

A GUIDE TO Bradford

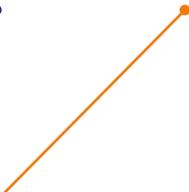
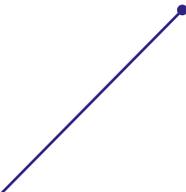


Bradford

Haworth

Ilkley

Saltaire



Welcome

Your guide to one of the **most vibrant and exciting cities** in the whole country.

Bradford is a city steeped in heritage and brimming with culture. It has one of the youngest populations of any city in Europe and is proud to be named a UK City of Culture for 2025.

A city made famous by its wool trade, Bradford now leads the way as a UNESCO City of Film, is home to a UNESCO World Heritage Site and boasts a number of world class visitor attractions.

It's a city of contrast, with beautiful moorlands, and picturesque towns and villages such as Haworth, Saltaire and Ilkley sitting alongside a modern, multicultural city centre.

Visit Bradford and enjoy the perfect combination of incredible architecture, stunning scenery, magical museums, art and culture.

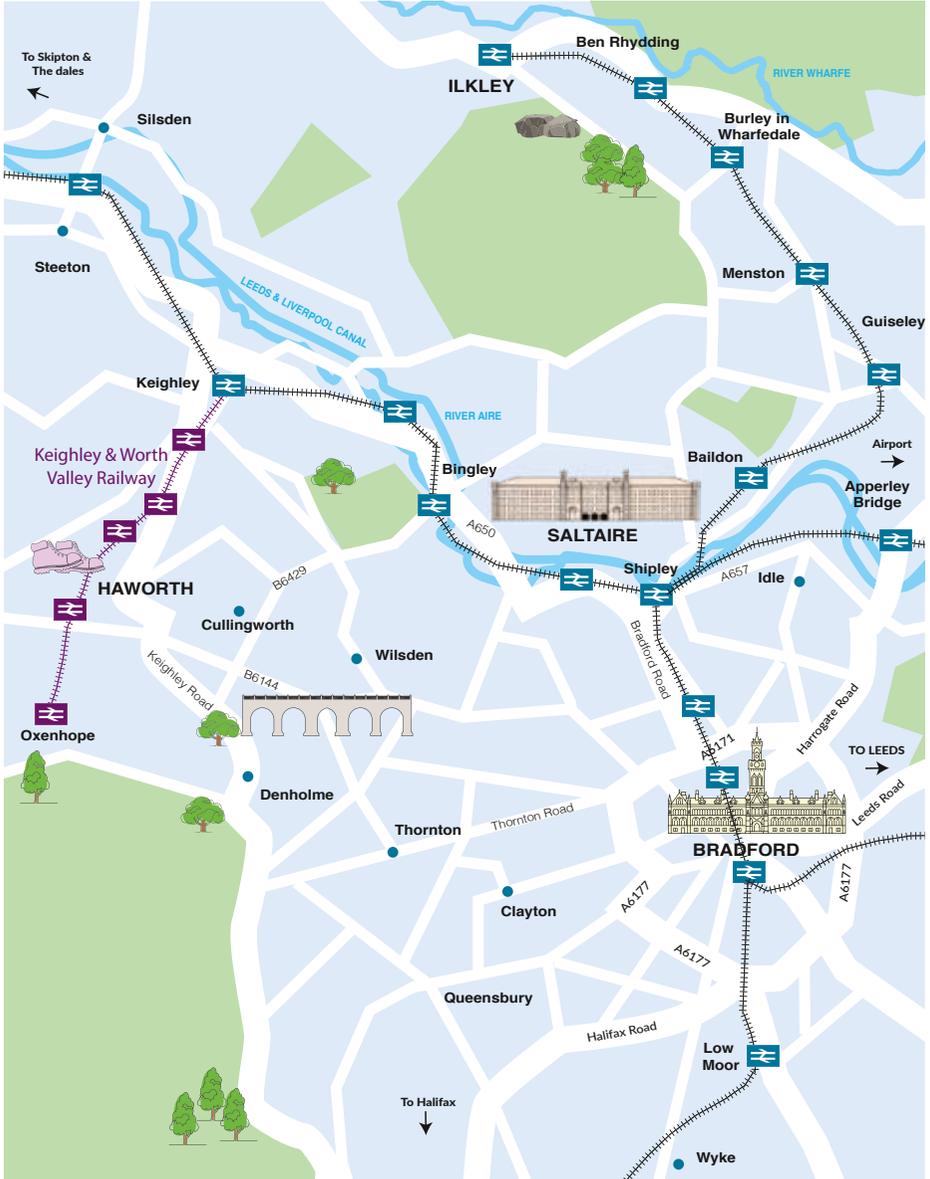


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Get to Know the Bradford District

Wherever you base yourself during your visit, it's definitely worth exploring as much of the district as you can – taking in the splendid city centre architecture, the model village of Saltaire, Ilkley's rolling hills and the famous Brontë Country around Keighley and Haworth.



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10 Things to Love About Bradford

The Brontës

Perhaps the most famous literary family the country has produced, the Brontës were born in Thornton and spent most of their lives in Haworth.

Their life and work are celebrated in Haworth's Brontë Parsonage Museum, which is a short walk away from the unspoiled area of south Pennine hills that inspired works including *Wuthering Heights*.

The Alhambra

Opened in 1914, Bradford's 1400 capacity Alhambra Theatre is regarded as a 'jewel in the crown' of northern theatre.

The venue hosts a range of major touring companies including Northern Ballet and the National Theatre and has staged major West End shows including *The Lion King*, *War Horse* and *Mary Poppins*. It's also home to one of the most popular pantomimes in the UK.

UNESCO City of Film

Bradford is the world's first UNESCO City of Film.

This title bestows international recognition on Bradford as a world centre for film because of the city's rich film heritage, its inspirational movie locations, its many celebrations of the moving image through film related events and its unique approach to learning about film and learning with film.

Incredible Scenery

Perhaps the best thing of all about Bradford is its stunning natural beauty. With a fine mixture of deep valleys, rolling hills and rugged moorland, it is full of character and places to explore. Special mentions go to Ilkley Moor and Brontë Country, but you're never too far from beauty in Bradford.

Amazing Architecture

Bradford is home to one of the finest collections of Victorian buildings in the UK.

City Hall and the Wool Exchange are superb examples of Gothic exuberance, while the commercial district of Little Germany contains no less than 55 listed buildings. Elsewhere Cartwright Hall, St George's Hall and the Alhambra are all wonderfully unique.





David Hockney

David Hockney was born on July 9th, 1937, in Bradford and studied at Bradford School of Art in the 1950s before going on to become one of the most influential and best-loved artists of the 20th century.

His ties to Bradford are still strong with large collections of his work on display at Salts Mill 1853 Gallery and The David Hockney Gallery at Cartwright Hall.



Literature Festivals

The Bradford Literature Festival began in 2014 and has quickly established itself as one of the most popular and diverse literature Festivals in the UK.

Ilkley's Literature Festival has now been bringing the biggest names in literature to the district for 50 years.

Britain's Curry Capital

Bradford remains the undisputed champion of curry having being crowned 'Curry Capital of Britain' six years in a row. With a vibrant community and a large number of historic and contemporary curry houses, it's no wonder foodies come from far and wide to experience an authentic Bradford curry.

Britain's Best Bookshop

Named by The Independent and The Guardian as one of Britain's best bookshops, the Bradford branch of Waterstones is rather special.

Based in the Lockwood and Mawson designed former Wool Exchange building, you can browse the latest crime thrillers or get a coffee in the vast Gothic-revivalist hall that was once the beating heart of Bradford's wool trade.

Saltaire, World Heritage Site

UNESCO World Heritage Site Saltaire is a unique Victorian 'model' industrial village, established in the 1850s by wool baron Sir Titus Salt.

Surrounded by hills, spectacular bluebell woods and moorland, it is built from honey-coloured stone in neo-Italianate style. Stay in the village and enjoy local shops, restaurants, countryside and nearby attractions.

ABOUT Bradford

Bradford is a diverse and historic city blessed with stunning architecture and a thriving cultural scene.

The city centre is home to a wonderful concentration of heritage buildings, the stunning **City Park** water feature and some superb museums including the **National Science & Media Museum**. A compact city centre that's easy to cover on foot, Bradford also has plenty of choice when it comes to shopping, food & drink and cultural attractions.

Visit For

Stunning Victorian architecture

International cuisine

Superb museums and galleries



Heritage



Sports & Leisure



Museums & Galleries



Food & Drink



Where to Stay



Parks & Landscapes



Things to Do



Food and Drink



Events



Explore



History

The City of Bradford has a fascinating history, growing from a small rural settlement to an industrial powerhouse dubbed the 'Wool Capital of the World' in the Victorian era. Lavish Victorian architecture from that period is still much in evidence today.

Follow the Bradford city centre Heritage Trail to find out more about these marvellous buildings. This self guided trail takes you on a fascinating route around Bradford's historic city centre.

CHECKLIST

- Experience film at Pictureville
- Follow the Pelican Trail at Bradford Cathedral
- Admire the Wool Exchange
- Take in City Hall at dusk

City of Culture

Bradford has been named as UK City of Culture 2025 and is already one of the UK's most diverse and youthful cities which prides itself on its warm and friendly character.

With a compact, easy to explore city centre, it is perfect for anyone looking for a mixture of heritage, culture and character.

The city has a thriving cultural scene with venues such as Kala Sangam, Bradford Playhouse, The Alhambra Theatre and St George's Hall offering a fantastic programme of live events.

- Find the grandad's clock in Little Germany
- Go underground at Sunbridgewells
- See the water fountain at City Park
- Whizz around the Bradford Ice Rink



Things to Do



Impressions Gallery

One of the UK's leading venues for photography, showing significant work by regional, national and international artists. Situated in the heart of Bradford and overlooking the multi-award winning City Park, the gallery presents an inspiring programme of free exhibitions and a rich mix of events and creative workshops.

Centenary Square, Bradford BD1 1SD
www.impressions-gallery.com



Bradford Industrial Museum

Discover permanent displays of textile machinery, steam power, engineering, printing machinery and motor vehicles, along with an exciting exhibitions programme. Explore the splendour of the Mill Managers' home, Moorside House, or visit the Mill-workers' terraced houses dressed to reflect three different time periods.

Moorside Road, Bradford BD2 3HP
www.bradfordmuseums.org



The Bradford Police Museum

A unique insight into the history and heritage of policing, criminal justice, civic enforcement and the development of crime and punishment in Bradford from the early 19th century onwards.

Centenary Square, Bradford BD1 1HY
www.bradfordpolicemuseum.com



The National Science and Media Museum

Explore the science and culture of light and sound technologies, including Wonderlab, which explores the science of light, sound and perception through hands-on activities. **The museum will be closed for refurbishment June 2023 - Summer 2024.** Pictureville Cinema, offering an enhanced programme will remain open throughout 2023.

Bradford BD1 1NQ
www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk



Bradford Cathedral

Explore the treasures of this historical gem in the city centre. Look out for William Morris stained glass and sculptures by Flaxman and John Shaw.

The cathedral also hosts a busy programme of events throughout the year.

1 Stott Hill, Bradford BD1 4EH
www.bradfordcathedral.org.uk

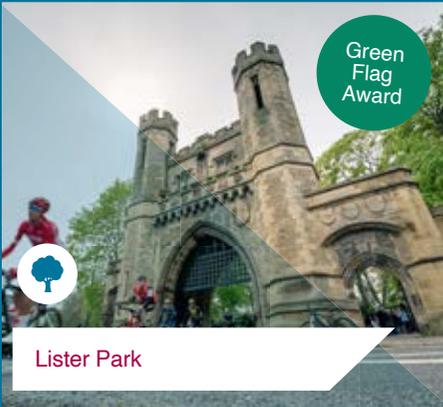
Shopping



If you're in the city centre to shop, then **The Broadway Shopping Centre** is definitely the best place to start. The city's main shopping centre offers a range of high street brands including **Superdry, Marks and Spencer, Next, Skechers, Khaadi**, and many more.

More high street names can be found at **Forster Square Retail Park**, and at the **Kirkgate Centre** on Darley Street. Don't miss the wonderful **Waterstones** bookshop located within the historic Wool Exchange.





Lister Park

One of Bradford's largest parks, it provides the perfect setting for Cartwright Hall. The generously proportioned park includes a boating lake, a fantastic children's playground, elegant Mughal Water Gardens and hosts a weekly park run. North Park Road BD9 4NR www.bradforddistrictparks.org



Cartwright Hall Art Gallery

Bradford's civic art gallery offering an exciting programme of contemporary exhibitions, and four permanent galleries, including 19th and 20th century British art, international contemporary prints and contemporary South Asian art and crafts.

The Hockney Gallery showcases Bradford's unrivalled public collection of the work of David Hockney. Lister Park, Bradford BD9 4NS www.bradfordmuseums.org



Bolling Hall Museum

One of Bradford's oldest buildings, during the Civil War the household supported the Royalist cause and Bolling Hall was a stronghold during the 'Siege of Bradford'. Nowadays it is a heritage museum with rooms furnished and decorated to give a taste of life at different periods of the house's 500 year history.

Bowling Hall Road, Bradford BD4 7LP
www.bradfordmuseums.org



Undercliffe Cemetery

Described as one of the most striking achievements of Victorian funerary design, you'll find grand nineteenth-century monuments, elaborate tombs, finely decorated obelisks and extravagant mausoleums, along with sweeping views over the city. The listed monuments, amongst others, have QR codes so that you can find out more about who they commemorate with a click of your smartphone.

127 Undercliffe Lane, Bradford BD3 0DW
www.undercliffecemetery.co.uk

Grabbing a Coffee



Bradford has loads of great coffee shops, look out for the **quirky Cake 'Ole** serving delicious cakes next to **City Park**, relax in the elegant surroundings of **Tiffin Coffee Grande**, or take a seat in **Café W** located in the wonderful **Waterstones bookshop**.



Where to Stay?



Staying in the city centre is perfect if you want to be close to major attractions, nightlife and shopping. It also offers great transport links for visiting the wider district. There are several grand hotels in the heart of the city centre, along with a number of modern budget hotels.



Bradford on Film

Bradford is the world's first UNESCO City of Film.

This permanent designation gives Bradford international recognition as a world centre for film for the city's rich film heritage, inspiring film locations, as well as the city's film festivals, film-related events and unique ways of learning about film.



Keira Knightley in *Official Secrets*



Ali & Ava

On Location

Bradford has been a filming location since the beginning of cinema, with its indigenous film industry being traced back to the years around the First World War. Classic movies **Room at the Top** (1959) and **Billy Liar** (1963) put filming in Bradford on the map. This legacy continues to today with two films shot on location in the district – **A Bunch of Amateurs** and **Emily** - featuring on the 2023 BAFTA Awards longlist.

Popular filming locations in Bradford include the stunning City Hall from films such as **Official Secrets**, **The Duke**, and the historic area of **Little Germany**, which has seen productions of **Peaky Blinders**, **Gentleman Jack** and **All Creatures Great and Small** that transformed the streets into 1930s Glasgow.

Ilkley Moor has featured in a number of films, such as **Calendar Girls**, **Ali & Ava**, and most recently **Blood Origin**, a prequel to the hit Netflix series **The Witcher**. Saltaire and Salts Mill is a hotspot for film and TV productions. The BBC dramas **The ABC Murders** and **Peaky Blinders**, and the Netflix original series **The English Game**

are among recent productions. The most famous motion picture filmed in Keighley is undoubtedly **The Railway Children** (1970) and most recently the 2022 sequel, **The Railway Children Return**. The film uses the iconic Oakworth station, located on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway. Fans of the films can visit the station or enjoy a ride on one of the steam trains that still pass through the station today.



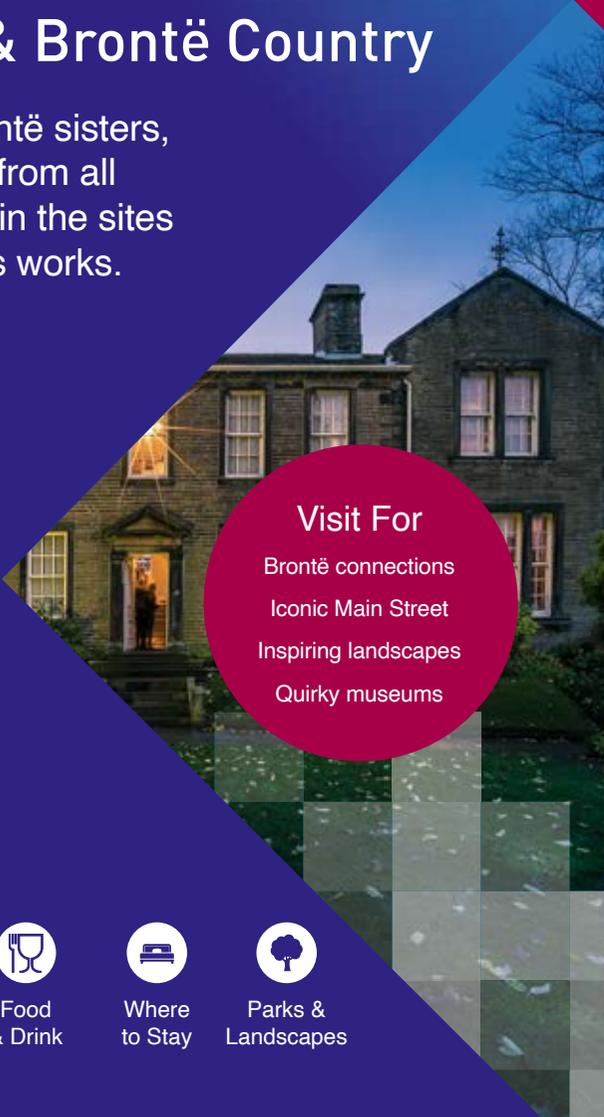
All Creatures Great and Small

ABOUT Haworth & Brontë Country

Home of the famous Brontë sisters, Haworth attracts visitors from all around the world to take in the sites that inspired their famous works.

With its cobbled Main Street, historic parsonage and epic rolling moors, the picturesque village of Haworth has a very special vintage charm that has made it a popular visitor attraction for many years.

As well as its literary significance, Haworth is also making a name for itself as a haven for independent businesses.



Visit For

- Brontë connections
- Iconic Main Street
- Inspiring landscapes
- Quirky museums



Heritage



Sports & Leisure



Museums & Galleries



Food & Drink



Where to Stay



Parks & Landscapes



Things to Do



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Events



Explore



History

On the edge of the Pennines, the Haworth known by the Brontës was a working village, producing worsted yarn and cloth.

However, the village was soon to become a site of literary pilgrimage, the Brontë Society was founded in 1893 and visitors have made their way to this iconic location ever since.

The famous novels **Jane Eyre**, **Wuthering Heights**, **The Tenant of Wildfell Hall** and others were written here.

Keighley

Nearby Keighley has a plenty of attractions and is well worth a stop off on your visit to Haworth. Look out for the **Keighley & Worth Valley Railway**, **Cliffe Castle Museum and Park**, **National Trust property East Riddlesden Hall** and **Rail Story** at Ingrow.

There are also plenty of opportunities to shop in Keighley and the popular Cavendish Street is a good place to start for local independent shops. **The Airedale Shopping Centre** also has lots to offer with its high street names.

CHECKLIST

- Take a hike to Top Withens
- Ride the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- Visit Mrs Beightons traditional sweet shop
- Relax at Haworth Central Park

- Try a Timothy Taylor's 'Landlord'
- Cycle along the Great Northern Trail
- Write your own Brontë inspired poem
- Visit the glasshouse at Cliffe Castle

Things to Do



Brontë Parsonage Museum

Set between the unique village of Haworth, and the wild moorland beyond, this elegant Georgian house was home to Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë from 1820 to 1861.

The house still retains the atmosphere of the Brontës' time with the rooms they once used, filled with their furniture, clothes and personal possessions.

Church Street, Haworth BD22 8DR
www.bronte.org.uk





Haworth Main Street

No visit to Haworth is complete without a stroll up the iconic cobbled Main Street.

The street is lined with an eclectic and inviting range of shops, cafés and pubs in a beautiful setting, just remember the hill is steep, so take it steady.

[Main Street, Haworth BD22 8DP](#)



Top Withens

Top Withens is a ruined farmhouse near Haworth, which is said to have been the inspiration for *Wuthering Heights*, the novel by Emily Brontë. The ruin lies on the Pennine Way and is a popular walking destination from Haworth and Stanbury. Such is the attraction to Japanese literary tourists that some footpath signs in the area include directions in Japanese.

[Haworth Moor](#)



Central Park

Haworth's Central Park is the perfect place to relax or go for a stroll. Its pretty flower garden, play area and bowls are popular with locals and visitors, while the recently refurbished bandstand hosts occasional live performances. The park has held the coveted Green Flag award since 2006.

[Haworth, Keighley BD22 8RA](#)
www.bradforddistrictparks.org



Keighley and Worth Valley Railway

The KWVR heritage railway runs from Keighley to Oxenhope through beautiful Brontë Country. Board a vintage steam train and enjoy a five mile journey steeped in industrial heritage and the beautiful countryside immortalised by the Brontë sisters.

[The Railway Station, Station Road, Haworth, Keighley BD22 8NJ](#)
www.kwvr.co.uk



East Riddlesden Hall

A National Trust owned 17th century manor house containing a mixture of 17th - 19th century furniture. The intimate gardens include lots of natural play areas for families to enjoy.

Bradford Road, Riddlesden,
Keighley BD20 5EL
www.nationaltrust.org.uk



Food & Drink



Haworth offers a wide range of dining choices from cosy cafés to traditional pubs. Create your own artwork while enjoying a delicious coffee at **Cobbles and Clay**, or settle in at **Haworth Steam Brewery** and sample their menu packed with Yorkshire favourites.

Across Brontë Country you'll find welcoming pubs serving Sunday lunch, in Keighley you'll find excellent curry houses, such as **Azeems** and **Shimla Spice**, or find a taste of the Mediterranean at **Amici's**.

Shopping



Haworth offers a memorable shopping experience with a fine array of independent shops lining the steeply cobbled Main Street. There you can pick up everything from vintage clothing and jewellery to specialist books, original art and traditional sweets. Be sure to also check out the **Cabinet of Curiosities**, **Hawksbys Gallery** and **Modo & Co**.

In Keighley, **The Airedale Shopping Centre** is home to a number of high street retailers while **Cavendish Street** and **The Royal Arcade** are the place to go for boutique businesses.



Cliffe Castle Museum

Set within a grand public park, this former mansion house is now a large museum with a wide variety of displays, including Victorian rooms and furniture, paintings and decorative art. Dedicated galleries feature natural history, archaeology and social history.

Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley BD20 6LH
www.bradfordmuseums.org



Green
Heritage
Award

Green
Flag
Award

Cliffe Castle Park

The park is well worth exploring with plenty to see including marble fountains, glasshouses and terraces and a very popular children's play area. A number of original park features have been recreated, including the glasshouse and vineries.

Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley BD20 6LH
www.bradforddistrictparks.org

Where to Stay?



Staying in Haworth is perfect if you're looking to enjoy some stunning scenery, walks on the moors and feel like you've gone back in time on the historic cobbled streets. Whether it's a friendly B&B or a cosy cottage, you'll find lots of choice in and around Haworth!



Rail Story

Located at Ingrow Station, explore The Carriage Works and their collection of beautifully restored railway carriages, many of which have been used in TV and film productions. Next door, The Engine Shed provides an insight into the history of steam locomotives.

South Street, Ingrow, Keighley BD21 5AX
www.railstory.co.uk

Events

From the moment you set foot in Bradford District you'll discover inspiring events are happening all year round.

There's a flourishing arts scene where you'll find fascinating exhibitions, energetic theatre and compelling events to keep you enthralled.

Our towns and villages are home to a wide range of themed events throughout the year. Haworth has a busy calendar of events in the village and also within the **Brontë Parsonage Museum** and along the **Keighley and Worth Valley Railway**.

At the **UNESCO World Heritage Site** of Saltaire, you'll find art events often incorporating the whole village, giving you an opportunity to see the historic streets from a different viewpoint.

You'll find the hottest creative talent around showcased in our many museums and

galleries too, the **National Science & Media Museum** plays host to some amazing events and exhibitions throughout the year. **Bradford Museums and Galleries** have a busy events schedule, often showcasing the work of local groups. Look out for family-friendly events around the school holidays.

Be sure not to miss popular festivals, such as the **Bradford Science Festival**, and **Widescreen Weekend** at the **National Science & Media Museum**. **Beer and Music Festivals** and **Galas** on the **Keighley & Worth Valley Railway**, the **summer BD: Festival** and **Literature Festivals** in Bradford and Ilkley.

Whatever time of year you visit, there will be something to entertain and inspire you.

Don't
Miss



20 – 21 May

Haworth 1940s Weekend

27 – 29 May

Saltaire Arts Trail

23 June – 2 July

Bradford Literature Festival

28 – 29 July

BD Festival

October

Ilkley Literature Festival

4 – 5 November

BD: Is LiT

Late November and

December

Christmas in Haworth





A Taste of Bradford

The choice of food in the Bradford District is incredibly diverse, ranging from indulgent dessert parlours to Michelin-recognised restaurants and over 200 Asian restaurants.

You'll find amazing restaurants and cosy cafés to suit all tastes. Wherever you go, you can enjoy a fine local tippie. The district is home to breweries such as Ilkley Brewery and the renowned Timothy Taylor's, as well as many rural pubs serving delicious food and local ales.

The Curry Capital of Britain

Bradford has a fantastic reputation for curry, with restaurants specialising in Kashmiri, Pakistani and Indian curries and has rightly been named the '**Curry Capital of Britain**' no less than six times. Choose from trendy street food style diners to luxury restaurants and have fun discovering the wide range

of South Asian dishes, from samosa chaat to Desi breakfast. You can seek out your perfect Bradford curry experience with Visit Bradford's online curry guide, available at: www.visitbradford.com/curry





Culinary Adventures

From artisan bakeries to traditional breweries, there's loads of good stuff made right here in Bradford. Discover superb food and drink experiences across the district, including brewery tours at Saltaire Brewery, wine tasting at Martinez in Ilkley and the ever-popular Haworth Haddock at the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. You can also take in the sights and tastes of the many vibrant local produce markets.



Fine Dining Delights

If you are looking for a fine dining experience, the Bradford district will not disappoint. Ilkley's famous Box Tree restaurant is a mainstay in the Michelin Guide, while for an unforgettable afternoon tea experience book a table at Betty's, Ilkley. Nestled in Shipley, The Waterside restaurant has received praise from Jay Rayner and Giles Coren, while Cona Restaurant has won many admirers for its superb flavours in the city.



ABOUT Ilkley

The picturesque town of Ilkley is the ideal place to relax and treat yourself.

There are excellent restaurants and a wonderful selection of independent retailers selling everything from jewellery to books and designer clothing.

Enjoy afternoon tea at the famous Bettys Café and Tea Rooms, relaxing strolls through the Riverside Gardens and some stunning walks in the surrounding moorland.

Visit For

Elegant streets
Shopping and dining
Exhilarating outdoors
Spectacular views



Heritage



Sports &
Leisure



Museums
& Galleries



Food
& Drink



Where
to Stay



Parks &
Landscapes



Things to Do



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History

Ilkley rose to fame as a Spa town in the nineteenth century when thousands – including **Charles Darwin** – visited for fresh air, good food and the lively social scene.

The town is characterised by Victorian architecture with wide streets and floral displays. Grand hydro hotels were developed and wealthy visitors arrived by coach to 'take the waters' at White Wells.

Walking and Cycling

Ilkley is incredibly popular with walkers and cyclists thanks to its stunning scenery and challenging terrain. The town is the official starting point of the **Dales Way**, a long distance trail through the Yorkshire Dales finishing at Bowness-on-Windermere.

If you're on two wheels, the road uphill to the **Cow and Calf Rocks** is an iconic cycling challenge tackled by the professionals in the Tour de Yorkshire. Surrounded by the famous moors, picturesque riverside and park, you'll find fantastic countryside for all abilities to explore.

CHECKLIST

- Take a dip at Ilkley Lido
- Admire the Riverside Gardens
- See an exhibition at Ilkley Manor House
- Try the Millennium Maze

- Eat a fat rascal at Betty's
- Enjoy music at the bandstand
- Sing On Ilkla Moor Baht 'at
- Climb the Cow & Calf Rocks



Things to Do



Ilkley Moor and Cow and Calf Rocks

On Ilkley Moor there are carvings thought to date from the early Bronze Age, around 1800 BC. There are 400 known 'cup and ring' carved stones across the moors, and their purpose remains a mystery to this day. Features like this make the moor a fascinating place, and a wonderful walk at all times of the year. From White Wells to the Cow and Calf, there's plenty to see – particularly in late July when the heathers bloom. High on Ilkley Moor, the Cow and Calf Rocks are a large rock formation consisting of an outcrop and boulder, also

known as Hangingstone Rocks. According to local legend, the Calf was split from the Cow when the giant Rombald was fleeing an enemy, and stamped on the rock as he leapt across the valley.

The enemy, it is rumoured, was his angry wife. She dropped the stones held in her skirt to form the local rock formation, The Skirtful of Stones. The rocks are a great place to climb and the moor offers spectacular views of Ilkley and beyond.

Wells Road, Ilkley LS29 9RF
www.ilkleymoors.org

Where to Stay?



Staying in Ilkley is perfect for anyone looking for a mix of restaurants, shopping and enjoyable walks. There are several cottages that can be hired near Ilkley,

which all boast unique and charming character. Alternatively, there is a range of B&B's and hotel accommodation.



Ilkley Lido

If you don't mind the chill, then take the plunge at one of the country's few remaining outdoor pools. With plenty of space for sunbathing and picnics, there's a real seaside atmosphere in summer months as well as fantastic views over Ilkley Moor.

Denton Road, Ilkley LS29 0BZ
www.bradford.gov.uk/lido



White Wells

Originally built around 1700 as an open air spa on the moor, and still operates today for those that would like to take the plunge.

For those that want to stay dry, the cottage, café and museum display make for a lovely stop on a trip around the moor.

Wells Road, Ilkley LS29 9RF



Darwin Gardens Millennium Green

Located where the town meets the moor, this open space is inspired by the history of Ilkley, including a stay by Charles Darwin.

Wells Road, Ilkley LS29 9JG
www.darwingardens.org.uk



Ilkley Manor House

Ilkley Manor House is one of Ilkley's oldest buildings, with parts dating back to the mid-14th century. It is now used as a museum, arts and heritage centre. Self-guided tours of the historic building are available, along with an interpretation panel of the Roman fort.

Castle Yard, Ilkley LS29 9DT
www.ilkeleymanorhouse.org



Ilkley Toy Museum

Ilkley Toy Museum is a small independent museum containing one of the finest private collections of toys in the North of England. The many exhibits feature dolls, dolls houses, teddy bears, tin plate toys, lead figures and a selection of games together with wooden and paper toys.

2 Whitton Croft Road, Ilkley LS29 9HR
www.ilkleytoymuseum.co.uk



Riverside Gardens

Ilkley Riverside Gardens sits adjacent to the River Wharfe which runs through Ilkley town centre. The gardens are an ideal place to relax, walk along the river, feed the ducks, enjoy a game of pétanque or play with the kids on the fantastic play equipment.

33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley LS29 9EU

Food & Drink



With Michelin standard restaurants, artisan bakeries and everything in between spread around a compact town centre, Ilkley is a Yorkshire foodie hotspot.

Established favourites **Bettys** and **The Box Tree** are perfect for special occasions and remain as popular as ever. The town now has a growing international restaurant scene including Indian, Italian, Spanish and Turkish restaurants amongst others.

Given its location on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales, Ilkley also delivers up some fantastic local fayre with a range of British restaurants, bistros and gastropubs. Ilkley is also a great place to go out for a drink with a variety of quality pubs and bars serving up local ales, craft beers, wines and cocktails.

Shopping



Ilkley is a shopper's paradise with a lovely mix of independent shops and favourite high street names. Spend an afternoon exploring the shops which can be found between **The Grove and Brook Street**. Ilkley has some beautiful shops ranging from elegant gifts, cards and home accessories to designer clothes and shoes.

Visit on the first Sunday of the month to experience Real Food Ilkley, a fine food and speciality producers' market held on The Grove.

Famous for its pretty tree-lined streets and traditional shop fronts, shopping in Ilkley is always a fantastic experience with plenty of superb cafés and restaurants close by where you can stop for a break.



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**WHAT'S
ON IN
2023!**

Masqueraded Ball

Saturday 25th February

Elton John Tribute Night

Saturday 29th April

Ladies Night with Ida Slapler's

Friday 2nd June

Elvis Tribute Night

Saturday 30th September

Motown

Saturday 28th October

Chicago

Saturday 18th November



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Exploring the Outdoors



Renowned for our rolling hills and rugged moorland, Bradford district is a paradise for walkers and cyclists and depending when you visit the countryside can be either tranquil and inviting or wild and windswept.

The beautiful countryside and open spaces that make Bradford district so picturesque and inviting are home to many fantastic walks and cycle routes, taking in iconic locations and spectacular views. You'll find

routes across the district, with three towns – **Bingley, Baildon** and **Burley in Wharfedale** – holding Walkers are Welcome status.

Follow the Countryside Code: Respect, Protect, Enjoy

Canal Adventures

The Leeds - Liverpool Canal is the perfect place to take a stroll or cycle. Its route connecting Keighley, Bingley, Saltaire and Shipley, known as the **Airedale Greenway**, takes in some magnificent countryside, industrial heritage and iconic feats of engineering such as the **Five Rise Locks**.

Literary Landscape

Haworth is a popular destination for walkers with fabulous scenery and 'must do' hikes, including the iconic route to **Top Withens**, said to be the inspiration for Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights*. The village itself is surrounded by the gorgeous Pennine countryside, with plenty of shorter walks starting out from Haworth village.

Moorland Meanders

Bradford is surrounded by stunning moorlands, all of which offer great views and an intriguing history, making the district incredibly popular with walkers. On historic Ilkley Moor, you can discover carved '**cup and ring stones**' which date back to the Bronze Age, hidden amongst the heather.

Park Fun

Thanks to our philanthropic forefathers you're never far from a park in Bradford district. All have their own unique character, incorporating elegant promenades, formal gardens, space to play or discover nature. There are **six parks** offering Parkruns, perfect for visiting parkrun tourists!



ABOUT Saltaire

Saltaire takes its name from its founder, Sir Titus Salt, and the River Aire, which runs through the village.

Thanks to its preservation as a model village, Saltaire was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001.

Visit for spectacular architecture, independent shops and restaurants. There is world class art on display at Salts Mill with one of the largest collections of David Hockney art and all surrounded by countryside and moors. Events contribute to a thriving arts scene, including Saltaire Arts Trail, Festival and Living Advent Calendar.

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Where
to Stay



Parks &
Landscapes



Things to Do



Food and Drink



Events



Explore



History

Sir Titus Salt rose from modest beginnings to become one of the country's most successful industrialists, leaving this fine village as his legacy. Salt made his fortune in the Bradford textile industry, manufacturing fine woollen fabrics. Determined to escape the polluted and overcrowded town centre, he made a bold decision to relocate his business and employees.

Architects Lockwood and Mawson designed the entire village in a classical Renaissance style. Work began in 1851, Salts Mill was the first building to be completed in 1853.

ShIPLEY & BAILDON

Close to Saltaire is Shipley and Baildon, where you will find plenty of places to eat, drink, shop and stay. Shipley provides excellent transport links, an open market and various attractions including a swimming pool and bowling alley.

Up the hill, Baildon has a small town centre that includes a number of pubs, restaurants and cafés. It also leads onto Baildon Moor, which is great for walking, with some fantastic viewpoints.

CHECKLIST

- Relax in Roberts Park
- Walk along the canal to Hirst Lock
- Admire Hockney's art at Salts Mill
- Take a cruise onboard the Titus narrowboat
- Ride the Shipley Glen Tramway
- Get a photo with the Lions
- Follow the River Aire Sculpture Trail
- Listen to live music at the Bandstand

Things to Do



Salts Mill

The Grade II Listed historic mill building was built in 1853 by Sir Titus Salt along with the village to house his workers. The Mill is now a place for art, shopping and dining, with free entry and parking.

Salts Mill is home to the 1853 Gallery, one of the largest collections of David Hockney's art, with a permanent exhibition of over 300 works by Hockney, demonstrating the large range of styles and techniques used by the Bradford-born artist.

Continue through the mill onto the second and third floors where you will find 'The Arrival of Spring' by David Hockney and People & Process where objects and images take visitors through the history of this iconic mill.

Salts Mill and 1853 Gallery
Salts Mill, Victoria Road, Saltaire,
West Yorkshire BD18 3LA
(Sat Nav Code BD17 7EF)
www.saltsmill.org.uk



Where to Stay?



Staying in Saltaire and surrounds is perfect for anyone looking for a mix of culture and history, great dining options and easy access to the countryside.

You'll find hotels and B&Bs in the local area as well as a range of self-catering accommodation.



Roberts Park

Located in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Saltaire, Roberts Park has a brilliant play area and skate park, as well as a beautiful bandstand where concerts are staged throughout the summer months. Come down for a stroll or relax on the grass and soak up the atmosphere.

Higher Coach Road BD17 7LU
www.bradforddistrictparks.org



ShIPLEY GLEN TRAMWAY

The Shipley Glen Cable Tramway is the oldest working cable tramway in Great Britain. The quarter of a mile ride through gentle woodland provides a pleasant alternative to the steep path. Passengers can also visit the museum and sweet shop at either end.

Prod Lane, Baildon, ShIPLEY BD17 5BN
www.shipleyglentramway.co.uk



ShIPLEY GLEN

ShIPLEY GLEN is a lovely sloped area of woodland, rocks and heather that connects Saltaire with Baildon Moor, and makes for a great afternoon of exploration for the whole family.

Glen Road, ShIPLEY BD17 5EA



SALTIRE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

A Grade-I listed building in the heart of Saltaire, the United Reformed Church is a site to behold. Completed in 1859, the church is an outstanding example of Italianate religious architecture. Sir Titus Salt is interred in the mausoleum.

Victoria Road, Saltaire BD18 3LF
www.saltaireurc.org.uk



Leeds Liverpool Canal

Saltaire makes for the perfect entrance point to the Leeds Liverpool Canal, a stretch of waterway surrounded by wonderful scenery, wildlife and fun places to visit.

If you're confident on a bike, it opens up even more possibilities, putting you in reach of places like Skipton and Leeds.

Just be sure to bring some repair kits just in case!



Food & Drink

Saltaire and surrounding area has a thriving dining scene. Discover vegan delights at **Dandelion Café**, take a canalside stroll to Hirst Wood Lock for coffee at **Higher Ground**, or enjoy delicious food from an array of cafés and restaurants including authentic Neapolitan pizza at **Il Pirata Pizzata**, fine dining at **Waterside restaurant** and delicious Indian street food at **The Crafty Indian**.

At the end of the day, relax in one of Saltaire and Shipley's highly regarded pubs, ale houses and bars. Why not try **Fanny's Ale House** or **Don't Tell Titus**.

Shopping

Saltaire has a surprisingly varied retail offering, with a number of specialist outlets and boutique shops. This is thanks largely to the impressive **Salts Mill building**, which houses a number of excellent retailers including **The Home**, **Kath Libbert Jewellery**, and **All Terrain Cycles**.

Elsewhere in Saltaire, visit Victoria Road and Bingley Road for some fabulous independent shops, such as **Giddy Arts**, **Walk in Style**, **Too Good to Use** and the **Saltaire Vintage Shop**, showcasing quality fashion, homewares and vintage choices.



Bingley Five Rise Locks

Bingley Five Rise Locks is one of the most spectacular features on the Leeds Liverpool Canal. They are the steepest staircase locks in the country and feature in the seven wonders of the waterways. The locks boast stunning views of the Aire Valley with a cafe waiting for you at the top. A little further down the towpath are the Three Rise Locks.

Together they form a very popular spot to ride your bike, take a walk or enjoy a spot of fishing.

Beck Lane, Bingley BD16 4DS
www.canalrivertrust.org.uk



Bracken Hall Countryside Centre

Bracken Hall Countryside Centre is located on the edge of Baildon Moor. Visitors are encouraged to investigate, explore and relate to the local natural history, archaeology, and social history through displays, themed activities and a wildlife garden.

Glen Road, Baildon BD17 5EA
www.baildowntowncouncil.gov.uk/bracken-hall-countryside-centre



St. Ives Estate

The St. Ives Estate is a wonderful country park with woodlands and paths throughout. The Adventure Playground is a fantastic feature for the children, and Coppice Pond offers both fishing opportunities, and a chance to feed the ducks.

St Ives Estate, Harden BD16 1AT
www.bradforddistrictparks.org

Theatre, Cinema and Live Music

The Bradford district offers a wide range of live entertainment, including a superb selection of comedy, music and theatre.

The Alhambra, St George's Hall and King's Hall Ilkley attract world class performances, while Kala Sangam is one of the UK's leading South Asian community arts centres. Bradford is the world's first **UNESCO City of Film** due to the city's rich film heritage and you'll find a fine selection of cinemas showcasing a mixture of blockbuster films, arthouse delights, and special events.

If you're looking for quality live music the Bradford gig scene will pleasantly surprise you. Whether you enjoy jazz, folk, rock, blues, or classical music, there will undoubtedly be an event worth going to during your stay.

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Local Venues

Alhambra Theatre

Bingley Arts Centre

Bradford Playhouse

Ilkley Playhouse

Kala Sangam

Keighley Playhouse

King's Hall, Ilkley

St George's Hall

Bradford Cathedral

The Live Room,
Saltaire

The Underground

Tickles Music Hall

Ilkley Cinema

The Picture House,
Keighley

The Light, Bradford

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Where to Stay



There are so many different places to stay in and around Bradford, giving you the opportunity to fully explore everything the district has to offer.

You can escape the hustle and bustle and simply enjoy the peaceful countryside of Ilkley and Brontë Country, take in the rich heritage in the cosmopolitan city of Bradford or have the unique experience of staying in a World Heritage Site.

A Connected City

Leave your car at home and make the most of our great public transport connections. Stay in Bradford city centre, where you'll be in walking distance of museums, galleries and theatres, plus a great choice of places to dine and shop, and then hop on the train to easily visit Saltaire, Ilkley and Keighley. Alternatively stay in the characterful surroundings of Haworth village, with a regular bus service from Keighley making it easily accessible, or arrive in style by steam on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway.

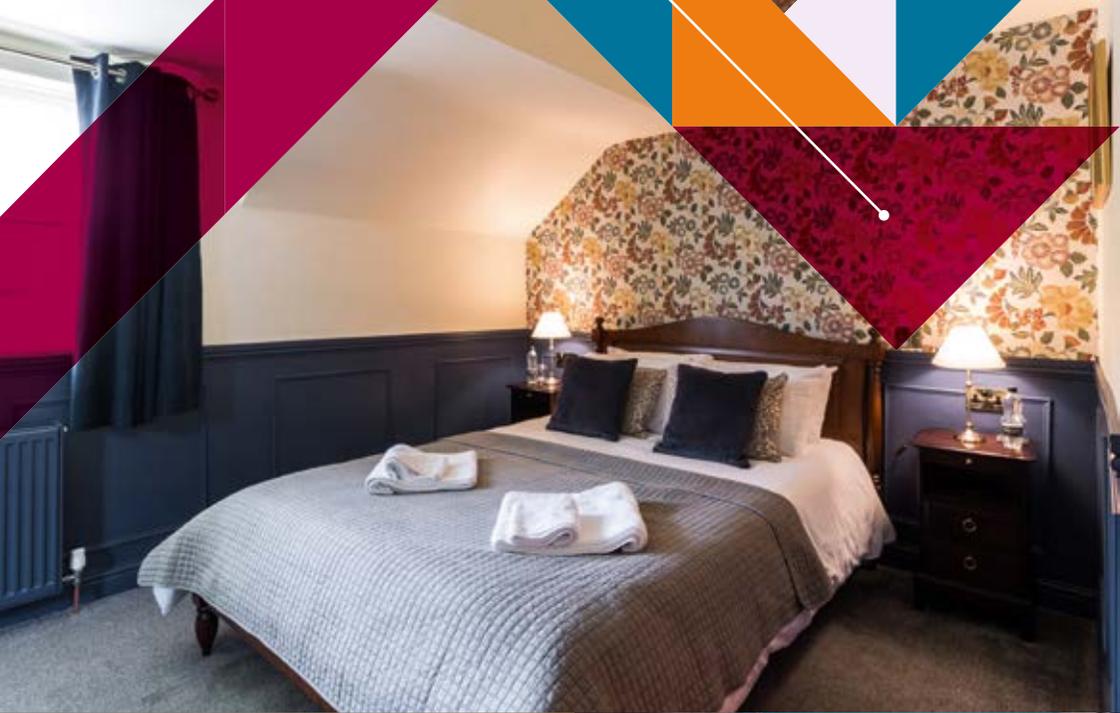
Great Escape

If you're looking to get away from it all, look out for self-catering and bed and breakfast accommodation located amongst beautiful landscapes. Whether you're looking to relax in a hot tub with a spectacular view or find a secluded cottage to cosy up in front of the log fire, you'll find your perfect escape in the Bradford district.

Family Friendly

Relax and enjoy family time together. Choose from spacious holiday cottages, with everything you need to enjoy a family break together, or hotels with family rooms and on site dining options. If you're on a budget why not go on an outdoor adventure and book into a camping pod or yurt.

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Visitor Information

Our district is waiting to welcome you, and our Visitor Information team are here to help with all your queries to help you make the most of your visit to Bradford and district.

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Bradford, BD1 1JF
Tel: 01274 433678
bradford.vic@bradford.gov.uk

Ilkley Visitor Information Centre

Station Road, Ilkley,
LS29 8HA
Tel: 01943 602319
ilkley.vic@bradford.gov.uk

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accessable.co.uk the go-to site to check out disabled access and facilities for venues across Bradford district.

cyclebradford.org.uk lots of information on cycling related activity in the district

bradfordfilmheritage.com is packed with information about film activities, history and Bradford filming locations

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Getting Here and Around

Getting to Bradford district couldn't be easier whether you choose to drive or use public transport. Once here you can travel around the district with a great range of public transport available connecting you to all the must see places.



By Road

The **M606** brings you within 1.5 miles of the city centre and connects via **M62** with the **M1, A1** and **M6**.

Electric vehicle charging points are located across the district, find out more at www.geniepoint.co.uk

Bradford Clean Air Zone is now in place, passenger cars will not be charged. Find out more www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones



By Air

Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) seven miles from the city centre, serves a wide range of direct and connecting destinations around the world.



By Rail and Bus

Rail services to **Bradford Interchange** and **Forster Square stations** connect with **Leeds, Manchester** and further afield.

Bradford Interchange is served by **National Express** and **Megabus** to destinations across the country.

There are local rail services throughout the district connecting **Bradford, Ilkley, Keighley, Shipley, Saltaire** and **Bingley**.

First in Bradford is the main operator of local bus services in Bradford along with **Transdev** who offer services within the **Haworth, Keighley** and **Ilkley** area.

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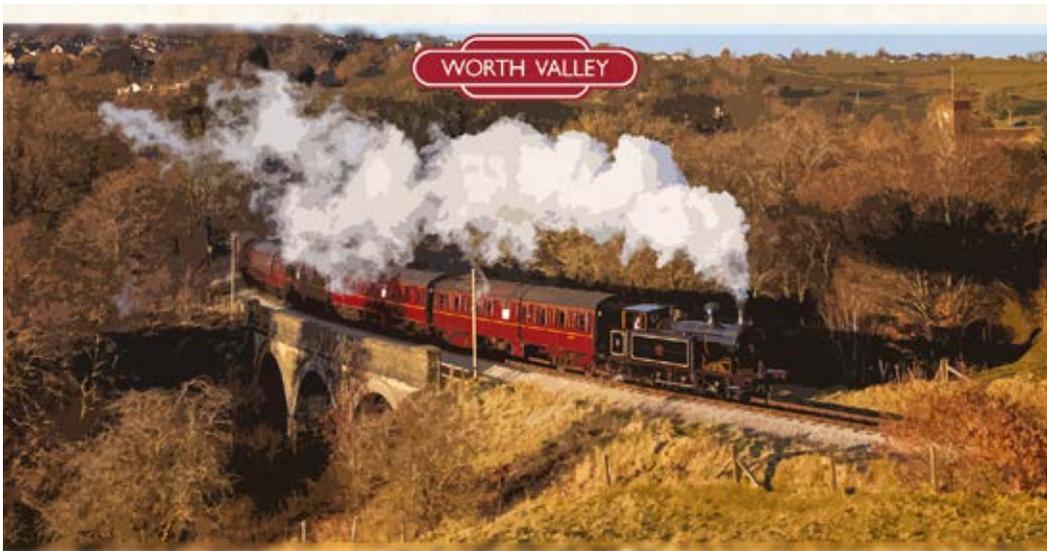
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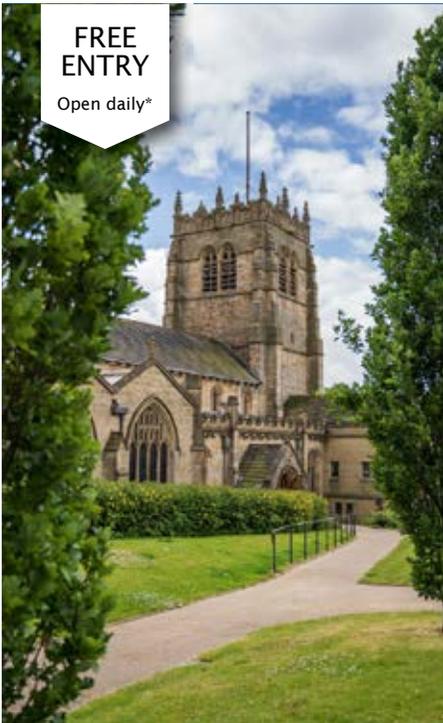
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