Huddersfield Caribbean Carnival
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This is Huddersfield

Architecturally striking and surrounded by verdant hills, Huddersfield’s compact centre packs in a surprising array of attractions and down-to-earth fun. Amid its many Victorian piles, the town offers international cuisine, independent coffee shops, vintage boutiques and late nights that rival big cities. Celebrations of food, dance and music keep things buzzing throughout the year, and being just a train hop from Leeds, Manchester and the Peak District, this multicultural community provides escapes to both the bright lights of the city and the wilds of the moors. Combine all this with its traditionally friendly welcome and Huddersfield is one of those unique places that will quickly feel like home.
Huddersfield's Award-Winning University

At the heart of the local community, the University of Huddersfield is a growing centre of research and excellence, pushing the boundaries of knowledge and receiving national recognition for it.

University of the Year

In November 2013, the University of Huddersfield was named the Times Higher Education (THE) University of the Year. This award honours ‘an institution that has demonstrated exceptional performance in the past academic year’ and recognises ‘particular bold, imaginative and innovative initiatives that have advanced the institution's reputation’.

Four Star Institution

Huddersfield is a four star university, rated by QS Stars as ‘highly international, demonstrating excellence in both teaching and research with an excellent environment for students and staff’. It secured the highest five star ratings for teaching excellence, its international community, facilities for students and scholarships and bursaries. With institutions from over 30 countries participating in the program, QS Stars is the chosen evaluation system for universities worldwide.

Queen's Awards

The University has received two prestigious Queen's Awards. The first, which recognises excellence in promoting enterprise skills and attitudes, was awarded to Professor Liz Towns-Andrews, Huddersfield’s 3M Professor of Innovation; while the second honours businesses that have achieved substantial overseas growth and commercial success. Since 2008, the University has formed many international partnerships and grown its international population with students from over 120 countries.
University of Huddersfield at a Glance

21,400 students
56% female
44% male

78% undergraduates
22% postgraduates

75 student clubs and societies
overseas students from 120 countries

TOP 10 for UK student satisfaction
TOP 10 in England for teaching excellence
TOP 10 for sandwich placements
TOP 10 in UK for estates and facilities
100% debt free University
NO.1 in the world for international student satisfaction

University of Huddersfield

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500+ courses offered

100% of academic staff are Fellows of the Higher Education Academy

100% of students undertake professional work experience

93% go into work or further study within six months of graduating

70% receive a professional qualification alongside their degree

Award Winning Careers Service

Teaching Excellence
‘Huddersfield’s uniqueness mainly comes from its sense of community. With a diverse range of ages, races, cultures, abilities, skills and professions, the exciting collection of different people is always apparent.’

Alexandra Bloor, English Language BA(Hons)
Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Highlights
◆ **Nights Out**
If you love a good pint, Huddersfield certainly won’t disappoint. With a slew of excellent real ale and craft beer pubs, many brewing on site or just nearby, and a cluster of venues, bars and clubs all within spitting distance, it’s an excellent place for a night on the town.

◆ **The Great Outdoors**
From peaceful canal walks and gentle climbs with rewarding views, to treks in the wild expanses of the Peak District or the challenging Pennines, Huddersfield and the surrounding area offer copious options for hiking, cycling and climbing in the beautiful English countryside.

◆ **Festivals**
With an elaborate summer carnival and a winter festival of light, the town pulses throughout the year with a variety of fantastic events. Celebrations encompass literature, food and drink, as well as a feast of music, from the traditional to the cutting edge.

◆ **History and Heritage**
A wander through Huddersfield’s streets reveals a glimpse of its fascinating history. Stunning nineteenth-century edifices abound, and tracing this architectural trail is a great way to discover the town’s interesting past.

◆ **The Best of All Worlds**
Sitting slap-bang between Manchester and Leeds, and just north of the beautiful Peaks, Huddersfield is a charming town with ample opportunities to sample the delights of a city or the great outdoors whenever you get the urge.
For its size, Huddersfield punches way above its weight when it comes to a night out. Options run the gamut from traditional pubs serving freshly brewed ale, to in-your-face cocktail bars and
clubs that buzz until the sun comes up. Many of the bars in the centre host DJs and live music and serve up a decent range of food. But the real beauty of this town is that if you rock up somewhere that doesn’t suit, you’re never more than a few steps away from a better option.

Great Beer
Huddersfield has a wide range of excellent spots to sample locally produced beers and ciders. The Hand Drawn Monkey (www.hdmbeershop.co.uk) has an impressive array of bottled beers and draught brews to be taken away or drunk in its shabby-chic bar, and the carefully chosen beers at Zephyr (61–63 King Street) make this laid-back bar a real stand-out.

Live Music
Dedicated live-music venues with eclectic line-ups mean you’ll often find musicians and DJs popping up in pubs and bars around Huddersfield. Each year, the town hosts the Contemporary Music Festival (www.hcmf.co.uk), showcasing the likes of pioneers Brian Eno and Steve Reich. Further afield, the Picturedrome (www.picturedrome.net) in nearby Holmfirth hosts an accomplished live programme, and the summer brings the Beacons Festival (greetingsfrombeacons.com) to the nearby Yorkshire Dales.

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Eating

Stretching to all four corners of the globe, Huddersfield’s eateries offer a notable array of cuisines. Passionate restaurateurs serve up curried goat and jerk chicken, tender Lebanese kebabs, skewer after skewer of succulent Brazilian meats, feisty Mexican and fiery Thai delicacies. For something a little more unusual, you can dine in the crypt of a church, or feast on tapas in a traditional boozer. There are plenty of places to grab a quick bowl of noodles or a good-value burger on the fly, and you’ll find two-for-one and other great deals all over town.
**Cafe Culture**
If you're craving a caffeine hit, Huddersfield's great independent coffee shops will hit the spot. *Espresso Corner*, **The Little Kitchen**, **Queenie's** and **Neaversons** all serve good coffee and tasty cakes and snacks or more substantial meals. Friendly [coffeevolution](http://www.coffeevolution.co.uk) (www.coffeevolution.co.uk) is the best place to linger, especially if you can bag one of the comfy leather chesterfields downstairs. The handsome **Blue Rooms**, at the back of the Byram Arcade, is another favourite.

**Food & Drink Festival**
The long-running **Huddersfield Food & Drink Festival** (www.foodanddrinkfestival.org.uk) takes place annually over four days in August and attracts visitors from far and wide. A huge range of exhibitors offer up some of the area's best produce, with world cuisines often getting a creative Yorkshire slant. There are plenty of cookery demonstrations and tons of free samples. The weekend also brings live music to accompany the feasting into the evening.

**Posh Nosh**
For something a littler posher without breaking the bank, foodies should head to well-established **Bradley's** (www.bradleyshuddersfield.co.uk), for lunch-time and early-evening deals on excellent modern British dishes served up in a simply decorated two-level dining room.
Student Favourites

Food

My favourite place to eat is **Rhubarb**. The food is delicious and at great prices for students. - Maria-Eleni Simonian

The vegetarian pizzas at **Bar Maroc** are out of this world. They also do brilliant crepes and cocktails. - Alexandra Bloor

The food at **Kebabish** is spectacular. - Mehwish Parvez

**Lord Wilson's** does my favourite foods at a reasonable price and has a pretty good atmosphere. - Gabriella Gregory

Drink

Wednesdays are student nights. Bars like **Revolution**, **Verve**, **Rhubarb**, **The Parish** and **Camel Club** offer a range of discounts. - Maria-Eleni Simonian

The music at **Camel Club** is always good and they have an event on every night. **Funday Monday** is a popular one. - Gabriella Gregory

**The Parish** puts on a free pub quiz on Monday nights. - Alexandra Bloor
Culture

Stepping off the train, Huddersfield’s cultural heritage is immediately apparent in the wealth of Victorian architecture spread throughout the streets. The station itself is a Grade I listed building, dating from 1850, and the impressive buildings ringing adjacent to St George’s Square date from the same period. The style recurs throughout the town, and is complemented by later structures such as the colourful wrought-iron Open Market and the Art Deco Library & Art Gallery, where you can pick up information on historical walking trails.
On Stage

The Lawrence Batley Theatre (www.thelbt.co.uk), originally built as a chapel in 1819, stages an exciting range of theatre, contemporary dance and comedy; and the nearby Town Hall (www.kirklees.gov.uk/townhalls) has a diverse line-up of comedy, music and cabaret.

Festivals

In July, tens of thousands come from all over the country for the two-day Huddersfield Carnival (www.huddersfieldcarnival.co.uk), an explosion of colour, music and dance celebrating Afro-Caribbean arts and tradition. Deepest, darkest December couldn’t be a better time for the town’s Festival of Light (www.kirklees.gov.uk/festival) featuring laser shows, digital fireworks and light installations. Bookworms will want to venture out for performances and talks at the stimulating Huddersfield Literature Festival (litfest.org.uk), while music lovers can enjoy new sounds at the Contemporary Music Festival (www.hcmf.co.uk).

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Set in the grounds of Bretton Hall, the Yorkshire Sculpture Park (www.ysp.co.uk) is a unique and captivating open-air sculpture gallery, hosting permanent pieces by artists such as Henry Moore and Andy Goldsworthy as well as an ever-evolving collection in truly inspiring surrounds.
Huddersfield offers a cornucopia of shopping options, from the functional to the frivolous. The main thoroughfares sport a handy variety of high-street names and a great selection of charity shops, while tucked away arcades reveal gorgeous independent boutiques. **Kingsgate Shopping Centre** allows you to skip between the likes of Topshop, H&M and Office, and browse the
departments of House of Fraser. The Victorian arches of the Open Market are the perfect place to pick up your weekly veggies and bargain homewares, and on Tuesdays and Saturdays become a snooper’s paradise where you can root out some great-value vintage goods. The second Sunday of the month also sees the Upmarket come to town, with stalls brimming with locally produced fashion, crafts, food and drink.

Vinyl Tap
This excellent independent record store (www.vinyltap.co.uk), right opposite the train station, has an impressive selection of new and second-hand vinyl and CDs across all genres. New releases appear upstairs every couple of days, and you could spend hours downstairs rifling through the used collection that starts from just £1. If you can’t find what you’re looking for, check their collection online or ask the friendly and knowledgeable staff.

Arty Arcades
The best spot for shopping in town, the beautiful Victorian Byram Arcade (www.byramarcade.com), has three floors of independent boutiques where you’ll find vintage and designer clothes, hand-made gifts and cards, art supplies and craft stores. Nearby Imperial Arcade is another ideal hunting ground for interesting clothes shops.
Sideline sports fans and more adventurous types are both well catered for in Huddersfield. The town has a strong sporting heritage—it was here in 1895 that Rugby League was born—and a continued prowess on the playing field, making a match at the John Smith’s Stadium (www.johnsmithsstadium.com) a must for any sports fan. Just outside town, the Stadium is home to both
Championship-league Huddersfield Town and Rugby Super League's Huddersfield Giants, and tickets for matches are readily available. For something more strenuous, the town's superb hiking, cycling and climbing opportunities are hard to beat. In 2014 stage two of the Tour de France zipped through the town and there are plenty of cycling routes to follow in these esteemed tracks, as well as more leisurely jaunts. Surrounded on all sides by soaring hills, getting into the countryside is a breeze, with easily accessible hikes starting straight from the town centre. If you just fancy a stroll or a game of Frisbee, well-kept Greenhead Park is a peaceful place to hang out in the sun.

Castle Hill
That tower that keeps catching your eye as you stroll around town is closer than you think. An easy and attractive 45-minute jaunt from the centre will reward with fantastic views over the rooftops and out to the hills beyond. The bluster up here is perfect for flying a kite, or on calmer days just spark up a barbecue and hang out on the grass.

Peak District
Sitting tantalisingly close to the Peak District, Huddersfield gives you ample opportunities to hike some of the best trails in the UK. The closest routes start from the village of Marsden but the more adventurous should grab a backpack and head for Edale, where numerous trails head out into the Peaks.
With an abundance of shopping, nightlife and cultural attractions, Leeds is a very accessible 20-minute train ride from Huddersfield, and the city’s packed festival calendar ensures that there’s always something going on year-round. A real highlight
of the city, Leeds Art Gallery (www.leeds.gov.uk/artgallery) is free and has a fantastic collection of British art with constantly changing exhibitions to check out—don’t miss the funky tiled café here too.

The city has a wide variety of stores, all within easy walking distance. The recently opened Trinity Leeds is a feast of big-name brands for high-street lovers, and the beautiful Victoria Quarter houses more high-end fashion as well as Harvey Nichols department store. More interesting are the vintage and designer clothes of the independent boutiques in the Corn Exchange and the little stores around Call Lane; nearby Kirkgate Market is also worth a browse.

A playground of pubs, clubs and venues, Leeds city centre makes for a full-on night out. Look out for the ever-changing street food and check out the bars on Call Lane and around. Live-music hotspots include the Brudenell Social Club, The Warehouse, the Oz Academy and for seriously big acts, the first direct arena. There’s always something innovative going on at The Belgrave Music Hall & Canteen (www.belgravemusichall.com) from themed quizzes, films and comedy, to live hip hop, folk and blues. With trains running back to Huddersfield through the night, there’s a slight chance you’ll make it home before dawn.
Excursions

The Colne Valley

When the constant tease of the surrounding hills gets the better of you, jump on the train and head for Marsden, a cute village banked on all sides by gorgeous rolling hills. Visitors will
immediately catch a yeasty whiff of the **Riverhead Brewery Tap** (theriverheadmarsden.co.uk), an excellent place to sample award-winning cask ales. **Crumbals on the Corner** serves a mean piece of cake and quality coffee.

Marsden is a great starting point for getting out onto the moors on one of numerous circular trails that can be easily conquered in a day (route maps are available from the library). From here, it’s also just a 15-minute walk to Standedge, where it’s possible to take a boat into the longest canal tunnel in Britain (3.25 miles).

The most satisfying way to get back into town is to jump down onto the canal path that meanders a tranquil 7.5 miles downhill, all the way to Huddersfield. The route snakes along the valley, boasting numerous locks and beautiful canal architecture. En route, Slaithwaite offers more options for pausing for a pint, and right on the canal is **the handmade bakery** (www.thehandmadebakery.coop) where superb breads, cakes and other treats are conjured up behind the counter. It’s possible to catch a train back from here, but continue on the path through Linthwaite and Milnsbridge and you can walk right back onto the University’s campus from the water’s edge.
Getting Around

Huddersfield is compact enough that you'll make almost all of your journeys on foot. Although there are some hills to tackle, the town is also a straightforward and scenic place to get around by bike.
**Bus**

Buses (www.wymetro.com) serve the nearby villages of Newsome, Moldgreen, Almondbury, Lockwood, Birkby and Lowerhouses, leaving the bus station or nearby Market Street and running every 15 minutes to once hourly, depending on the destination. Buses also run up to Castle Hill, the John Smith's Stadium and out to Holmfirth.

**Train**

Hourly trains make the 13-minute journey to Marsden and you can also catch a ride to Wakefield for buses to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

The town has excellent rail links to Newcastle, Durham, Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield and Liverpool. Fast trains run to Leeds in 20 minutes, with up to five an hour during the day. Trains run from Leeds to Huddersfield through the night, shuffling dishevelled clubbers home to bed. It takes about 30 minutes to get from Huddersfield to Manchester Piccadilly and trains run frequently throughout the day.

Frequent travellers should pick up an MCard (www.m-card.co.uk) on which you can load bus and train season tickets for a week or a month. Those aged 16-25 are eligible for unlimited travel within West Yorkshire for £21.50 a week or £80 a month. Term time tickets are also available.
‘I feel at home in Huddersfield. I thought it would just be a place to stay while at University, but I can see myself living here after I graduate.’

Gabriella Gregory, English Language with Creative Writing BA(Hons)
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