

District Engagement in Uncover the Story

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District	Attraction featured	Total
Blaby	Everards Brewery Kirby Muxloe Castle Narborough Hall Stoney Cove Dive Centre The Tithe Barn	5
Charnwood	Charnwood Forest Villages Great Central Railway Loughborough Loughborough Bell foundry Trust (John Taylor and Co) Stoneywell The Charnwood Forest	6
Harborough	Armourgeddon (tank driving experiences) Foxton Locks Kibworth Villages (Michael Wood Story of England) Kilworth House Hotel and Theatre Lutterworth (Sir Frank Whittle, Joseph Hansom, coaching inns) Market Harborough (800 years of shopping) Nevill Holt Opera Wistow Maze and Rural Centre	8
Hinckley and Bosworth	Bosworth Battlefield Market Bosworth The Battlefield Line The Triumph Factory Visitor Experience Twycross Zoo Bosworth Hall Hotel and Spa	6
Melton	Belvoir Castle Melton Dairy Story Melton Farm Stays Melton Mowbray – Paint the Town Red Melton Mowbray – Royal Connections Melton Mowbray – Town of Pies Stapleford Park [Scalford Country House Hotel – temporarily withdrawn]	8
NW Leicestershire	1620s House and Garden Ashby de la Zouch Conkers Moira Furnace Snibston Colliery Park Staunton Harold Estate and Ferrers Centre for Arts and Craft The National Forest	7
General	Waterways in Leicestershire “Gongoozling” Pubs with History	2





Leicestershire UNCOVER THE STORY

Now's the time to book your visit to Leicester and Leicestershire, brimming with history, culture and royal connections

Leicester and Leicestershire tell some of England's most unique and unusual stories. The area is famous for its connection with one of the bloodiest battles in English history and the gravestone where, more than 500 years later, King Richard III's remains were discovered. But these are not the only stories to uncover in Leicestershire. Read on to find out why you should add Leicester and Leicestershire to your list of must-see destinations.

What to do

Leicester is known as the UK's 'Space City' and visitors will enjoy an out of the world experience at the National Space Centre in Leicester, exploring tax galleries crammed full of rockets, satellites and meteorites, taking in a show at the UK's largest domed planetarium, and ascending the iconic rocket tower.

Travel pioneer Thomas Cook ran his first railway excursion here in 1844 and visitors can follow the route by steam train today, dining in style on the Great Central Railway, the UK's only double-track, main-line heritage railway.



This image: An ancient alley in Leicester
Above: Vintage carriages on the Great Central Railway

From the iconic motorbike that takes Steve McQueen's character in *The Great Escape* on a thrilling chase to the scrambler ridden by James Bond in *No Time To Die*, Leicestershire showcases the best in motorcycle design, racing and popular culture at the Triumph Factory Visitor Experience. Visitors can experience 'The greatest lost and found story ever told' at the King Richard III Visitor Centre. From dynasty and death to discovery and DNA, you can see the place where the last Plantagenet King's remains were unearthed after lying undiscovered for more than 500 years.

At the award-winning Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, discover how King Richard III was defeated in a conflict which brought the Middle Ages to an end and ushered in the Tudor dynasty which shaped the future of our country.

The National Forest is England's first forest to be created for 1,000 years. Nine million trees have been planted since 1990 to create a vibrant and varied landscape spanning 300 square miles. Explore circular walking routes, safe off-road cycle trails, or indulge in delicious tea and cake. Try green woodworking

under the trees with a master craftsman, or browse contemporary arts and crafts.

Leicestershire is home to a number of quintessentially English market towns, from Ashby de la Zouch with its 12th-century castle and Loughborough with its twice-weekly market dating back 800 years to Britain in Bloom winner, Market Bosworth with its Georgian architecture, shopper's paradise Market Harborough, and the regional food capital of Melton Mowbray.

Where to eat and drink

Leicester and Leicestershire's food scene is as diverse as its people, making it possible to eat your way around the world without leaving the region. From traditional Melton Mowbray pork pies and Stilton cheese, through to locally brewed ales and the mighty Everards Brewery, experience the best of the region's food and drink.

The city is a UK curry capital and you'll be spoilt for choice with restaurants serving dishes from across the Indian subcontinent. Leicester's Belgavia Road – the 'Golden Mile' – offers true Indian flavours and cuisine.



Top to bottom: The Melton Mowbray Museum on the banks of the Ashby de la Zouch Canal; Leicester's National Space Centre; the atmospheric remains of Ashby Castle

Shop for fresh fruit and veg at the city's outdoor covered market or step into foodie heaven at the Food Hall with its artisan butchers, deli traders and fishmongers.

Where to stay

Whether you're travelling on a budget or want to stay in style there's accommodation to suit all tastes. In the city, you can choose from boutique, luxury and new apartments such as Novotel, Adagio, St Marins Lodge and The Gretham, with other options including The Belmont Hotel, Holiday Inn, Ramada Encore, Mercure, Premier Inn and Ibis Hotels.

In the country, the choice continues with luxury hotels such as Stapleford Park and Keworth House, plus exquisitely kept B&Bs, farm B&Bs, glamping sites, group self-catering and holiday lets.

For more ideas of must-see attractions, getting around, unique stories, tasty dining spots and places to stay, visit www.visitleicester.co.uk/uncoverthehistory

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