

YOUR GUIDE TO OUR CULTURAL, HISTORIC, FAMOUS & INVITING WORCESTER



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CITY GUIDE



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WORCESTER SHOPPING

Our indoor shopping centre, Crowngate, is a treasure trove of fashion, homeware and gifts; while nearby, the bustling charter market in Angel Place hosts local traders selling food, clothes and gifts at bargain prices from Wednesday to Saturday.

The pedestrianised trio of High Street, Pump Street and The Shambles are well-stocked with well-known brands and quirky independents as well as a range of fabulous market stalls on Saturdays.

Make sure you wander away from the High Street towards Friar Street and New Street and you'll discover independent shops catering to every need nestled alongside charming restaurants.

Don't miss the chance to pop in to Reindeer Court and The Hopmarket – both historic courtyards packed with quirky, independent shops.



DINING OUT

When it comes to dining out, you're spoiled for choice in Worcester!

Tickle your tastebuds in restaurants boasting cuisine from all around the world. From vintage tea rooms to national names and riverside alfresco dining, Worcester caters for every taste and budget.

Sitting in the heart of rural Worcestershire, we are surrounded by independent food producers and many restaurants and cafes pride themselves on sourcing their food locally. We have a number of vegetarian and vegan-friendly outlets as well so whatever your taste, there will be something to suit you here.

If you're looking for nightlife, Worcester has a fantastic array of options for you, from traditional pubs and independent breweries to high-end cocktail bars and late-night clubs.

PARKS & RIVERSIDE

Amid the city centre hustle and bustle, Worcester has an abundance of beautiful parks and peaceful gardens perfect for walking and cycling. The stunning bridge at Diglis creates an easy circular route along the banks of the Severn, or if you prefer more of a challenge, you can be in the heart of the countryside within a few minutes.

The mighty River Sever is Britain's longest river. It runs from the Welsh mountains, down to the flatlands of the Severn estuary. Along its journey it winds through Worcester city centre, with a beautiful Riverside Park, scenic views, relaxing environments and plenty of opportunities to spot wildlife.

Fort Royal Park is located on the site of the Battle of Worcester and has some of the best views across the city. On sunny weekends, pack a picnic and listen to live music from the bandstand or enjoy a spot of tennis at Cripplegate or Gheluvelt Parks.



ARTS & LEISURE

Worcester has a lively and vibrant cultural scene. Theatre-goers will thrill at our amateur and professional theatre performances whilst music fans can soak up the atmosphere at the multitude of fantastic music venues in the city.

Every year Worcester is proud to host a huge number of events with large-scale festivals for music, literature, food, gin, dance and beer sitting alongside community events like Carnival and Pride. Whatever your interests, you're sure to find an event for you!

Worcester is a sporting hub with fixtures all year round. Most famously, Worcestershire County Cricket Club play cricket at England's most beautiful sporting ground. Worcester Wolves play first division basketball at the University Arena, and horse-racing takes place throughout the summer at the picturesque riverside setting of Worcester Racecourse.

Worcester Basketball September to April
www.worcesterwolves.org

Worcestershire County Cricket Club April to September
www.wccc.co.uk

Worcester Racecourse May to October
www.worcester-racecourse.co.uk



HISTORY & HERITAGE

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ARTS

George Marshall Medical Museum
Charles Hastings Education Centre,
Charles Hastings Way, Worcestershire
Royal Hospital, WR5 1DD
01905 760738
www.medicalmuseum.org.uk
Discover artefacts illustrating medicine and health care over the past 250 years. See the death masks, apothecary's shop and 19th Century operating theatre. Free admission.

Greyfriars House & Garden (NT)
Friar Street, Worcester, WR1 2LZ
01905 23571
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greyfriars-house-and-garden
A beautiful timber-framed merchant's house built in 1841 and saved from demolition in the 1940s.

Museum of Royal Worcester
Severn Street, Worcester, WR1 2ND
01905 21247
www.museumofroyalworcester.org
Learn of the talented workforce and everyday life as you travel through the Georgian, Victorian and 20th Century galleries. Free audio tour with entry.

St Helen's on the High Street
Fish Street, Worcester, WR1 2HN
01905 734625
<https://sthelensworcester.org.uk/>
A beautiful 15th Century building occupying the earliest site of Christian worship in Worcester. Now, after a century of other uses, it is once again a community church. Free admission.

St Martin in the Cornmarket
The Cornmarket, Worcester, WR1 2PL
01905 25952
<https://stmartininthecornmarket.co.uk>
A Christian place of worship since the 11th Century, completely rebuilt in 1768 to provide a beautiful serene space to worship, enjoy the stained glass and listen to the bells. Free admission.


St Swithun's Church
Church Terrace, High Street, Worcester, WR1 2RH
01905 25952
www.visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/st-swithun-worcester.html
Grade 1 listed church noted for its Georgian interior dating from the 1730s and an impressive 18th Century church organ. It opened in Autumn 2021 as Sound & Art at St Swithun's - a heritage, arts, music and sound venue in the heart of Worcester.

The Commandery
Sidbury, Worcester, WR1 2HU
01905 361821
www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk
A glorious Grade 1 listed building with a long and varied history. This fascinating site offers displays about the history of the building as well as the English Civil War.

The Firs: Elgar's Birthplace (NT)
Crown East Lane, Lower Broadheath, Worcester, WR2 6RH
01905 333330
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/thefirs
This National Trust site is home to displays and exhibitions which tell the story of the composer, his family and the times in which he lived.





The Guildhall
High Street, Worcester, WR1 2EY
01905 722308
www.worcesterguildhall.co.uk
Queen Anne style historic building dating back to 1721; once home to law courts and prison cells. Free admission.

The Hive
Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3AS
01905 822866
www.thehiveworcester.org
Home to a rich variety of resources and facilities from library to archaeology in an inspiring architectural building. Free admission.



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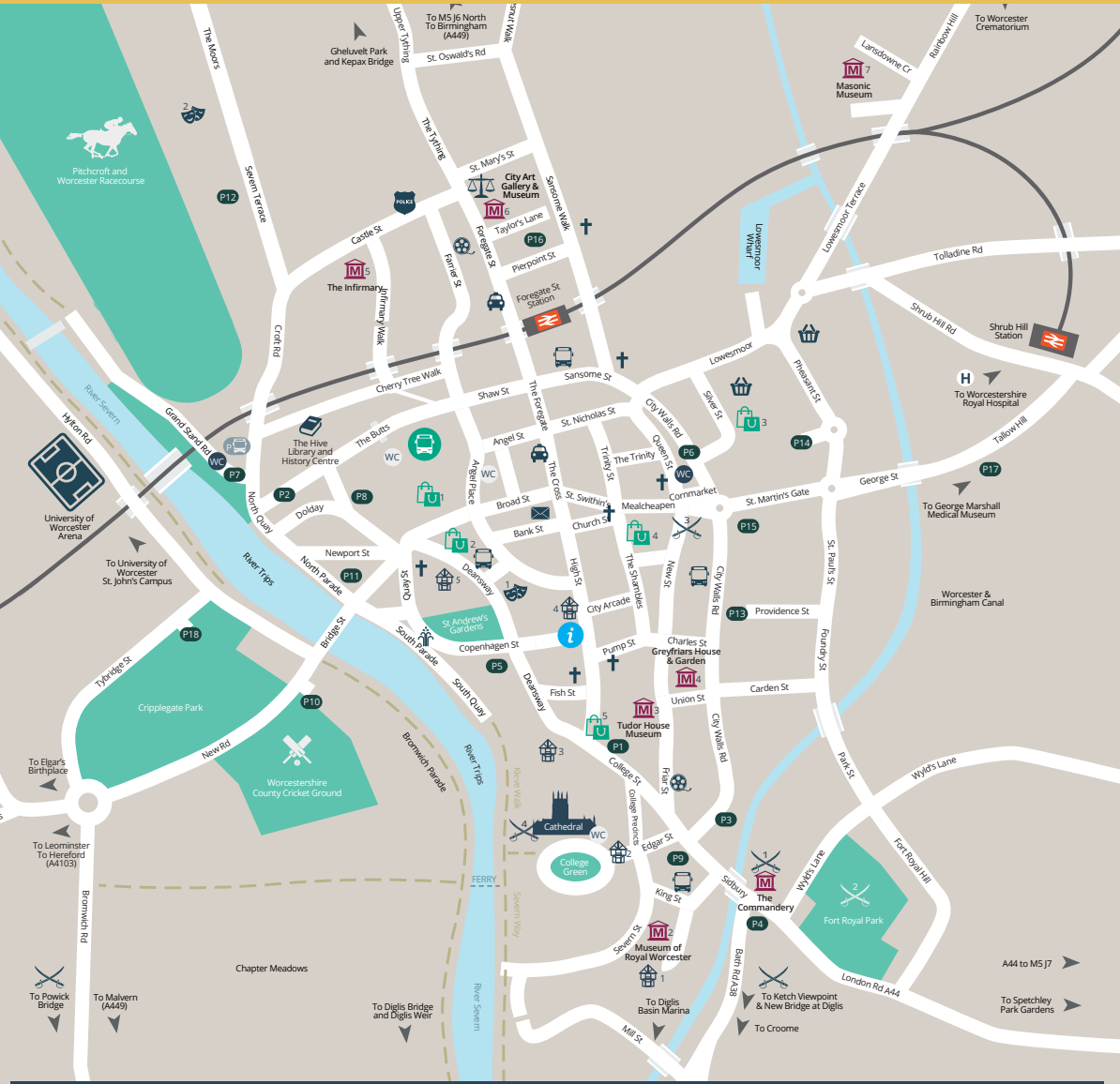
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




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 www.visitworcester.co.uk







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



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









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



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 Historical Buildings






 Museums
 Battle of Worcester Sites
 Theatres
 Cinemas
 Shopping Centres
 Bus Station

 The Commandery
 Fort Royal Park
 King Charles House
 Cathedral
 Crown Court

 The Commandery
 Museum of Royal Worcester
 Tudor House Museum
 Greyfriars House & Garden
 The Infirmary

 City Art Gallery & Museum
 Masonic Museum
 1 Huntingdon Hall
 2 Swan Theatre
 The Hive

 Royal Porcelain Works
 Edgar Tower
 The Old Bishop's Palace
 The Guildhall
 St. Andrew's Spire


 Crowngate Friary Walk
 Crowngate Chapel Walk
 St. Martin's Quarter
 Reindeer Court
 Cathedral Square

The Infirmary
City Campus, University of Worcester,
Castle Street, Worcester, WR1 3AS
01905 542373
www.medicalmuseum.org.uk
An interactive exhibition combining history, science, art & technology to explore the medical stories of one of England's oldest infirmaries. Free admission.

Tudor House Museum
Friar Street, Worcester, WR1 2NA
01905 612309
www.tudorhouse.org.uk
A 500 year+ building showing its life over the centuries from weaving, tavern, school clinic and WW2 ARP billeting station. Free admission.

Worcester Cathedral
College Yard, Worcester, WR1 2LA
01905 732900
www.worcestercathedral.co.uk
One of England's most magnificent and inspiring buildings; a place of prayer and worship for fourteen centuries. Free admission.

Worcestershire Museum of Freemasonry
Rainbow Hill, Worcester, WR3 8LX
01905 24971
www.worcestermasoniccentre.co.uk/
The library and museum possesses the finest collection of Masonic items in the English constitution, other than that belonging to the United Grand Lodge of England in London. Free admission.



TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Visit the friendly team at:

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The Guildhall, High Street,
Worcester, WR1 2EY

Telephone: 01905 726311

Email: tourism@worcester.gov.uk

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MON-FRI
09:30 TO 17:00

SAT & BANK HOLIDAYS
10:00 TO 16:00

Huntingdon Hall
Crowngate, Worcester, WR1 3LD
01905 611427
www.worcesterlive.co.uk/
Live music and entertainment venue. Top comedy and music of every genre, plus spoken word events.

Royal Porcelain Works
Severn Street, Worcester, WR1 2NE
01905 677399
www.royalporcelainworks.co.uk
Arts complex on the site of the famous Royal Porcelain includes The Henry Sandon Hall with 140 seat capacity, GoodRoots Café and Piston Gin Distillery.

Swan Theatre
The Moors, Worcester, WR1 3ED
01905 611427
www.worcesterlive.co.uk
Touring theatre, dance, live music, spoken word, comedy and community events. Also home to the Worcester Repertory Company and the annual family Swan Theatre Pantomime.

The Marrs Bar
12 Pierpoint Street, Worcester, WR1 1TA
01905 613336
www.marrsbar.co.uk/
A former dance studio with the original sprung floor, designed with musicians in mind for great live performances every week.

Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum
Foregate Street, Worcester, WR1 1DT
01905 25371
www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk
A programme of exhibitions and events for all the family. Explore displays, exhibitions, café, shop and Worcestershire Soldier Gallery. Free admission.


GUIDED WALKS

Discover History Walking Tours
The Guildhall, High Street, Worcester, WR1 2EY
07949 222137
www.discoverhistory.co.uk
Historic Guided tour of Worcester leaving The Guildhall at 6pm daily. Available all year round and other times upon request. Booking essential.

Faithful City Walks
Tourist Information Centre, High Street, Worcester, WR1 2EY
07595 286004
Search 'Faithful City Walks' on Facebook
A local and enthusiastic tour guide brings the town to life by showing you all the major sites, as well as many hidden gems.

The Historic Ghost Walks of Worcester
Elgar Statue, Worcester, WR1 2HW
01905 726311
www.onarole.co.uk
Discover deep, dark pockets of Worcester and a side to the Faithful City that you never knew existed. Seasonal. Booking essential.

Worcester Walks
Tourist Information Centre, High Street, Worcester, WR1 2EY
07890 222117
www.worcesterwalks.co.uk
Guided city tours with Blue and Green Badge Guides revealing rich heritage and amazing tales. Leaves the Tourist Information Centre at 11am Monday to Saturday (seasonal).



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