

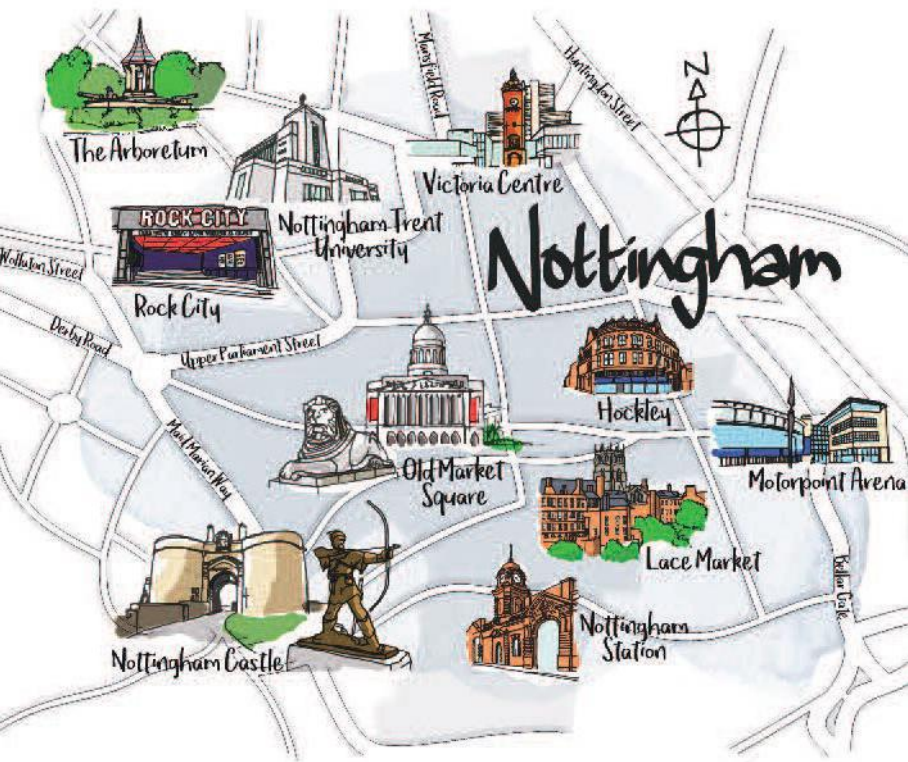
NOTTINGHAM
TRENT UNIVERSITY



— *A student's guide to* —
NOTTINGHAM







Like what you see? Well, there's much more online because we can't squeeze it all into this little booklet.

Visit www.ntu.ac.uk/nottingham for lots more info.



Places to stay in the city centre

Small budget:

IGLOO BACKPACKERS HOSTEL

Located close to the city centre, choose this no-frills hostel for a handy location, clean rooms and free Wi-Fi.

Medium budget:

PREMIER INN, CHAPEL BAR

Choose this popular chain of hotels for a comfortable stay – recently refurbished and in a central location, this Premier Inn is just a two-minute walk from Old Market Square and next door to the range of eateries on Chapel Bar.

Generous budget:

HART'S, PARK ROW

Tucked away in the exclusive Castle Quarter, Hart's offers a peaceful and luxurious stay within easy walking distance of the city centre. Old Market Square is a five-minute walk from the hotel.



— Welcome to — NOTTINGHAM

Hello! Welcome to Nottingham. Could you see yourself here? Have a flick through this guide to find out about what makes Nottingham one of the most popular student cities in the UK.

Whether you're enjoying a pint of beer at the Robin Hood Beer Festival, exploring the streets of Hockley, watching an ice hockey match at the National Ice Arena, or sunbathing in the Arboretum, there are plenty of opportunities to have fun, meet new people and make some great memories in our city.

Where is Nottingham?

Nottingham is right in the heart of the UK, within two hours drive of many major cities. You can reach London, Manchester and Leeds in a couple of hours by train, and Sheffield is only one hour away too.



TOP FIVE REASONS TO LOVE OUR CITY



We're a friendly bunch

In a recent poll, Nottingham was ranked one of the friendliest cities in the UK, judged on reviews left by visitors. You'll find yourself settling in here in no time. (*Country Living*, 2017)

We know how to have a good time

Nottingham Trent University (NTU) has recently been recognised by the *Which?* University Student Survey 2017 as a place with top nightlife. For eight consecutive years, the city has also been awarded a Purple Flag – an indicator of where to go for one of the safest and most vibrant nights out in the UK. Turn to page 11 to find out more.





There's a lot going on

From festivals to pop-up shops, fairs to Sunday markets, there's always something happening in our city. At its heart is Old Market Square, which plays host to everything from Nottingham Beach (complete with sand, deckchairs and a beach bar) to the Christmas market (featuring a huge Christmas tree, an ice skating rink, and stalls selling mulled wine).

You're never too far from... anywhere really

Coast, countryside or a roast dinner back at home – you'll find them all within easy travelling distance of Nottingham, which is located right in the middle of the UK. Fancy heading further afield? Catch the Skylink bus from the city centre and you could be jetting out of East Midlands Airport to sunnier climates in no time.



Nottingham is a student city

Home to two major universities, Nottingham bustles with over 60,000 students, helping to create the city's energetic social and cultural offering.

Top ten must-try places for foodies

Nottingham is a city for food-lovers. There are over 300 places to eat and drink to choose from, so we've selected ten of our favourite places in the city centre. Get your culinary adventure started!

10 BELGO

Where: Weekday Cross

Expect: Giant steaming pots of mussels, washed down with an wide range of Belgium craft beers.

9 BUNK

Where: Stoney Street

Expect: Cocktails and wings – perfect combination, right? Simple but delicious, this joint is a must-try when in Nottingham.

8 MOGUL-E-AZAM

Where: Goldsmith Street

Expect: Purse-friendly curries, waiters in traditional Indian dress, and a game of spot-the-celebrity in the numerous photos on the wall.

7 UGLY BREAD BAKERY

Where: Market Street and Pelham Street

Expect: There's nothing ugly about this bakery. Tuck into trademark ciabatta toasties and other deli favourites. With amazing student deals, it's fresh, cheap and just minutes away from our City Campus.

6 SHANGHAI SHANGHAI

Where: Goose Gate

Expect: Huge portions of noodles and rice – recognised by both *The Times* and *The Telegraph* as a top spot in the UK to get your fix of Chinese food.

5 ZAAP THAI

Where: Maid Marian Way

Expect: Step into a realistic Thai street, complete with full-sized tuk tuks doubling up as tables, a train, vending machines, and a street kitchen bustling with activity. Well worth a visit for the spectacle alone, and the food is pretty good too.

4 YAMAS MEZE AND TAPAS

Where: Thurland Street

Expect: Escape the busy high street nearby and treat yourself to Greek-inspired dishes in this unassuming restaurant. With an extensive menu to choose from, your table will be filled with delicious dishes.

3 OSCAR AND ROSIE'S

Where: Stoney Street

Expect: Feast your eyes on this homegrown pizzeria. Exceptional pizza, fresh toppings, a buzzing atmosphere, and pizza by the metre. Yes, you read that correctly – by the metre!

2 TAMATANGA

Where: The Cornerhouse

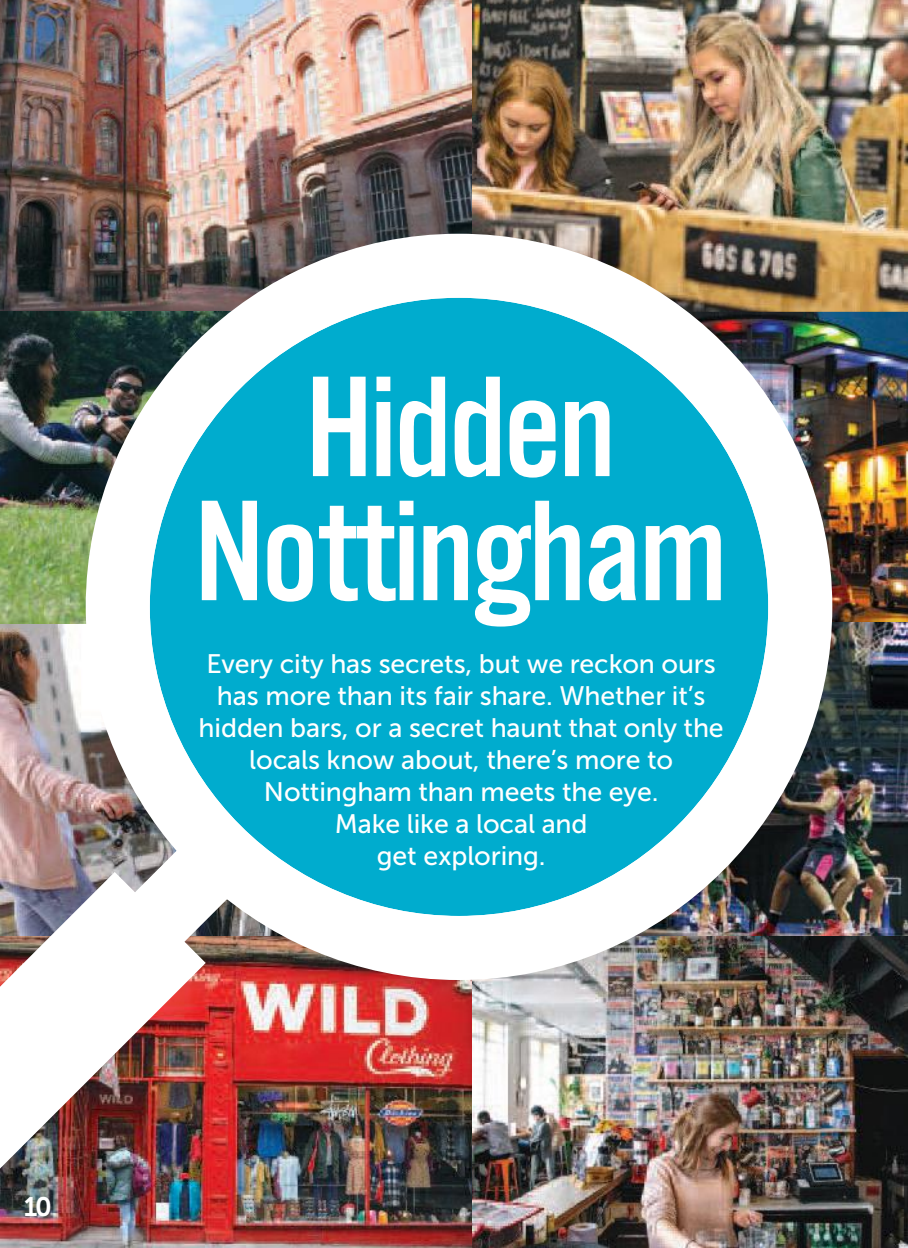
Expect: Fun dishes and friendly faces all round. Enjoy Tamatanga's take on great Indian street food.

1 ANNIE'S BURGER SHACK

Where: Broadway

Expect: Settle in for a burger extravaganza at Nottingham's favourite eatery. Make the experience your own by choosing from an array of weird and wonderful burgers, and check out the real ales and selection of games in the hidden cellar bar. Consider booking a table in advance though, or you could be in for a wait!





Hidden Nottingham

Every city has secrets, but we reckon ours has more than its fair share. Whether it's hidden bars, or a secret haunt that only the locals know about, there's more to Nottingham than meets the eye.

Make like a local and get exploring.

Hidden history: City of Caves

Exactly what it says on the tin: Nottingham is built on a huge underground network of caves. Over the centuries they've been used as everything from tanneries to air raid shelters.

You'll be armed with a hard hat, a torch and a guide before your journey underground begins. Find the entrance within the Broadmarsh shopping centre.

Hidden bars: Boilermaker and The Hockley Arts Club

An empty boiler shop full of waiting punters? Not as bizarre as it sounds. Behind the secret door there's an underground bar selling fancy cocktails and pints – you just need to get in there first. The Hockley Arts Club is just as hard to find. Keep your eyes peeled for an alleyway and follow the fairy lights. You'll find Boilermaker and The Hockley Arts Club along Carlton Street in Hockley.



Hidden treasures: Hopkinson Vintage, Antiques and Arts Centre

Hidden in plain sight, Hopkinson is a vintage-lover's paradise. Discover four floors of curiosities and antiques, housed in an old warehouse opposite Nottingham railway station. Rummage through everything from taxidermy to retro furniture, then relax with tea in a china cup at the Hopkinson café.

Hidden retreat: Bromley House Library

Nottingham's independent library might not look much from the outside, but with sweeping staircases, floor-to-ceiling bookshelves, a beautiful walled townhouse garden, and quiet nooks to relax with a book, it's a haven for literature lovers in the city. Look out for the door hidden amongst the shops on Angel Row.

Handmade NOTTINGHAM

Beer, crafts, bread – you name it, there’s an independent business providing it right here in our city. For knick-knacks to brighten up your student accommodation through to fancy beers and gifts for relatives, check out these Nottingham indie hotspots.



Discover great music, try:
ROUGH TRADE, BROAD STREET

A great independent music store that also offers an intimate live setting for gigs. Browse a wide range of the latest and greatest vinyl, CD and books.

To impress your flatmates, try:

DOUGHNOTTS, OLD MARKET SQUARE

If you've got a sweet tooth, then you'll be in heaven with (arguably) the best handmade doughnuts in Nottingham. With a fresh batch of delicious combinations made daily, when they're gone, they're gone.

“If you're a coffee lover, head down to Outpost Coffee on Stoney Street to get your fix of great-quality artisan coffee.”

Chris, BA (Hons) Business

To sample the taste of Nottingham, try:

THE ANGEL MICROBREWERY, STONEY STREET

Nottingham boasts a handful of microbreweries, including the famous Castle Rock and Magpie breweries. The newest addition to the pack is The Angel Microbrewery in Hockley. Pull up a stool, consult the blackboard, and pick your tipple – brewed right there on-site.

To get your geek on, try:

PAGE 45, MARKET STREET

If you love all things comic-themed, get your fix here. Okay, so the comics and graphic novels sold aren't strictly Nottingham born and bred, but Page 45 is, making it one of Nottingham's best-loved indie retailers.

To set out with no expectations, try:

COBDEN CHAMBERS, PELHAM STREET

Cobden Chambers is home to resident designer-makers, pop-up shops, and art events. Head through the gate and down the alleyway off Pelham Street to explore this unique centre of creativity in the city.



Top ten nights out in the city

When night falls, the city's eclectic nightlife comes into its own. You'll find everything here: huge multi-floor nightclubs, alternative clubs, karaoke bars, and places to get your fix of cheesy tunes. The best way to find your way around the city's offering is to get exploring. As a starter, here's our top ten rundown of student favourites.

10 Propaganda

For: Celebrating the LGBT community, cheesy tunes and a diverse crowd.

9 Baa-bar

For: Scientific beakers, dry ice and a huge range of interesting shots to choose from. This bar offers the club experience with free entry and a great atmosphere.

8 Bodega Social Club

For: Indie and crowd-pleaser club nights, watching gigs, and an extensive cocktail menu.

7 The Alchemist

For: Special occasions – experience some “molecular mixology” with an array of weird and wonderful cocktails.

6 Pom Pom

For: An urban street party theme, R&B tunes, and a central location near the NTU City Campus.

5 Bierkeller

For: A unique Bavarian drinking attraction with weekly oompah band shows. Dancing on the benches is even encouraged!



**4 House of
Coco Tang**

For: A trendy underground cocktail bar serving up impressive cocktails.

**3 Stealth /
Rescue Rooms**

For: Partner clubs to get your fix of drum and bass, indie and house. In a pocket of student-friendly pubs, bars and clubs opposite NTU's Newton building.

2 Ocean

For: Student-only entry, fancy dress and cheesy tunes. A firm favourite on a Wednesday.

1 Rock City

For: One of the most iconic music venues in Nottingham. Sticky floors, student-friendly prices and memorable club nights.

Nottingham for under a tenner

There's plenty to discover in Nottingham without having to splash the cash. Save your pennies and have a wander around the natural surroundings that the city has to offer.



Impressing the parents

Take a walk around Wollaton Hall and Deer Park, about 20 minutes from the city centre by car, or half an hour by bus. The grounds are a great place to relax and hang out with friends, or to go for a run if you're feeling more energetic.

Fun fact: Wollaton Hall played the part of Wayne Manor in the Batman film *The Dark Knight Rises*.

Entry to the grounds and hall is free.



Relaxed summer evenings

Nottingham's busy waterfront buzzes with life in the summer – perfect for an evening's al fresco dining at the water's edge. Castle Wharf, a few moments' walk from the railway station, is packed with restaurants and bars – including The Canalhouse, one of few places featuring narrowboats inside the bar!

Cost – Free, apart from the price of a pint



One for the boo-kit list

Discover the dark side of Nottingham by joining one of the city's ghost walks. Meet outside the castle walls for a twilight tour, and you'll be treated to ghoulish tales from the city's past.

Afterwards, grab a pint at the nearby Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem. It claims to be the oldest pub in England, and is set into the sandstone of Castle Rock itself. It can be a bit of squeeze, but it's worth it for the tourist factor.

Cost – £6 for the ghost walk



THE HOME OF ENGLISH SPORT



Whether you're an aspiring athlete, like trying new things, or enjoy a pie, pint and a game of football on a Saturday, you'll find it all here in Nottingham.

If you like: Football

Check out: Notts County and Nottingham Forest

Both Meadow Lane (Notts County) and the City Ground (Nottingham Forest) are close to the city centre and boast loyal home crowds. Wrap up warm, grab some mates, and go and cheer for the team.

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If you like: Cricket

Check out: Trent Bridge

Trent Bridge is well-recognised as one of the world's best cricket grounds. You'll find it just a short bus ride away from the city centre, in the suburb of West Bridgford. And when the sun shines, the crowds come out in force. Take a picnic and soak up the unique atmosphere.

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If you like: Water sports

Check out: The National Water Sports Centre

If you're after a white-knuckle water sport experience, you'll find it here at the National Water Sports Centre. Try waterskiing (think jumps, zip-wires and pumping music) or white-water rafting on the purpose-built rapids. If you're into canoeing, kayaking or other team sports, plenty of rowing clubs line the River Trent, which winds its way around the city.

If you like: Climbing

Check out: Nottingham Climbing Centre and The Depot

Whether you prefer bouldering or climbing with ropes, you'll find two climbing centres to cater to your needs in the city. Both centres have a community feel, with regular competitions and chances to get to know other climbers. You'll also find a ten-metre climbing wall in the Students' Union at the NTU City Campus.

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If you like: Ice hockey

Check out: The National Ice Arena

Ice skating champions Torvill and Dean hail from our city, so it's fitting that Nottingham is home of the National Ice Arena. Resident hockey team the Nottingham Panthers take to the ice for regular fixtures. Head along for a fast-action, high-energy day out.

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Nottingham is also home to:

Rugby: Nottingham Rugby and Nottingham Outlaws

Basketball: The Nottingham Hoods

Hockey: Beeston Hockey Club

Everything else: You'll find numerous opportunities around the city to get involved with everything from boxing to cycling.

A city for music lovers: where to go and who you'll see

For indie and alternative acts

3. Bodega

For: Discovering up-and-coming artists.

Previous guests include: Mystery Jets, Years & Years, Arctic Monkeys and J P Cooper.

2. Rescue Rooms

For: Catching touring bands.

Previous guests include: Foals, Mumford & Sons and Metronomy.

1. Rock City

For: Big-name acts.

Previous guests include: Queens of the Stone Age, Slaves and The Kooks.

For big-name acts

3. Nottingham Trent Students' Union (NTSU)

For: Eclectic bands and artists, right on campus.

Previous guests include: Sigala, Mista Jam and Krept and Konan.

2. Theatre Royal Concert Hall

For: A sophisticated night out.

Previous guests include: Rebecca Ferguson, John Legend and Cliff Richard.

1. Motorpoint Arena

For: The latest in big-name chart acts.

Previous guests include: Little Mix, Kasabian and The Vamps.

Because Nottingham is right in the middle of the UK, touring bands and big-name acts regularly stop off in our city. From experiencing a band in the back room of a pub through to crowding into a packed arena to see the biggest names, we're a city for music lovers.

For the festival experience

3. Download

For: A world-famous festival of rock, metal and alternative music.

Previous guests include: You Me At Six, Bring Me The Horizon and Biffy Clyro.

2. Splendour

For: Blasts from the past and current chart-toppers, bought together at the beautiful Wollaton Hall and Deer Park.

Previous guests include: Jess Glynne, Paloma Faith and Kaiser Chiefs.

1. Dot to Dot

For: A city-wide festival held at multiple venues; indie favourites playing alongside new acts.

Previous guests include: Pale Waves, Temper Trap and Rat Boy.

For open-mic and live nights

You'll find open-mic nights at numerous pubs and bars around the city. For our pick of the best, try:

3. The Organ Grinder

For: Great music, a lively atmosphere, and a large selection of real ales. Located on Alfreton Road, this pub is the perfect place to enjoy with your flatmates.

2. Pepper Rocks

For: A secret hideaway in the city centre, this retro-style bar is a great place to settle in at an open-mic night.

1. The Orange Tree

For: A perfect local pub just seconds away from the City Campus. A spacious venue for live nights and the occasional open-mic session.

Culture, art and the community

There really is something for everyone in Nottingham.

Our international community

Nottingham Irish Centre, Wilford Street

A welcoming hub of Irish culture, with live entertainment, Irish dancing and a bar.

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Oriental Mart, Heathcoat Street

A huge Asian supermarket, selling everything you need to whip up a feast.

Our LGBT community

Nottingham's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community is vibrant and welcoming, with a thriving LGBT scene, an annual Nottingham Pride Festival, and a selection of LGBT clubs and bars.

Our thriving art scene

Our city is home to many cultural delights. This includes Nottingham Contemporary, one of the largest contemporary art spaces in the UK; and Nottingham Playhouse, one of the country's leading producing theatres. No wonder The Arts Council considers Nottingham one of the UK's most artistic communities.

Check out www.nottinghamartmap.co.uk for an overview of the various art spaces across Nottingham.



A year in the life

We like any excuse to throw a celebration in Nottingham, so whether it's a summer festival, firework night or Christmas, the city comes out in force.

Spring

What: EM-Con

Where: Motorpoint Arena

The East Midlands TV & Film Convention comes to Nottingham in April – a chance to meet the stars of cult films and shows like *Doctor Who*, *Star Wars* and *Harry Potter*.

What: Light Night

Where: Across the city

Nottingham's Light Night festival transforms the city and brings it to life after dark through illuminations, spectacles, music, street theatre, and much more.

Summer

What:

Summer Nights Film Festival

Where: Wollaton Park

Bring a blanket and a warm flask, then settle in to watch cult classics under the stars.

Autumn

What: Goose Fair

Where: Forest Recreation Ground

A Nottingham institution, the famous Goose Fair comes to the city each year, bringing big rides, candyfloss, and a carnival atmosphere.

What: Nottingham Oktoberfest

Where: Forest Recreation Ground

When the Goose Fair leaves, Oktoberfest arrives. Take your seat in a 2,000-capacity marquee, listen to the German band play, and get your fix of Bavarian beer and schnitzel.

Winter

What: Bonfire Night on the Forest

Where: Forest Recreation Ground

A free firework extravaganza. Arrive early to pick a good spot and enjoy the show.

What: Winter Wonderland

Where: Old Market Square

When December arrives, Winter Wonderland descends on Old Market Square: Victorian-themed stalls selling trinkets, mulled wine and hot food from around the world. Settle in next to the faux log fire at the bar for a drink, or take to the ice to test your skating skills.



Green spaces and getting outdoors

Over 20% of Nottingham's total land area is made up of open green spaces, which includes over 136 parks and gardens.* Here's our pick of the best green spaces in our city and further afield.

Hiking and biking

Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve (yes, Robin Hood's legendary stomping ground really does exist) attracts walkers and cyclists from across the region. Head to Sherwood Pines Forest Park to escape the crowds, with miles of walking and cycling trails through woodland to explore.

For rural walking, cycling and climbing, head out to the nearby Peak District – catch a train from Nottingham railway station to one of the many rural stations throughout the Peaks.

Relaxing

When the sun shines, head to our favourite spots in and around the city.

Holme Pierrepont Country Park

Located four miles out of the city centre, and home to the National Water Sports Centre. With everything from kayaking and canoeing to an inflatable obstacle course, you and your friends are sure to have a memorable day out.

Wollaton Hall and Deer Park

Just three miles from the city centre, the park is popular in both summer and winter alike – the steep grass banks provide excellent conditions for sledging.

Newstead Abbey

For a spot of history, head to Newstead Abbey. A former priory and the ancestral home of Lord Byron, the abbey is worth the journey to get there there – it'll take about 30 minutes on the bus.

Attenborough Nature Reserve

The Attenborough Nature Reserve is a ten-minute train ride from Nottingham railway station, or an easy cycle along river, if you're feeling adventurous. Take a wander around the lakes, teeming with birdlife, then treat yourself to a drink at the lakeside cafe.

Rufford Abbey

Originally a 12th Century abbey, this country house is a historic gem of the Nottinghamshire countryside. Explore the haunted ruins or take a stroll through the woods in the surrounding country park.



Living in the city

Choosing your new home in an unfamiliar city is no easy task, so we're giving you the low-down on popular student areas in the city and beyond.

City centre

Good for: Being in the middle of it all. With a compact city centre, all of the shops, nightlife and things to do are right on your doorstep.

Choose accommodation: Byron, Hampden, Gill Street North, Gill Street South, or Sandby.

St Ann's

Where: About ten minutes' walk from our City Campus.

Good for: Being close to the city centre but without the hustle and bustle. St Ann's is home to people from all over the world, the oldest and largest allotments in Britain, and an urban farm.

Choose accommodation: Blenheim.

Lenton

Where: A 25-minute walk, or ten minutes by bus from the city centre.

Good for: Soaking up the student vibe in this popular area, with bars, takeaways, and an indie cinema where you can catch the latest films.

Choose accommodation: Simpsons.

Sherwood

Where: A quick 15-minute bus ride or 40-minute walk from the city centre.

Good for: Exploring the quirky independent shops, bars and restaurants along Mansfield Road.

Choose accommodation: Meridian Court.



New Basford

Where: A 20-minute cycle, 45-minute walk, or a short bus or tram journey from the centre.

Good for: Saving your money. As New Basford is slightly out of the city centre, you'll find that accommodation options here are cheaper, and the cost of your travel card is covered in your rent in NTU accommodation.

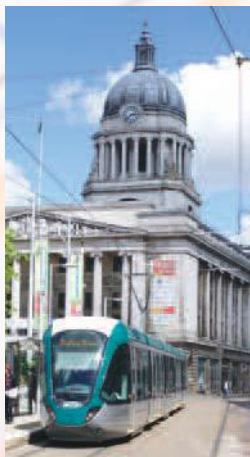
Choose accommodation: The Maltings.

If you're studying at our Brackenhurst and Clifton campuses, you'll find a range of accommodation on-site. So if you fancy a few extra minutes in bed before lectures, living on campus could be the choice for you.

Visit www.ntu.ac.uk/accommodation to browse our range of student residences.

Getting around

With a compact city centre, a handy tram system and an award-winning bus network, Nottingham is an easy city to navigate. Plus, with much of our student accommodation on campus, on a bus route, or within easy walking distance of the city centre, the bright lights of the city are never too far away.



Travelling around the city centre

By tram

Nottingham's tram network serves the city centre and many of the outlying suburbs and villages. You'll find stops in key locations around the city, including outside NTU's Boots Library, at Nottingham railway station, and at Old Market Square – the hub of the city centre.

By bus

Nottingham has an extensive bus network, with fast and regular services throughout the city and beyond.

If you're studying at our Brackenhurst and Clifton campuses, regular bus services stop right outside. At Brackenhurst this is the 100 Pathfinder, and at Clifton it is the Go2 Uni 4 service. Both will take you right into the heart of the city.

By taxi

Nottingham has a number of inexpensive taxi providers, including the popular Uber app.

Travelling further afield

By coach

National Express and Megabus both run national coach services from stands on Station Street, offering cheap travel throughout the UK from right beside the railway station.

By rail

Nottingham railway station is a key transport centre for the East Midlands. Regular services are available to major cities, with London, Manchester and Sheffield all within two hours' travel time.

By air

East Midlands Airport is only a short drive – or a bus ride on the Skylink service – from Nottingham city centre. It offers numerous inexpensive short-haul flights to major European destinations.

By road

Nottingham's central location makes travel throughout the UK easy. Approach via the M1 for quick access to the city centre.

AND IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE CITY...

Brackenhurst Campus




Brackenhurst's bottom line is peace and quiet – but only when you want it. Served by regular buses, the campus is less than 50 minutes away from Nottingham. And nearer to home, Southwell is on your doorstep – an affluent market town renowned for its stylish range of pubs, bars, delis, and boutique restaurants.

Whatever your tastes, a big night out is never far away.

AND IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE CITY...

Clifton Campus

A photograph of three students walking on a modern campus walkway. On the left, a woman in a grey jacket and dark pants walks towards the right. In the center, a woman in a black leather jacket and striped shirt walks towards the right, carrying a leopard-print bag. On the right, a man in a white t-shirt and khaki pants walks towards the left, wearing sunglasses and a backpack. The background features a large, modern building with a white, arched walkway supported by white columns, and a brick building with large windows. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Following a multimillion-pound investment programme, our new and improved Clifton Campus is looking better than ever. It's a cutting-edge campus designed with your needs in mind – the perfect blend of peaceful spaces and big ideas.

You'll have the best of both worlds here, living and learning on a self-contained campus only four miles from the bustling heart of Nottingham. You'll always be a part of the larger NTU community, but you'll have a place to call your own.



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