

Manchester Tourist Information <https://www.visitmanchester.com/>

Transport

There is a free bus that runs around Manchester centre – information here

<https://www.visitmanchester.com/visitor-information/travel-information/free-bus-p328781> - you can catch the two routes outside the front of Piccadilly station

Manchester Metrolink system map here if you want to look at any of the nearby towns

<https://my.tfgm.com/#/planner/>

Places to visit in the City Centre

Art – Manchester Art Gallery, Whitworth Art Gallery are hosting exhibitions devoted to Hogarth and Goya <https://www.visitmanchester.com/whats-on/goya-and-hogarth-prints-of-darkness-p374031>

The Lowry (Salford) , Home (<https://www.visitmanchester.com/things-to-see-and-do/home-p319181>)

Architecture – Manchester is a Gothic City and there is fine architecture all over. Of note – the Town Hall designed by Waterhouse it often doubles as the Houses of Parliament and you can get a great afternoon tea in there. For Gothic delights <https://www.visitmanchester.com/ideas-and-inspiration/haunt-manchester/places-product-list/10-pieces-of-gothic-inspired-and-ghoulish-art> and <https://confidentials.com/manchester/best-of-gothic-manchester>

Museums – Science and Industry Museum , Manchester Museum (10 minute walk from MMU), John Rylands Library (<https://www.visitmanchester.com/things-to-see-and-do/the-john-rylands-library-p85841>)

Sightseeing – Manchester Walking Tours <https://www.visitmanchester.com/things-to-see-and-do/tours-and-sightseeing/walking-tours>

Football venues - Old Trafford (Man United), Etihad Stadium (Man City), Urbis National Football Museum

Coronation Street Tour <https://www.visitmanchester.com/things-to-see-and-do/coronation-street-the-tour-p58161>

Shopping <https://www.visitmanchester.com/shopping>

Manchester is good for shopping as everything is in easy walking distance. There are a few areas worth visiting – the Northern Quarter <https://www.visitmanchester.com/shopping/northern-quarter-p25851> has some quirky shops such as Thunder Egg, Afflecks Palace (a small shopping emporium) <https://www.visitmanchester.com/ideas-and-inspiration/haunt-manchester/shopping-product-list/a-gothic-guide-to-afflecks> comics shops Travelling Man and Forbidden Planet. It is just off Piccadilly Gardens down Oldham Street. You can buy cheap curries in the backstreets or have a coffee and cake in the cafes of that area.

Empire Exchange is on the approach to Piccadilly station

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g187069-d4828803-Reviews-Empire_Exchange-Manchester_Greater_Manchester_England.html and has a good selection of magazines and old comics, Paramount Books also has a good selection of comics, graphic novels and second hand books <https://www.yelp.co.uk/biz/paramount-books-manchester>

If you prefer upmarket then there is the King Street area and Deansgate
<https://www.visitmanchester.com/shopping/designer-shops> with Kendals, Harvey Nichols
<https://www.visitmanchester.com/shopping/harvey-nichols-p20641> etc

Eating

There are more restaurants and cafes per head of the population than anywhere I know most are reasonably priced and they cater for every taste. A good range can be found on the visit Manchester site.

Afternoon tea – <https://afternoontea.co.uk/uk/north-west/manchester/> Richmond Tea Rooms (10-15 min walk from MMU <https://www.richmondtearooms.com/>

Midland Hotel <https://tearoomatthemidland.co.uk/>

Artisan markets are usually held in Piccadilly Gardens every Friday

Slatterys – towards Bury is a chocolate factory <https://slattery.co.uk/>