



# The North of England City Experience

Discover the North by train!

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## Hull, Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, & NewcastleGateshead

Hull, Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, & NewcastleGateshead, five very dynamic, post-industrial cities in the North of England, founded on the forces of traditional industry, and now being defined by a bold cultural renaissance. Nowhere else in England is there a concentration of iconic urban destinations undergoing such a dynamic transformation. Through art, music, literature, theatre, dance, architecture, cafes, restaurants, nightlife, festivals and events these cities offer experiences housed in richly varied regenerated environments.

Each city is naturally unique and has its own personality, yet as a group they combine to deliver a compelling travel offer that is not only culturally rich but also effortlessly travelled and experienced.

All the cities are walk-able and have a range of accommodation, boutique to high street shopping, and local & independent food and drink.

Witness the transformation for yourself & soak up the culture, heritage, history, regeneration and transformation of England's northern cities.

Beginning in any city, the TransPennine Express 'North of England City Experience' ticket connects all these cities with frequent services bringing you into the heart of your destination. Travel at your own pace with one easy-to-buy rail ticket enabling 4 days travel between the cities over an 8-day period for just £99, offering better value than individual tickets.

**Live in the moment.  
Frame it with history.  
No filter required.**



## NewcastleGateshead

Newcastle and Gateshead are located on the north east coast of England on the River Tyne, former home to Britain's ship building industry and coal mining. Summer 2018 saw the city host the 'Great Exhibition of the North', a free celebration of the North of England's pioneering spirit. Amazing exhibits, live performances, displays of innovation and new artworks featured in many landmark buildings such as 'BALTIC', a former flour mill, now home to contemporary art. Take the 'Victoria Tunnel Tour', a 19th century wagon-way running under the city from the Town Moor to the Tyne, built to transfer coal to ships and enjoy an evening of visual arts and local 'Geordie' culture at 'Tyneside Cinema' – opened in 1937 it's the last surviving news theatre still operating in the UK.



## Hull

Hull, located 180 minutes south of NewcastleGateshead, sits on the east coast and was a significant fishing and trading port and medieval maritime city. Former home to poet Philip Larkin and British politician William Wilberforce who led the abolition of slavery. 2017 saw Hull as the UK City of Culture, with a year-long celebration of the city's cultural renaissance and this continues into 2018 and beyond. Mingle with the locals over a pint at the 'Lion & Key' pub, serving since 1717, or re-live nights-out at the 'Museum of Club Culture' in the Old Town. Step further back in the 'Museums Quarter' where you'll find everything from mosaics to 200 years of transport history compete with a replica of an English street from the early 20th Century.





## Leeds

Leeds is 60 minutes west of Hull and was a major centre for the trading and production of wool. The trading history of the city extends to its fame as a retail mecca to this day. The recently restored Victorian shopping arcade, 'Victoria Quarter', houses local and national boutiques and brands, Kirkgate market is Europe's largest indoor market and an international 'street food hub' and Leeds 'Corn Exchange', a Grade 1 listed building, is home to independent local retailers, tasty eateries and regular vintage markets under its domed roof. Enjoy contemporary art at Leeds' 'The Tetley' contemporary art gallery in a former brewery and live music day and night from roof top bars across the city, which is also a significant centre for dance.



## Manchester

Manchester is located 50 minutes west from Leeds and is the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Witness the role of the working-classes who powered the world's first industrial city at the 'People's History Museum' located in a former Edwardian pumping station, and enjoy theatre at the Royal Exchange, the city's former cotton exchange, or uncover a rich heritage of innovation and invention at the Science and Industry Museum, built on the site of the world's first passenger railway.

Manchester is a UNESCO City of Literature – explore impressive libraries including the medieval Chetham's and gothic John Rylands Library. Visit 'The Quays', Manchester's re-developed waterfront - featuring The Lowry, Imperial War Museum North, MediaCityUK and meet local 'Mancunians' across the city's famous squares, restaurants and bars and at the National Museum of Football to debate which Manchester football team is better, United or City?

## Liverpool

Liverpool, 30 minutes west of Manchester, on the north west coast, was the world's most important trading port and is a city steeped in maritime history. It's a UNESCO World Heritage site, UNESCO City of Music and a vibrant centre for contemporary visual arts. The city is no stranger to thrilling, risk-taking 'not to be missed' creativity with 2018 seeing Liverpool celebrate its 10th anniversary since being 'European Capital of Culture' 2008. Magical happenings continue apace with the city's rum and tobacco warehouses now hosting the 'Titanic Hotel & Spa', former docks house Tate Liverpool, a former brewery housing the hip 'Baltic Market' food district and the former rope manufacturing district, 'Rope Walks' hosting cocktail bars and craft beers until the early hours. The 'British Music Experience' traces the history of the nation's musical output from The Beatles to Adele and sports fans can watch a match with fans from all over the world at Liverpool & Everton football clubs.

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# Plan and book your 'North of England City Experience' in 5 easy steps!

## Step 1

Buy your TransPennine Express 'North of England City Experience'\* train ticket in advance. It is valid for 4 days use from 9.30am daily, within any 8-day period – you can decide when to take your trip.

- If you live in Germany, you can buy the train ticket in advance from HTS Touristik's website [www.gb-ferien.de/cityexperience](http://www.gb-ferien.de/cityexperience). It will be posted to your home address.
- If you live in the Netherlands, you can buy the train ticket in advance from House of Britain's website – [www.houseofbritain.nl/cityexperience](http://www.houseofbritain.nl/cityexperience) It will be posted to your home address.
- If you live in the United Kingdom, you can buy the train ticket in advance from TransPennine Express' website – [www.tpexpress.co.uk/special-offers/north-of-england-rover](http://www.tpexpress.co.uk/special-offers/north-of-england-rover) It will be posted to your home address.

- If you are visiting from any other country, you can also buy the rail ticket at any of the mainline stations in Newcastle, Hull, Leeds, Manchester or Liverpool when you have arrived in the UK.

The 'North of England City Experience' ticket connects all of cities with frequent services bringing you into the heart of each city. Travel at your own pace – you decide how many days to spend in each city.



## Step 2

Decide where to start your 'North of England City Experience'!

We know that you know where to find the best deals on trains, flights and ferries. Here are some tips on where to travel from and with whom.

- Fly direct to Liverpool from Berlin with Easyjet.
- Fly direct to Manchester from Berlin with Easyjet, Ryanair; from Hanover to Manchester with Flybe; from Frankfurt with Lufthansa or Ryanair, from Dusseldorf with Eurowings; from Munich with Lufthansa.
- Fly direct from Dusseldorf to Newcastle with Eurowings.
- Board a P&O ferry from Rotterdam or Zeebrugge to Hull. The train station is close to the ferry terminal.
- Fly direct from Amsterdam to Leeds, Hull, Newcastle, Liverpool or Manchester with Easyjet or KLM and Jet2.

- If you live in the Netherlands, House of Britain can book your flight or ferry and post tickets to you in advance.
- If you live in the United Kingdom, simply take a train from where you live to any of the cities to begin your North of England City Experience.

## Step 3

Book extra experiences in each of the cities.

If you live in Germany, you can buy additional experiences in advance from HTS Touristik's website [www.gb-ferien.de/cityexperience](http://www.gb-ferien.de/cityexperience).

If you live in the Netherlands, you can buy additional experiences in advance from House of Britain's website – [www.houseofbritain.nl/cityexperience](http://www.houseofbritain.nl/cityexperience)

### Explore each city's website to find more Experiences

#### Newcastle Gateshead

[www.visitnewcastlegateshead.com](http://www.visitnewcastlegateshead.com)

#### Hull

[www.visithullandeastyorkshire.com](http://www.visithullandeastyorkshire.com)

#### Leeds

[www.visitleeds.co.uk](http://www.visitleeds.co.uk)

#### Manchester

[www.visitmanchester.com](http://www.visitmanchester.com)

#### Liverpool

[www.visitliverpool.com](http://www.visitliverpool.com)

## Step 4

Decide what type of accommodation you'd like to stay in. Each city has a range of accommodation including home-stays, hostels and budget, 3,4 and 5 star hotels. We know that you know where to find the best deals!

If you live in the Netherlands, House of Britain can book your accommodation for you and post tickets to you in advance.

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## Step 5

Pack your suitcase, grab your phone, enjoy the North of England City Experience!

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\*Terms and Conditions Apply. For use after 9.30am. See <https://www.tpexpress.co.uk/special-offers/north-of-england-rover/terms-and-conditions>

