

The Millie Guide To Manchester



The members of Milltown Sound Chorus are excited to welcome you to their home city of Manchester for the first ever joint convention for Region 31 and 32!

To help you navigate the city, we've put together a handy guide containing information about transport, food and drink, shopping and things to do during your stay.



FUN FACT: You'll see this image of a bee all around the city. The Manchester worker bee is the official symbol, representing the city's industrious history, community spirit, and resilience. Originally adopted during the 19th century to mirror Manchester's role as a "hive of activity" during the Industrial Revolution, it has since become a global emblem of unity, and a symbol that Mancunians are very proud of!

Location

Manchester is in the North West of England and is easily accessible from other major cities in the UK. It also very easy to access by flight as Manchester has its own international airport, which is only a 30 min drive away from the city centre.

The weather in Manchester can be very unpredictable so don't forget to check local weather apps - we strongly advise bringing a raincoat!

The joint Region 31 and 32 convention will be held at THE BRIDGEWATER HALL (Lower Mosley Street, M2 3WS). This is an incredible concert hall with capacity for over 2000 people.

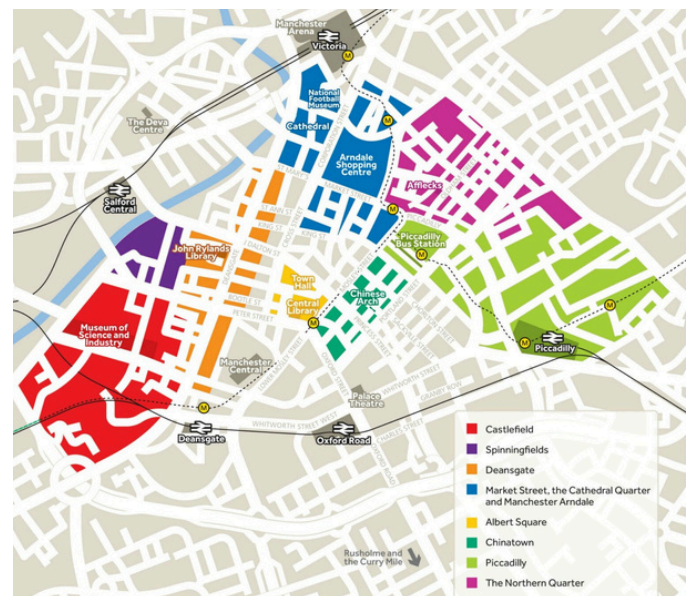


Boroughs & Districts

Greater Manchester is a very large area and is made up of various boroughs:

- Manchester City Centre
- Salford
- Trafford
- Stockport - home of Heartbeat UK Chorus
- Bolton
- Bury
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Tameside
- Wigan - home of Milltown Sound Chorus

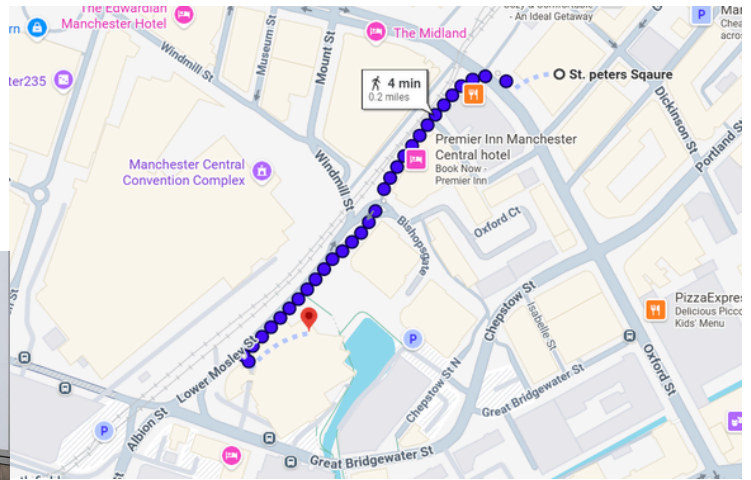
The main area you will visit is the city centre, which also has various districts:



Travel & Transport

There are regular trains that run between Manchester airport and the city centre. The main train stations in the city centre are:

- Manchester Piccadilly
- Manchester Oxford Road
- Manchester Victoria
- Deansgate



There is also a Metrolink (yellow trams) that run around the city - just make sure you purchase your ticket from a machine on the platform before you travel! Inspectors often check onboard and fines are issued to those travelling without a valid ticket. The closest tram stations to The Bridgewater Hall are St. Peter's Square and Deansgate (both 5 min walk).

The closest rail stations to The Bridgewater Hall are Manchester Oxford Road and Deansgate (both a 10 min walk). However, Victoria and Piccadilly stations are connected to the Metrolink tram network, providing direct services to St. Peter's Square and Castlefield.

If you like more exercise, then why not try the Bee Network Cycle Hire (yellow bikes around the city), but most of the city is on flat ground so also easily walkable. For more information on transport, please visit the Bee Network website [here](#).

The main coach drop-off point for The Bridgewater Hall is located on Lower Mosley Street, directly outside the main entrance. There are dedicated short-stay coach bays on Lower Mosley Street for loading/unloading. Additional short-stay coach drop-off bays (maximum 20 mins) are located nearby on Liverpool Road.

There are lots of nearby hotels and car parks, including:

- Leonardo Hotel Manchester Central
- The Midland
- The Edwardian Manchester
- Forty Seven Hotel
- Manchester Deansgate Hotel
- APCOA Manchester Bridgewater Hall
- NCP Manchester Central
- Q-Park First Street
- Q-Park Piazza
- Euro Car Parks

Black cabs are usually waiting outside every train station and can be hailed anywhere in the city centre. You can also try apps such as Uber, Bolt and Veezu.

Food & Drink

The Bridgewater Hall

- Charles Hallé Restaurant. Please contact Box Office for more information on 0161 907 9000. Booking is essential
- The Lounge serves small snacks and drinks
- The Stalls Café Bar - informal dining
- Please note - the venue prefers contactless/cashless payments

Options nearby - Restaurants

- *Gino D'Acampo Manchester, First St*
Italian owned by chef Gino D'Acampo
- *Evuna, Deansgate*
Spanish and Tapas
- *Oddssocks Bar & Kitchen, Great Bridgewater St*
Burgers, sandwiches and meat dishes
- *TYGA Restaurant & Bar, Peter St*
Authentic Indian cuisine
- *Yoki Korean Soul Food, Barbirolli Square*
Korean cuisine
- *Turtle Bay, Oxford Rd*
Caribbean cuisine
- *Blackbird Kitchen, Whitworth St W*
Typical English (pub grub!)



Options nearby - Cafes

- *Essys First Street, Jack Rosenthal St*
- *Bruncho, Deansgate*
- *Atrium Coffee, St Peter's Square*
- *La Collina, Tootal*
- *Haunt MCR, Peter St*
- *Olivitta Deli, Whitworth St W*
- *Costa Coffee, Oxford Rd*



Options nearby - Bars

- *Rain Bar, Great Bridgewater St*
- *Britons Protection, Great Bridgewater St*
- *The Temple, Great Bridgewater St*
- *Gorilla, Whitworth St*
- *Speak In Code, Jackson's Row*



Entertainment

Music

Manchester is famous for its music and entertainment scene. Many artists emerged from this wonderful city, such as; Oasis, The Smiths, Joy Division, The Stone Roses, The Courteeners, Simply Red, The Chemical Brothers, Take That, Aitch, and many more!

Manchester has various Arenas where you can watch live music:

- AO Arena
- The Bridgewater Hall (of course!)
- Co-op Live
- Albert Hall
- O2 Ritz
- Castlefield Bowl
- Stoller Hall
- Academy
- Rebellion
- Band on the Wall



Theatre

There are also many theatres to watch live performances, plays and musicals:

- Opera House
- Palace Theatre
- Lowry Theatre
- Royal Exchange
- Hope Mill Theatre
- HOME

Sport

Manchester is home to several famous football and sports clubs. Many of the stadiums offer tours:

- Etihad - home of Manchester City FC
- Old Trafford - home of Manchester United FC
- Emirates Old Trafford Cricket Ground



Things to do



Shopping

The city is great for shopping with many shopping centres such as the Arndale Centre, Afflecks Palace, and Exchange Square. Further afield, the Salford Quays is great for food, shopping and entertainment. We also have the Trafford Centre, an American-style mall containing various stores, a cinema, arcade, sea life centre, legoland, and much more! You'll find multiple themed areas inside including a Roman Great Hall, Egyptian area, and a Titanic-themed food hall. It's well worth a visit with buses running frequently from the city centre.



Museums & Galleries

- Manchester Museum
- Museum of Illusions
- Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI)
- People's History Museum
- Museum of Transport
- National Football Museum
- Imperial War Museum (IWM)
- Manchester Jewish Museum
- Manchester Art Gallery
- The Whitworth Art Museum
- Salford Museum & Art Gallery



History & Nature

If you want a little more history on your visit, then why not visit the beautiful John Rylands library, which opened in 1900. You'll feel like you're stepping right into a page of Harry Potter! Or make your way to Ordsall Hall, dating as far back as 1177, and hear about the resident ghosts that have been sighted there, such as the The White Lady and Sir John Radclyffe.

Or if you'd prefer a walk in nature, then nearby Lyme Park, Heaton Hall and Dunham Massey all have grand houses and lovely gardens / deer parks.

- Manchester Cathedral
- John Rylands library
- Ordsall Hall
- Elizabeth Gaskell's House
- Mamucium Roman Fort
- The Monastery
- Lyme Park
- Chetham's Library
- Heaton Hall
- Dunham Massey



Other Resources

Here are some other resources you may find useful during your stay:



[Map of the City Centre](#)



[Train schedule from Manchester Airport to Manchester Oxford Road](#)



[Manchester Travel Guide Video](#)



We hope you find this guide useful and that you enjoy your stay in our home city. We'll see you on Friday 8th May.
Best of luck to all competitors!