



New
Adventures

Nottingham Guide

We love Nottingham, and we want you to love it too. There are however too many things to mention, so here's a rough guide to things worth seeing and doing according to Simon and Geri.

This guide is also online: <https://newadventuresconf.com/2020/location/guide/>

Places marked with an * are around 5 minutes walk or less from the Albert Hall.

Places marked with an + are usually good places to work with wifi.

Tourist Information Centre

1-4 Smithy Row (North corner of the Council House, Old Market Square)

Tel: 0844 477 5678

<https://www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/>

Coffee & Tea

Outpost Coffee Roasters

Nottingham's own world-class specialty coffee roaster. If you only go to one place, make it this. Fortunately, they're also serving their locally-roasted coffee in the venue on conference day, so don't miss out. Their shop on Stoney Street is small, but it's the best espresso in the city. Also offers snacks and treats from Tough Mary's Bakehouse.

2 Stoney St

<https://www.outpost.coffee>

Specialty Coffee Shop +

Owner Michelangelo takes his coffee very seriously and will recommend something perfectly suited to your taste. Guest beans vary, but in the past they've offered selections from roasters such as The Barn, Origin, Craft Coffee, and Gardelli. Brunch is also excellent and highly recommended. Tea on offer, too.

50 Friar Lane

<https://www.thespecialtycoffeeshop.com>

Effy

New since our last event, and we love it. Incredibly pretty (and pink) and quite small, but rest assured, the coffee is top quality, and they're obsessed with finding new roasteries to work with. Hidden up a side street, look for the tiny "Coffee" sign near a weird indoor bridge in the sky.

15 Hounds Gate

<https://www.instagram.com/effynottingham>

Wired Cafe Bar +

One of the first specialty coffee shops to open in Nottingham. Inspired by Australian coffee culture, this vibrant and quirky cafe also serves up some great food and desserts.

42 Pelham Street

<https://www.wiredcafe.co.uk>

Greenhood Coffee House +

This little gem in Beeston is well-worth the tram ride. Guest beans vary (Colonna, Five Elephant, etc.) but most often stocked with Has Bean—if you aren't sure of what to choose, Rory will talk you through the selections. Sandwiches and desserts are fab, and tea available, too.

38 High Rd, Beeston

<https://instagram.com/greenhoodcoffee>

ØKENDE +

Located outside the city centre in West Bridgford, this Nordic-inspired cafe serves light food, sweets, and most importantly, coffee by Geri's favourite coffee roaster—La Cabra Coffee from Copenhagen. Worth the trek.

22 Gordon Rd, West Bridgford

<https://www.okende.com>

Josephine's Tea Room

All loose-leaf tea in this independent tea room. Also serves light lunch, dinner, and desserts.

49 Upper Parliament St

<https://www.josephinesnottingham.co.uk>

200 Degrees (Near Train Station) +

The closest decent coffee to Nottingham Train Station. They also serve sandwiches, light bites, and treats.

99 Carrington St

<https://200degs.com>

200 Degrees (Near Market Square) +

Big and lively cafe space serving decent coffee and sandwiches, light bites, and treats.

16 Flying Horse Walk

<https://200degs.com>

Good, Quick Food

Tough Mary's Bakehouse *

An unmissable bright yellow bakery passionate about simple, good food. They make all their delicious food from raw ingredients on site in an open kitchen. They also serve drip coffee, teas and soft drinks so that you can relax in their small seating area and sample the bakes.

74 Derby Rd

www.toughmarysbakehouse.co.uk

Small Food Bakery

Ethically sourced, genuinely hand-crafted bakery with a focus on naturally leavened sourdough bread located in a former primary school kitchen. It's not just a bakery—you can pick up croissants, sausage rolls, pizzas, and desserts and eat in (limited table space). Also serves coffee

and drinks. Winners of the 2018 Radio 4 Food and Farming awards for best food producer. Only open Thursday-Saturday.

Primary Studios, 33 Seely Road

<http://www.smallfoodbakery.com>

No. 12 Hounds Gate

An independent vegetarian and vegan restaurant in the city centre. Winners of the Best Vegetarian Restaurant in the Midlands by the Midlands Food Awards in 2018.

No. 12 Hounds Gate

<https://www.no12houndsgate.co.uk>

Ugly Bread Bakery

This Italian bakery in Hockley is best known for their focaccias, pizzas, and salads.

34 Carlton St

www.uglybreadbakery.co.uk

SORA Japanese Kitchen

If you're willing to take the tram to Beeston, check out this small but very, very authentic Japanese cafe and restaurant. Owned by two lovely Japanese ladies and they serve the best homestyle Japanese food we've had in the whole country—yep, London too. Reservations must be made by calling 0115 922 7212.

33 Chilwell Rd, Beeston

<https://www.facebook.com/Japanesefoodstall>

The Pudding Pantry

Don't be fooled by the name—although desserts (and American pancakes!) are the main draw, they also do excellent brunch, and serve Outpost Coffee, too.

27-29 Trinity Square, Burton Street

<http://www.thepuddingpantry.co.uk>

Delilah Deli

Probably the best deli in the city with a restaurant/cafe upstairs, and ace sandwiches made to order. Also an excellent vegetarian breakfast.

12 Victoria Street

<http://www.delilahfinefoods.co.uk>

Clean Cut Kitchen

Used to be around the corner from the Albert Hall, sadly now moved into Victoria Centre, but still great. Offers clean, healthy, guilt-free fast food. Perfect for breakfast or lunch.

Victoria Shopping Centre

<http://cleancutkitchen.co.uk>

Nottingham Street Food Club

Open Friday to Sunday, upstairs in the Victoria Centre, NSFC is home to Homeboys and Smoqed, joined each week by the finest pop-ups such as Taste of Korea and Smiffy's Smoke Shack.

151 Intu Victoria Centre

<https://www.streetfoodclub.co.uk>

For lighter fare, see also: Specialty Coffee Shop, Wired Cafe Bar, Josephine's Tea Room, Greenhood Coffee House, and ØKENDE listed under coffee & tea.

Dinner

Oscar & Rosie's

Best pizza in Nottingham, but they also offer great dishes like amazing mac and cheese plus a whole page of vegan options. Great local alternative to the usual Pizza Express.

8 Stoney St

<http://www.oscarandrosies.com>

Annie's Burger Shack

30 types of Rhode Island-style burger, handmade with area-sourced beef, plus veggie/vegan options in a real ale pub. Skip Five Guys and come here.

5 Broadway

<https://anniesburgershack.com>

4550 Miles From Delhi *

Not far from the Albert Hall on Maid Marian Way, this well-loved Indian restaurant is wonderful.

Maid Marian Way

<http://4550.co.uk>

MemSaab *

Spacious Indian fine dining serving regional specialities amid ornate wood and stone statues.

Maid Marian Way

<https://www.mem-saab.co.uk/>

Zaap Thai Street Food *

Popular Thai restaurant designed to resemble a Bangkok side street.

6 Bromley Pl

<https://zaaphai.co.uk>

Kushi-ya *

Not Japanese-owned, but the best option for authentic Japanese flavours in the city centre. Offers an innovative mix between Japanese and British cuisine with a focus on *kushikatsu*, or skewered veggies and meats cooked over a grill. Try the Tiramiso dessert.

1A Cannon Court, Long Row W

<https://kushi-ya.co.uk/kushi-ya-menu>

Alchemilla

You probably won't be able to get a reservation here at short notice, but certainly call and check for any cancellations just in case. Last year, it was finally awarded the Michelin star it deserves. The 10 course tasting menu is super affordable given the quality and experience.

192 Derby Rd

<https://alchemillarestaurant.uk>

Desi Downtown

Great, straightforward Indian restaurant near the Ice Arena. Ideal if you are on that side of town for Design Exchange or the bowling. We've loved this place for years.

7 Hockley

<http://www.desidowntown.co.uk>

Iberico World Tapas

It's in the Shire Hall on the cobbles, and is loved for its rustic Spanish tapas in a vaulted setting. Reservations necessary.

The Shire Hall, High Pavement

<http://www.ibericotapas.com>

Bar Iberico

If you can't get a table at Iberico, check out their tapas bar, which is walk-in only.

17-19 Carlton Street

<https://www.baribericotapas.com>

Sexy Mamma Love Spaghetti

Small, intimate, local Italian restaurant with rave reviews. Reservations recommended.

3 Heathcoat St

Tarn Thai

Always consistently great Thai food at great prices. Can usually get a table without a reservation and seats a ton of people.

9 George St

<http://www.tarnthai.com>

Mowgli Street Food

Offers simple dishes a million miles away from the curry stereotype. Extremely healthy, often vegan and always packed with fresh flavour.

1 Stoney Street

<https://www.mowglstreetfood.com/>

Pubs

The Hand and Heart *

Need a pint during the lunch break? Walk up the hill from the Albert Hall and find this lovely old boozier two-minutes away. Nice area carved out of caves at the back.

65 Derby Road

<http://www.thehandandheart.co.uk>

Ye Olde Trip To Jerusalem *

England's oldest pub. Good beer, built into caves, looks pretty. Has a ghost ship. It's down at the foot of the castle cliffs. A must-see for any tourist, perhaps 10 mins walk from the Albert Hall.

1 Brewhouse Yard, Castle Road (just down the hill from the Robin Hood statue)

<http://www.triptojerusalem.com>

The Dragon *

Not too far down Chapel Row from the Albert Hall. Nice narrow boozier popular with attendees.

67 Long Row

Cock and Hoop

Delightful tiny pub next to Lace Market Hotel. Go downstairs if the entrance area is too full.

25-27 High Pavement (opposite Galleries of Justice)

<https://www.lacemarkethotel.co.uk/dining>

Kean's Head

Excellent but small one-room boozier. Drink some local Castle Rock ales.

46 St Mary's Gate (next to St. Mary's church)

The Malt Cross

Restored old music hall and a lovely place to have a beer, a burger, and take shelter.

15 St James's Street (not far from Market Square)

<http://www.maltcross.com>

BrewDog Nottingham

If you love BrewDog beers then this is for you. Next to Broadway cinema.

20 Broad Street

Junkyard

One of our best craft beer tap rooms hidden in an alley off Bridlesmith Gate. They also serve really good bar food.

12 Bridlesmith Walk

www.junkbars.com

The Playwright

Formerly The Orange Tree. Loved by students, but don't let that put you off. Cosy, spacious, great beers, really good hearty food menu. Try the bangers & mash.

38 Shakespeare Street

Pitcher & Piano – in a church!

We don't go here, but every year it blows minds that we have a pub inside a well preserved church. It is weird, and probably worth braving a pint of crap lager to experience it.

Unitarian Church, High Pavement

Cocktail Bars

Brass Monkey Cocktail Bar

Funky monkey. Small but well-respected cocktail bar up on cobbled High Pavement, near Nottingham Contemporary.

11 High Pavement

Boilermaker

Hidden behind a boiler showroom, this secret cocktail bar has fun/weird cocktails.

36 Carlton St

Coco Tang

Unique combination of coffee, Oriental bakery, cocktail bar and Vietnamese kitchen. Good for the Instagrams.

45 Bridlesmith Gate

<https://www.cocotang.co.uk>

Hockley Arts Club

Trendy upmarket bar with an unmarked entrance. Lovely interior, good cocktails. Also do brunch and food.

20 Carlton St

<http://thehockleyartsclub.com>

Cottonmouth Cocktail Bar

Classy cocktail bar with a nice atmosphere where you can actually hear each other speak. Good to combine with a nearby Desi Downtown curry.

25 Goose Gate

The Bodega Social Club

Not as good as it's heyday when Colly practically lived in it, but a good lively bar. Renowned for good music and bands upstairs where the capacity is only 120 or so.

23 Pelham Street

Shopping

Nottingham is feeling the pinch like everywhere else, but we still have some great shopping and unique boutiques and things, some only found in London and Nottingham.

Aim for Bridlesmith Gate for clothes and boutiques, Goosegate (Hockley) for vintage and independent shops, or Market Street and Queen Street (just off the square).

Paul Smith

He's from Nottingham, so you must visit his flagship store – a three-storey Georgian townhouse at 20 Low Pavement. The building and details are wonderful. Also, there are two red telephone boxes for you tourists to pose with.

20 Low Pavement

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Our incredible independent comic shop. The staff are very friendly, knowledgeable, and will respect you even if you go in and ask for The Watchmen.

9 Market Street

<http://page45.com>

Rough Trade Nottingham

Sadly most of our independent record shops closed down, but Nottingham is lucky to have one of the four Rough Trade locations in the UK.

5 Broad Street

<https://www.roughtrade.com/gb/stores#rough-trade-nottingham>

The Exchange

A beautiful shopping arcade full of boutiques. Note that the centre of the circle under the dome is the official centre of Nottingham.

Inside the Council House

General Stuff and Attractions

The Old Market Square *

Europe's biggest open plaza or something like that. The heart of Nottingham for centuries, and a good place to explore from. Tip: walk from here up Friar Lane, across Maid Marian Way to the castle.

Nottingham Castle & Robin Hood *

No, not the thing you saw Kevin Costner destroy (that's in France). Our castle was destroyed centuries ago, so now we have a flat-looking building. It's currently closed for renovation, but is arguably more interesting from the outside, and the Robin Hood statue is near the gate. Look out also for Brewhouse Yard Museum at the foot of the castle cliffs, which reflects centuries of Nottingham life through excellent exhibits (and it's a very photogenic spot).

Castle Blvd & Maid Marian Way

Nottingham Playhouse and The Sky Mirror *

Twenty-seconds walk past the Albert Hall is the famous Playhouse, and outside is Anish Kapoor's *Sky Mirror* which is mesmerising and known to kill pigeons.

<http://www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk>

Nottingham Contemporary

At the end of High Pavement (beautiful cobbled street) is our big flagship art gallery (and New Adventures after-party venue). The architecture reflects Nottingham's lace history, and it's an odd-looking thing that reveals some wonderful details within. Also has an excellent cafe for beer and food at the bottom of the stairs.

Weekday Cross, Nottingham

<http://www.nottinghamcontemporary.org>

The Galleries of Justice

Also on High Pavement, this interactive museum takes you through a realistic rendering of the 14th-century penal system, from crime to punishment. A great-looking building too.

<http://www.galleriesofjustice.org.uk>

Broadway Cinema and Media Centre +

Our renowned independent cinema. Tarantino loves it (seriously). The cafebar has been the hub of creative activity in the city for twenty years. Free wifi, and a great place to get some work done. Good hot sandwich & salad menu, real ale, decent coffee.

14-18 Broad Street

<http://www.broadway.org.uk>

City of Caves

Access via Broad Marsh shopping centre at the end of Bridlesmith Gate.

Nottingham is famous not just for men in tights, but also for being built on caves. We have a huge cave system under our feet, and it's worth taking time to explore this underworld.

<http://www.cityofcaves.com>

Theatre Royal

You might not have time to check out a show, but the original building is wonderful (best to approach by walking up Market Street from the Market Square), and just about all that's left of our old "theatre square". Now part of The Royal Centre.

<http://www.trch.co.uk>

The Lace Market area

In the 18th and 19th centuries Nottingham sold its lace all over the world and this caused a massive boom for the city. Our Lace Market architecture is pretty special. Notably worth walking the length of Stoney Street and around St. Mary's church. This is history, people.

Wollaton Hall and Park (AKA Wayne Manor)

It's worth getting a bus or taxi to Wollaton Park. Beautiful vast grounds, a big lake you can walk around, and roaming deer. Also, the hall is where Bruce Wayne lives in *The Dark Knight Rises*, so get some shots of a famous location and impress your friends with that. Maybe.

Trent Bridge

A short tram or taxi ride south of the city centre, and worth it to stroll along the river banks, or check out our three sporting grounds: the City Ground (Nottingham Forest), Trent Bridge cricket ground, and Meadow Lane (Notts County). Our Friday 5k run takes in this area.

Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre

Sherwood Forest actually exists. Well, a bit of it still does, as most of it has given way to towns and cities. Still, the visitor centre is fun, and there are great forest trails and bike hire. It's perhaps a 45 minute bus ride away.

Key Venues

Albert Hall Conference Centre (Conference and Main Workshops)

N Circus St, Nottingham NG1 5AA

<https://goo.gl/maps/8BbkfSP4wsC2>

Antenna (Design Exchange Nottingham (DXN))

9A Beck Street, Nottingham NG1 1EQ

<https://goo.gl/maps/sKdVENiKccE2>

Nottingham Bowl (JH Bowling)

Belward St, Nottingham NG1 1JZ

<https://goo.gl/maps/TKVKP8JGcbo>

Nottingham Contemporary (After-party)

Weekday Cross, Nottingham NG1 2GB

<https://goo.gl/maps/5NcUoZ3pyVw>

Wilford Village Tram Stop (Run Club, fr00tball)

Nottingham NG11 7AB

<https://goo.gl/maps/Zs616gXikQL2>

Gresham Sports Pavilion (fr00tball)

Gresham Park Rd, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7YF

<https://goo.gl/maps/sLtkeiS5RGU>

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Nottingham map

Key Venues

- 1 Albert Hall Conference Centre
- 2 Antenna
- 3 Nottingham Bowl
- 4 Nottingham Contemporary
- 5 Wilford Village Tram Stop
Tram from Old Market Square, Lace Market, or railway station, towards Clifton South (5 mins)
- 6 Gresham Sports Pavilion
Directions as for Wilford Tram stop, but add 8-mins walk.

★ Recommended

Coffee and Tea

- 7 Outpost Coffee Roasters ★
- 8 Speciality Coffee Shop ★
- 9 Wired Cafe Bar
- 10 Cartwheel Coffee
- 11 200 Degrees Coffee
- 12 200 Degrees Coffee
- 13 Josephine's Tea Room
- 14 Effy (Coffee) ★

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- 24 Kean's Head ★
- 25 Cock and Hoop
- 26 BrewDog
- 27 Brass Monkey Cocktail Bar

Hotels

- 28 Lace Market Hotel
- 29 Premier Inn Chapel Bar
- 30 Premier Inn Goldsmith St.
- 31 Hotel Ibis
- 32 Hart's Hotel
- 33 Park Plaza

Parking

- 34 NCP Car Park Mount St.
- 35 Q-Park Talbot Street

Transport

- 36 Royal Centre tram stop
- 37 Old Market Sq. tram stop
- 38 Lace Market tram stop
- 39 Nottingham Railway Station
- 40 National Express bus stop

 The tram tracks

