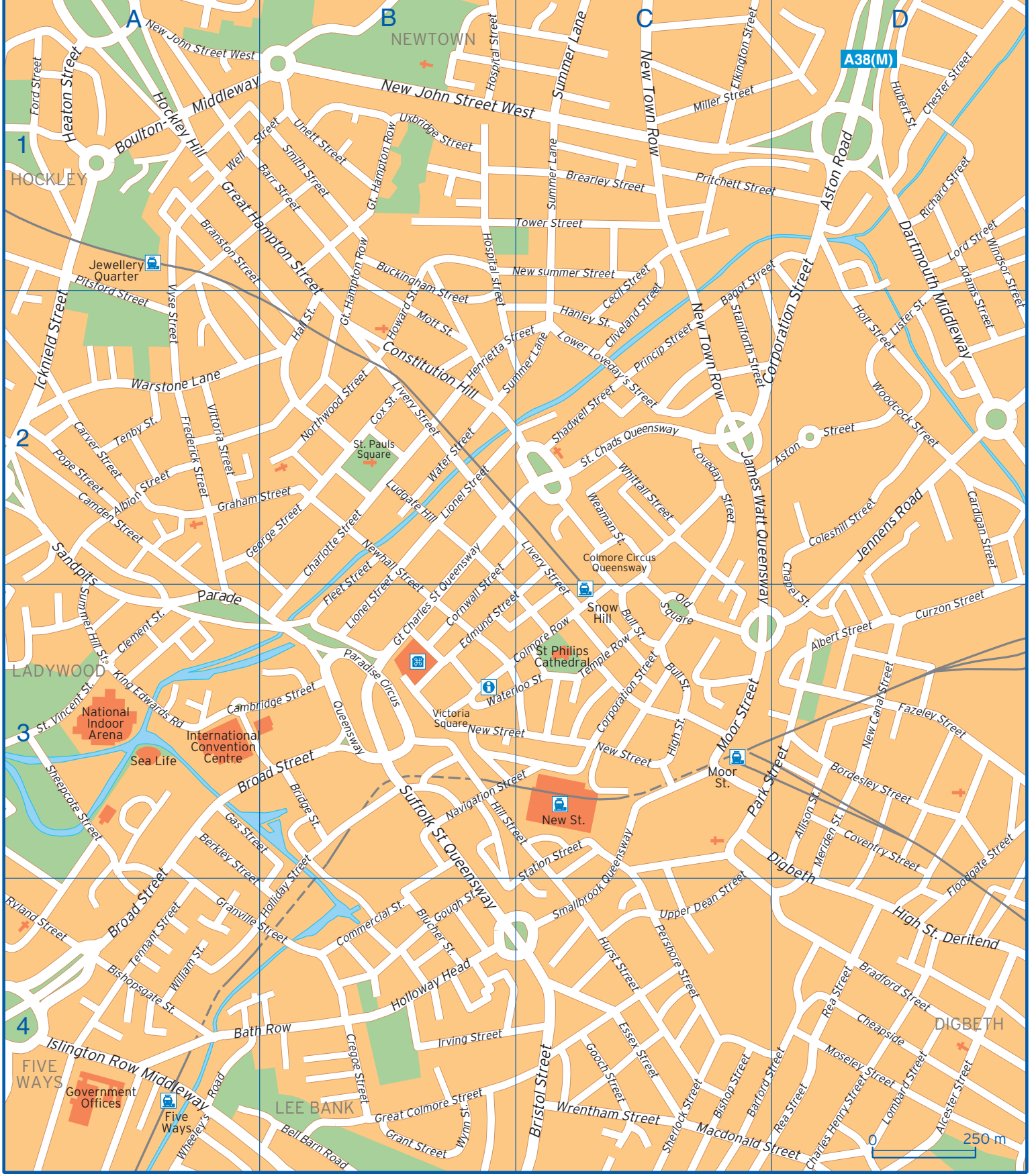
## Emergency numbers

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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	Wheley'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				