

# DISCOVER Saltaire

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# 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 the Living Advent Calendar.

## Visit For

- Amazing arts
- Heritage buildings
- Wonderful scenery
- Independent traders

# Instagram Ready Spots

Discover the picture-perfect spots in Saltaire that are just waiting to be captured on Instagram!

Strike a pose alongside the magnificent **sandstone lions**, or pause for a photo at the **Saltaire United Reformed Church** with its breathtaking Italian-inspired architecture, a true masterpiece. And for a touch of nature's beauty, make your way to **Saltaire Weir** and capture the mesmerising view of the cascading water flowing down the river Aire.

Saltaire Lions



Saltaire Weir



Saltaire United Reformed Church



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# Heritage Trail

Start  
Here



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Our tour begins on the bridge over the railway line. Look down Victoria Road towards the countryside beyond the village. Salt's most influential idea was to relocate his entire business to a greenfield site in order to escape the chaos of Bradford.

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Bradford was a crowded and unhealthy place to live with limited space for a factory on the scale Salt envisaged. Continue downhill along Victoria Road, passing the impressive 2 Saltaire United Reformed Church on the left until you reach the canal bridge. Despite its rural location, Saltaire was not isolated. Salt wanted to distribute his products quickly and cheaply, so he chose a site with excellent transport links. The Mill was built beside the railway, the motorway of the nineteenth century. The canal linked the village to Leeds and Liverpool and there were good local road connections.

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Turn left down the ramp and follow the path around to the right to cross the River Aire by the modern footbridge. Salt believed leisure was good for his workers' health, particularly as a distraction from the temptations of alcohol.

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Roberts Park was included in Salt's plans from an early stage, and it was completed in 1871. Retrace your steps back to the Railway Bridge and look towards the mill chimney.

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Can you feel a breeze behind you? Salt was concerned about the harmful effects of smoke produced by factories and located his mill where the prevailing westerly winds would blow the smoke away from the village.

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The Mill is clearly separated from the housing by the allotments where workers could grow their own food. This zoning approach was copied in other company towns and is echoed today by concentrating noisy and dirty businesses on industrial estates.

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Turn around and walk down the cobbled Albert Terrace. Then turn left into William Henry Street. The three-storey houses originally provided shared lodgings for single workers. Small front gardens and more spacious houses were provided for the 'overlookers', the foremen of the factory floor.

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HIGHER COACH ROAD

THOMPSON LANE

ROBERTS PARK

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RIVER AIRE

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TOWPATH

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TOWPATH WALK AND CYCLE ROUTE TO BINGLEY

SALTAIRE

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Heritage Trail

Start Here

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ALBERT AVENUE

ALBERT TERRACE

DALLAM AVENUE

HERBERT ST

FANNY ST

EDWARD ST

AMELIA ST

WILLIAM HENRY ST

DALLAM WALK

CARLTON WALK

WHITLAM ST

MARY ST

HELEN ST

ADA ST

GEORGE STREET

VICTORIA ROAD

CARLTON AVENUE

TITUS STREET

EXHIBITION RD

CAROLINE STREET

HIRST LANE

SHIRLEY ST

MADDOCKS ST

RHODES ST

TO BINGLEY

SALTAIRE ROAD

VICTORIA ROAD

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DOVE ST

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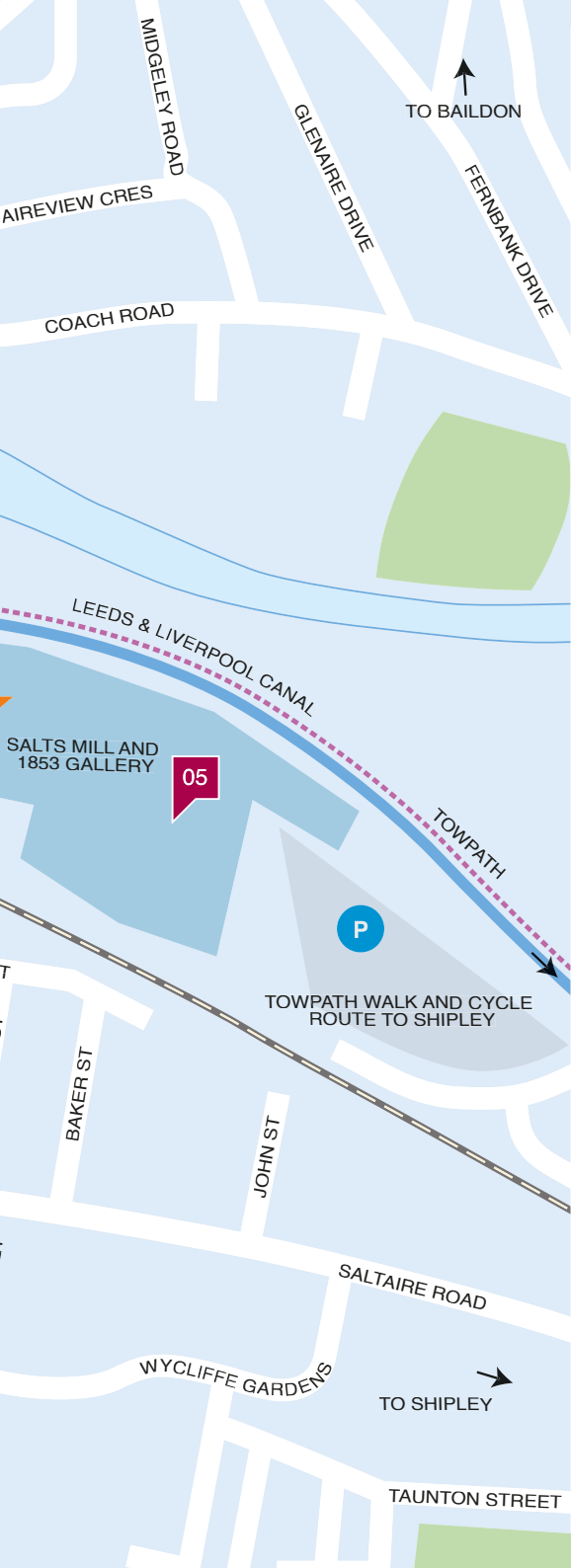
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BINGLEY ROAD

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TO BRADFORD



## Saltaire

- 01 Victoria Road
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- 15 Bingley Five Rise Locks

## LEGEND

-  Place of interest
-  Public Buildings
-  College
-  Car Parks
-  Cycle Parking
-  Public toilets



Turn right onto Caroline Street. Here the front doors of the properties open straight onto the street, indicating that they were for lower-paid employees. As you walk along you will see the streets branch off at regular intervals.



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This grid pattern was chosen to use the available land efficiently. Although the houses are close together, architects Lockwood and Mawson ensured that their height in relation to the width of the road allowed each house to receive ample daylight.



Continue to the junction with Albert Road. Here turn left uphill. First you will pass a row of 'overlookers' houses before finding the grandest semi detached residences, home to the company's executives, teachers and the church minister. Originally, they had fine views over open country. At the top of Albert Road, turn left and use the zebra crossing to cross Saltaire Road.



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Continue straight ahead and then walk left around the corner to reach Bingley Road. Continue along Bingley Road and then turn left onto Victoria Road. Grouped around Alexandra Square are **7** the Almshouses. This pleasant green is one of several open areas located at regular intervals along Victoria Road.



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Spaces like these were normally found only in the most affluent areas of Victorian towns. Continue downhill until you reach the crossroads, where the former **8** Hospital building stands at the corner. Use the pedestrian crossing to continue along Victoria Road.



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You will soon reach two of the finest buildings in the village, the School **9** on the left and the Institute **10** on the right. They are set back from Victoria Road with an open space in front to form Victoria Square.

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Named in honour of the queen, Victoria Road linked all the community facilities and important buildings together, creating another distinct zone within the village.



Continue along Victoria Road past the row of shops to complete your tour where it began at the railway bridge.



## Entertainment & Arts

Explore the cultural gems of Bradford UK City of Culture 2025 with Saltaire's vibrant arts scene. This picturesque village is home to the iconic **Salts Mill**, a former textile mill converted into an art gallery where you can admire the masterpieces by world-famous artist David Hockney. His charismatic works will transport you to a world of colour and imagination.

If you're feeling inspired, unleash your creativity at the **Little Craft House** or **Salt Pots Ceramic Studio**. Be amazed by the **People Powered Press**, recognised by Guinness as the largest printing press of its kind in the world. This shows the power of community and collaboration in the art of printing.

Continue your artistic exploration of galleries and studios in the area, including **Cartwright Hall's** impressive collections, which include works by Lowry, Warhol, Lichtenstein and Anish Kapoor's fascinating sculpture, *Turning The World Inside Out*. Discover unique exhibitions at **Bingley Gallery** and take part in art classes and workshops at **Tyro Studios** in Shipley.

Discover the lively music scene at **The Live Room**, hosted at the Caroline Social Club. It is a place where music lovers come together to celebrate the beauty of folk and acoustic music. Whether you're a seasoned fan or new to the genre, you'll be surrounded by like-minded people who share your passion for authentic, heartfelt music. If you're looking for a different kind of music experience, head to **Victoria Hall** for the Wurlitzer concerts, where you can listen to the enchanting sounds of this iconic instrument. Folk music enthusiasts can also visit the **Topic Folk Club** at **Groove Pad Bar & Kitchen** in Shipley, the oldest continuously running folk club in the world. Saltaire hosts popular events like the **Saltaire Arts Trail**, the thrilling **Dragon Boat Festival**, and the highly anticipated **Saltaire Festival** throughout the year.





### Salts Mill & 1853 Gallery

This 19th-century former textile mill is now filled with a variety of shops, galleries and dining. As you step inside, you are immediately greeted by its grandeur and architectural beauty.

See the 1853 Gallery, one of the largest collections of David Hockney's art, featuring over 300 of his works, demonstrating the large range of styles and techniques used by the Bradford-born artist.

Victoria Road, Saltaire, BD18 3LA  
(car park BD17 7EF)  
[www.saltsmill.org.uk](http://www.saltsmill.org.uk)



### Saltaire United Reformed Church

A Grade-I listed building in the heart of Saltaire, the United Reformed Church is a sight 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](http://www.saltaireurc.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](http://www.baildowntowncouncil.gov.uk/bracken-hall-countryside-centre)



### 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](http://www.shipleyglentramway.co.uk)



### 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](http://www.bradforddistrictparks.org)



### ShIPLEY Glen

ShIPLEY Glen, nestled between Saltaire and Baildon Moor, offers a picturesque escape with its woodland, rocks, and heather. The breathtaking location captures panoramic city views, while the winding trails invite leisurely walks, providing an ideal opportunity to relax and reconnect with nature.

Glen Road, Baildon, ShIPLEY BD17 5EA



### Leeds Liverpool Canal

Saltire makes for a great starting point for exploring the Leeds Liverpool Canal, a stretch of waterway surrounded by wonderful scenery, diverse wildlife and exciting attractions.

For cycling enthusiasts, there's even more to explore with the opportunity to connect to Skipton and Leeds.

Saltire, BD18 3LE  
[www.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)

# Nearby Attractions



Find out more

## 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](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)



## Saltaire Brewery

Located by the Leeds-Liverpool towpath in Shipley, Saltaire Brewery is the perfect spot to enjoy a refreshing pint of Saltaire Blonde in the Taproom after a relaxing walk. With brewery tours and events throughout the year, visitors can always anticipate an enjoyable time.

Dockfield Rd, Shipley BD17 7AR  
[saltairebrewery.com](http://saltairebrewery.com)



## St. Ives Estate

This wonderful country park with woodlands and paths throughout, presents exciting activities suitable for all ages. Children will love the adventure playground, while nature enthusiasts can immerse themselves in the beauty of wildflowers and fascinating walking trails.

St Ives Estate, Harden BD16 1AT  
[www.bradforddistrictparks.org](http://www.bradforddistrictparks.org)



## Shopping

Saltaire's retail offering is surprisingly diverse for such a small village, including a number of specialist shops and boutiques. Visit the magnificent **Salts Mill**, housing a variety of excellent shops, such as **Kath Libbert Jewellery**, **Early Music Shop** and **All Terrain Cycles**. Wander through the **Salts Book and Poster shop** and check out **The Home**, a luxury homewares and furniture shop.

Walk up Victoria Road and discover the delights of **Radstudio**, a design and art-led shop offering modern and functional gifts, **Giddy Arts**, an independent craft gallery, refill shop and speciality coffee bar, and the **Saltaire Vintage Shop**, just a few of the wonderful shops in Saltaire.

On Bingley Road further up the hill you'll find a variety of independent shops, including **New Collection** selling quality fashion, **Evans of Saltaire** jewellers, **Too Nice To Use** and **Serendipity** for an amazing selection of gifts. If you are feeling creative,



call into **Salt Pots** where you can design and paint your own pottery.

The Aire Valley is home to a fantastic selection of markets that showcase the best local producers. Take a trip to **Saltaire Farmers Market**, **Bingley Artisan Market**, **Baldon Farmers Market** or **Shipley Market**. So explore the area and enjoy some time browsing the shops and markets there are on offer.



## The Great Outdoors

There are many self-guided walks around Saltaire that are accessible for all abilities, including long-distance hikes, or you can simply meander through **Roberts Park** and enjoy the beauty and tranquillity. Saltaire is located just a few miles from the 'Walkers Are Welcome' towns of Baildon and Bingley. When you arrive, you can expect to be greeted warmly by businesses that are familiar with your hiking needs.

Walk to **Shipley Glen** beyond Roberts Park, take Higher Coach Road to ride the Shipley Glen Tramway or walk uphill through the woods. Follow Prod Lane and turn left past The Glen Public House & Café to access the fabulous landscape.

Explore the **Airedale Greenway**. Titus Salt deliberately built Saltaire close to the Leeds Liverpool Canal and railway line so that he could distribute his products quickly and cheaply. Today the canal is used for leisure and has an excellent towpath to Bingley and Leeds, and forms the National Cycle

Network Route 696. This route provides a fantastic opportunity to explore part of the longest canal in Britain. Take in beautiful countryside, rich industrial history and stunning scenery on a peaceful journey.

Follow the **Aire Valley Sculpture Trail**, which starts at the bridge on Victoria Road and continues along the River Aire between Baildon Bridge and Saltaire. Admire the 15 sculptures, including a submarine, a dinghy dog and an octopus, the round trip takes around 40 minutes. It's easy to walk, making it a great trail for families.

An exciting 90-mile hike known as the **Dales High Way** takes you through the glorious high country of the Yorkshire Dales. The walk starts at Saltaire and follows bridleways, greenways and old trade routes north to Appleby-in-Westmorland.

Respect. Protect. Enjoy!

# What's On

There's always something happening in the village of Saltaire. One of the best times to visit is in September for the annual **Saltaire Festival**, a 10-day celebration of music and the arts.

The **Saltaire Arts Trail** is a popular event where local artists open their homes and showcase arts and crafts from across Yorkshire, with the Maker's Fair the highlight.

**Saltaire Farmers Markets** are held regularly throughout the year, as are gigs at **The Live Room**, **Rose & Brown Vintage Home & Fashion Fairs** and guided walks at the nearby **Bracken Hall Countryside Centre**.

## Event Highlights 2024

**Bradford Beer & Cider Festival**  
29 February – 2 March

**Saltaire Arts Trail**  
4 – 6 May

**Dragon Boat Festival**  
19 – 21 July

**Saltaire Festival**  
14 – 22 September

**Saltaire Living Advent Calendar**  
1 December – 1 January 2025



◀ Find out more





## Food and Drink

Saltaire is a foodie's paradise where you can dine in trendy bars or restaurants, cosy cafés and anywhere in between - a lively cosmopolitan village with an equally vibrant food scene. Here you will find any cuisine you desire; Mediterranean, Indian, British and more.

Victoria Road in the village offers a wide variety of places to relax and dine, such as **Cultures Deli and Drafthouse** with cheese platters and draft beer. **Don't Tell Titus** is a stylish bar and restaurant with fantastic Indian/fusion menus. **The Boathouse** on the banks of the River Aire serves pub classics.

Bingley Road is home to many hip and independent eateries. If you crave burgers, try **Rumpus Burger**, contemporary dining with an upscale burger menu. Neapolitan-style pizzas are served at **il Pirata Pizzata**, along with craft beer. For fine dining day or night, there is a new café/restaurant, **The Pepper Mill**, serving seasonal and local produce. For something spicy, reserve a table or order take out from **Jinnah Bistro**.

Saltaire has a thriving café scene. You can find **The Quaffery, Tambourine Coffee**, and other places on Bingley Road. You can also walk down Victoria Road to **Digin's Hut** and the popular **Salts Diner**, along the canal to **Higher Ground** coffee shop at Hirst Lock, or to Roberts Park to the **Half Moon Café**. **Edward Street Bakery** is a great place to visit for brunch and speciality coffee from nearby roasters.

Take a stroll to the town of Shipley - a short 10-minute walk from the village.

**Visit Aagrah**, an award-winning restaurant specialising in Kashmiri cuisine, as well as other popular options including **Tapas Tree** and **Copper and Moss**.

At the end of the day, unwind with a drink in one of Saltaire and Shipley's highly rated and award-winning pubs, alehouses and breweries, including gems such as **Fanny's Ale House, SALT Beer Factory, Cap and Collar, The Fox, Saltaire Brewery** and many, many more.

# Getting to Saltaire

## Getting Here and Around

Getting to Saltaire 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.



### Bus and Rail

There are regular bus services to **Saltaire** from **Bradford, Shipley** and **Keighley**, including **662, 622 & 626**.

Take a train from **Bradford Forster Square** (10-min journey) or a train from **Leeds** (15-min journey).

For a journey planner and details of routes and fares, go to [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com)



### Parking

Pay and display car parks in the village on **Exhibition Road** and **Caroline Street**.

**Salts Mill** free visitors' car park is accessed via **Shipley** using postcode **BD17 7EF**.

Electric vehicle charging points are located across the district, find out more at [www.geniepoint.co.uk](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones)

## Where to Stay?

There's a great selection of accommodation in the Bradford district, perfect for extending your visit and giving you more time to explore the area.

## Visitor Information

Contact us for more information to help plan your visit, including accommodation and special events.

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