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All-inclusive Key Stage 2 Destination Manchester!

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Destination Manchester!

Manchester is a dynamic and cosmopolitan city known for its rich history as the birthplace of the industrial revolution. Explore and get 'hands-on' with wide range of attractions and museums as well as taking in the more modern cultural delights and sublime architecture that this fine city has to offer.



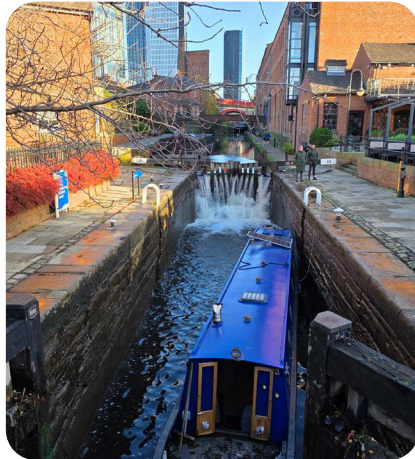
Our City Tour Package – How Does it work?

Our fabulous all-inclusive tour package is an educational experience not to be missed. Delivered over 3 days with 2 night's residential accommodation at YHA Manchester included, this package provides entry to some incredible attractions, all covering relevant curriculum subject areas. Your Manchester tour package includes **return coach travel, accommodation, meals and your bespoke activity itinerary.**

Day 1: Your coach collects you from school, aiming to arrive in Manchester before lunch to embark on your pre-planned activities before heading to your accommodation to settle in and have your evening meal.

Day 2: From breakfast, you will have a full day of activities, through to your evening meal.

Day 3: After breakfast, your coach will collect the group and head to your final morning's attractions - returning to school for around 3.30pm.



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Your Accommodation

YHA Manchester is a modern, purpose-built youth hostel located in the historic Castlefield area, just a 10-minute walk from Manchester city centre, offering en-suite accommodation and a wide range of facilities ideal for groups.



Location

Located next to the Castlefield Basin where the Bridgewater and Rochdale Canals converge, the area provides a historic and picturesque setting and is close to some of Manchester's best group friendly attractions including the Museum of Science and Industry, People's History Museum and Mamucium Roman Fort.

Accommodation

The hostel features **37 en-suite rooms** across 3 floors with a total **152 beds**, rooming includes 2-bed, 4-bed, 5-bed, and 6-bed configurations, each with secure key card entry.

Facilities and Services

Social spaces include a cafe, canal-side restaurant, communal seating areas and a games room providing a vibrant social space for guests.

Accessibility

Wheelchair-accessible facilities, secure key card entry, and 24-hour reception ensure a safe and convenient stay.



Just some of the fabulous options that can be included within your Tour package

Science and Industry Museum

Explore Manchester's scientific discoveries, find out how the city's heritage is interwoven with the cotton industry, see science in action in our interactive gallery, Ignite curiosity with hands-on STEM activities and historic working machinery.

Manchester River & Canal Tour

Hop aboard the Princess Katherine for a boat trip around the Salford Quays and Manchester Ship Canal. This 60/70 min river tour provides an insight into the history of the area and a unique view of Manchester.

IWM North

IWM North's architecture delivers an award-winning immersive experience. Walk through a timeline of history from the First World War to the present day. Explore over 2,000 objects and immerse yourself in the 360-degree cinematic Big Picture Show. School groups can choose to take part in a variety of learning sessions or simply opt to explore the museum at their leisure.

Manchester United Museum & Stadium tour



Prepare to be captivated by the essence of the Red Devils as you explore Old Trafford stadium, walking in the footsteps of football legends, and delving into the captivating stories that have unfolded within these revered walls.

Manchester Museum

Get close to culture and learn about Manchester's fascinating history. Through objects, we can offer new perspectives and a powerful sense of connection to the past, our world and each other. By caring for and looking at the past, we also stake a claim on what matters in the future.

People's History Museum

People's History Museum tells the story of the past, present and future of democracy in Britain. The right to vote, time to rest, fair pay – what has led to the freedoms we have today? Be inspired by and get involved in ideas worth fighting for; ideas such as equality, social justice, co-operation, and a fair world for all.

Museum of Illusions Tour

Explore human perception hands-on, through interactive illusion rooms, installations and optical illusions.

Treetop Golf Manchester

Welcome to the jungle. Here, you'll trek the wondrous terrain of two indoor 18-hole mini golf courses – dodging ancient spirits and discovering lively locals along the way.

The Palace Theatre

The theatre was known as The Grand Old Lady of Oxford Street when it opened in May 1891 and continues to attract some of the best figures and shows in entertainment. Suitable age-appropriate shows are subject to availability.

Factory International / Aviva studios

A place where art gets turned inside out by world-renowned figures together with Manchester's rising stars. With our ever-changing school group offering, whether it's music, dance, an exhibition, performance or a new combination, we create opportunity and share access to world-class art, artists and learning programmes at this venue.



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Greater Manchester Police Museum

This museum not only collects and preserves archive material and objects relating to the history of policing in the Greater Manchester area, but acts as an important resource for community engagement. Pupils can talk to staff and volunteers about policing.

The Whitworth Art Museum

From historic exhibitions to contemporary commissions, visit the Whitworth and discover what they do best: stage outstanding exhibitions and events in one of the most remarkable galleries in the north.

SEA LIFE Manchester & Legoland discovery centre

SEA LIFE Manchester has over 2,000 sea creatures, including sharks, turtles, and rays, and features interactive exhibits. The LEGOLAND Discovery Centre is an indoor playground with attractions based on LEGO bricks, a 4D cinema, and build areas.



Example Programme

2 night/ 3 days Destination – Manchester Package

Example Itinerary: Day 1		
Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Arrive in Manchester around 11:00	Etihad Stadium Tour: Gain a fascinating insight into the high-performing world of the Premier League Champions.	Evening Free: Various options for evenings available (eg: Theatre Show)
	Manchester Museum: Bring people together to ask big questions and spark imagination.	
Day 2		
Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Science & Industry Museum: Explore Manchester's rich legacy of scientific discoveries in Revolution Manchester.	Museum of Illusions: Explore human perception hands-on through interactive optical illusions.	Evening Free: Various options for evenings available
	Peoples History Museum: Be inspired & get involved in ideas worth fighting for.	
Day 3: Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Imperial War Museum: Walk through a timeline of history from the First World War to the present day.	Manchester River Cruise: Get an insight into the history of the area and a unique view of Manchester.	
	Depart Manchester around 13:30	

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The Lowry

Offers workshops and projects linked to the curriculum and tailored to schools, to inspire, enrich and excite through arts and culture. The workshops are led by artists who work creatively to deliver sessions that reflect their unique expertise.

Etihad Stadium Educational tour

A great experience allowing visitors a fascinating insight into the high-performing world of a Premier League Football club, linking key aspects of the football business and life at the Etihad Stadium to the Curriculum. All experiences are led by an expertly trained guide.



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Ordsall Hall

Ordsall Hall has had a long and interesting history, Today, it is a welcoming historic house telling the story of the Hall and some of the people who made it their home. The experienced Heritage Facilitators deliver engaging on-site learning sessions, using real museum objects to bring history to life in this stunning Tudor manor house.

Castlefield Viaduct

A Victorian-era steel viaduct built in 1892 and transformed into a green 'sky garden' in the heart of Manchester. Discover this urban garden and look out over Manchester.

National Football Museum

The National Football Museum the place to learn more and share stories about everybody's favourite game. With four floors of excitement to discover!

Manchester Art Gallery

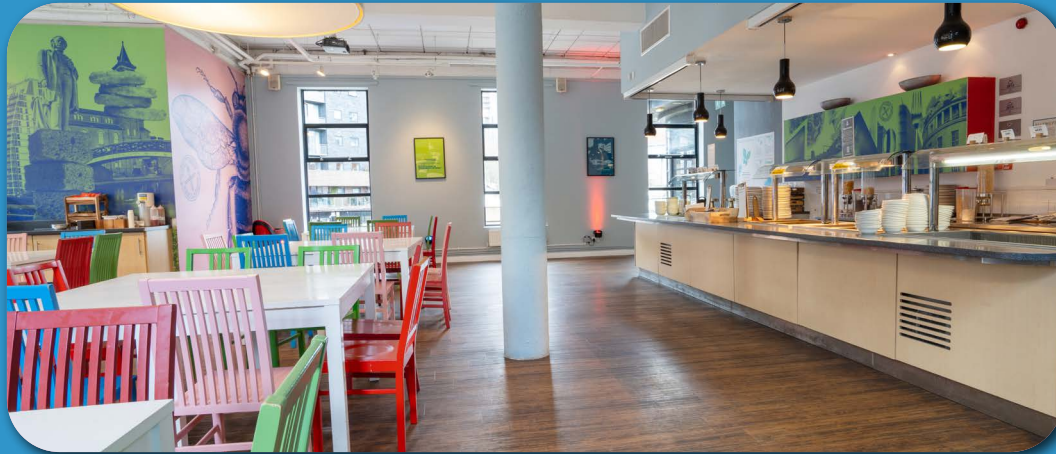
Artworks spanning 6 centuries plus changing historic and contemporary exhibitions and events. Learning in an art gallery is about creativity, curiosity and connecting people. This is how artists learn, and this is the kind of learning we love.



What's on the menu?

This residential tour package includes: a full board meals service – covering breakfast, evening meal and packed lunches. (Groups provide own packed lunch for day 1).

Group leaders are provided with comprehensive packed lunch & evening meal choice forms ahead of the visit to allow participants to make their own choices from the relevant menus. This provides the opportunity to highlight any specific dietary information that the team will need to know in advance.



Breakfast is a buffet arrangement with guests choosing items from a range of food (sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, beans, tomatoes, continental pastries, cereals, yoghurt & fruit juices). There are always vegetarian and vegan options available.

Packed lunches consist of a sandwich, piece of fruit and additional snack which are picked up after breakfast. We ask all participants to bring a refillable water bottle with them for use throughout the visit. This helps us to reduce the waste created by single-use plastics.

Evening meals vary in choice on different days, but you will be sent a menu prior to your visit where you will be able to choose from two to three main meals and deserts.

Who are we?

We are one of the UK's leading providers of school trip packages with over 100 venues and activity providers.

Renowned School Tour operator

We are a fully bonded school tour operator working to current UK Package Travel Regulations through our membership of the British Coach Holidays Financial Protection Scheme. This means your deposit payments are 100% safe with us. See our website for details: www.firsttravelsolutions.com/fest

We are members of the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom

Be more inclusive

We understand the current pressures on household budgets, and we recognise how this can affect some children's ability to take part.

You can help parents to include their child by moving your trip to a low season month, reducing costs and encouraging greater participation.





How to book

Simply let us have some details of your school, your group numbers and preferred dates and we'll provide an all-inclusive quotation and package proposal.

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