

International Conference 2022

Social Events – Tours & Sightseeing in Birmingham

INDOORS – Sightseeing / Tours	
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Cadburys World, Linden Road, B30 1JR https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/cadbury-world-p209781	There's so much to see and do in Cadbury World's chocolatey zones! Uncover a world of chocolate delights and enjoy a fascinating, fun-packed day out! You'll learn how your favourite confectionery is made, have a go yourself at tempering chocolate and add your favourite treat to a delicious pot of warm melted Cadbury Dairy Milk. Discover the origins of the cocoa bean before jumping onboard the magical Cadabra ride and meeting the infamous Cadbury drumming gorilla. Plus, join Freddo and a whole host of Cadbury characters as they whisk you away on an adventurous journey in the 4D Chocolate Adventure cinema experience, complete with motion seats! Dive into a bowl of liquid Cadbury Dairy Milk, ride the Crunchie Rollercoaster and take to the skies in a Cadbury Creme Egg airship piloted by the Caramel Bunny. There's so much to see and do for the whole family as you discover the amazing world of Cadbury!
Birmingham City Virtual Canal Walk https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/birmingham-city-virtual-canal-walk-p1367311	Feel the bustle and excitement of Britain's canal capital as you take a virtual tour around the arteries of the industrial revolution. Start in the heart of things at Brindley Place and look out for The National Sea Life Centre and the ICC before heading through Gas Street Basin and out into the myriad of possibilities that is the Birmingham Canal Navigations. See how many pubs, cafes and other eateries you can spot as you wander virtually along the towpath.
Birmingham Cathedral – St Philips Colmore Row, B3 2QB https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/birmingham-cathedral-st-philips-p209771	Birmingham Cathedral is a fine English Baroque parish church designed by Thomas Archer. Completed in 1725, it is one of the most beautiful historic buildings in the city centre. The Cathedral contains four famous Pre-Raphaelite stained-glass windows designed by Sir Edward Burne-Jones. The popular churchyard, now beautifully restored, has a perimeter of cast-iron railings, with a double row of plane trees. Open 7.30 – 6.30pm weekdays and 8.30am – 5pm on weekends. The shop is open most days 10.30am – 3.30pm.
BBC Birmingham Tours BBC Birmingham, Level 7, The Mailbox, B1 1RF https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/bbc-birmingham-tours-p1336101	Step inside the exciting world of broadcasting at BBC Birmingham! Join us on a tour behind the scenes of our TV and radio studios, including Midlands Today, BBC WM and if you're lucky, the studio which is home to the longest running soap opera in the world, The Archers (production schedules permitting). Learn about the groundbreaking and award-winning BBC Three, and discover what it takes to put together high quality news bulletins every day and how BBC radio drama is made. You can even have a go at making your very own radio play which we send you as a memento following your visit! A tour at BBC Birmingham offers visitors young and old the exclusive chance to gain access to the rarely seen world behind the scenes of some of your favourite shows - so book your ticket now.

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Paradise Birmingham Paradise Place, B3 3HU https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/paradise-birmingham-p1361591	Paradise is the latest chapter in Birmingham's compelling history, a location rich in British heritage and charm and where the old and the new sit side by side. Delivering one of the UK's most important city centre developments and an entirely new destination, it is placemaking at its very best. The much-awaited Paradise development opens this year and will deliver: ten brand new buildings, three new public squares, 120,000 sq ft of retail and leisure space including restaurants Dishoom and Vinoteca, 550 parking spaces and a 4-star hotel with 250 bedrooms!
Sarehole Mill Cole Bank Road, Moseley, B13 0BD https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/sarehole-mill-p1321591	There has been a mill on this site since 1542, but the current building dates from the mid-18th Century. In the 1850s a steam engine was installed and a chimney built, which provides Sarehole Mill with its distinctive silhouette. The mill has two waterwheels, one of which is operational and is used to grind wheat every Wednesday and Sunday, water levels permitting. Sare(w)hole meal flour is sold from the mill shop. The mill has connections with Matthew Boulton, who leased Sarehole Mill between 1756 and 1761 and used it as a flatting mill, producing sheet metal used for button manufacturing.

INDOORS – Galleries & Museums	
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Ikon Gallery & Bookshop Oozells Square, B21 2HS https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/ikon-gallery-p1322191	Ikon is Birmingham's leading contemporary art gallery. Located in a dramatic Victorian building - formerly a boarding school - Ikon presents a regular programme of exhibitions, events, learning workshops and seminars, representing some of the world's best visual artists. Don't miss the famous singing lift, designed by Turner Prize-winner Martin Creed. Ikon also houses Birmingham's only independent arts bookshop and Cafe, a relaxed setting for lunch, afternoon tea or dinner. Entrance is free. Ikon Shop is Birmingham's only specialist art bookshop, stocking a range of books, cards, artists' limited editions, homeware and gifts relating to art, design, photography, architecture and contemporary culture. All profits from Ikon Shop support Ikon Gallery's charitable artistic and educational programmes.
Barber Institute of Fine Arts Edgbaston, B15 2TS https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/barber-institute-of-fine-arts-p1322141	Monet, Manet and Magritte; Rubens, Reynolds, Renoir, Rossetti and Rodin; Gainsborough, Gauguin, Van Gogh and Van Dyck; Degas, Botticelli and Turner - the galleries at the Grade 1 listed Barber Institute of Fine Arts house an outstanding art collection, with masterpieces by all these major names in the history of art – and many more. There's also a dazzling coin gallery, housing Europe's most significant collection of Roman, Byzantine and medieval coins, alongside decorative art and sculpture, and changing exhibitions and displays - all in Birmingham's finest Art Deco building. The lively learning programme for adults and children can be found on the Barber's website. Explore exciting creations by Birmingham-based artists and organisations, check out upcoming workshops and events, and learn more about the collection with the Tuesday Talks podcast. Bookings in advance.
Museum of the Jewellery Quarter Vyse Street, Hockley, B18 6HA https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/museum-of-the-jewellery-quarter-p209951	When the proprietors of the Smith & Pepper jewellery manufacturing firm retired in 1981 they simply ceased trading and locked the door, unaware they would be leaving a time capsule for future generations. Today the factory is a remarkable museum, which tells the story of the Jewellery Quarter and Birmingham's renowned jewellery and metalworking heritage. Explore this extraordinary time capsule on a lively guided tour. Watch live demonstrations at the jewellers' bench of the traditional skills of this fine trade, and discover what it was like to work here.

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<p>Explore Birmingham Museums Online</p> <p>https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/explore-birmingham-museums-online-p1366511</p>	<p>Take a virtual tour of Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery here. Birmingham Museums is an independent charity that cares for the city's collection of over a million objects on behalf of Birmingham City Council, which includes everything from steam trains and planes, to fashion and fine art. The Trust shares these objects with visitors at nine venues, including Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery (BMAG), Thinktank, Birmingham Science Museum, and Aston Hall. Here's how you can explore the collection and engage with it online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thousands of images from the city's collection are freely available to view, download, and use creatively. The online resource launched last year, and new out-of-copyright images continue to be added. The database spans a range of areas from Pre-Raphaelite drawings and prints to historical views of Birmingham and the Midlands. Visit online at dams.birminghammuseums.org.uk and why not have a go at the BMAG museum meme challenge twitter.com/BM_AG/status/1240726433313554434? • Take a virtual tour of BMAG at www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag/virtual-tour. With thanks to ScanTech Digital, the 3D tour gives you the opportunity to visit the permanent galleries of the museum from the comfort of your own home. Be greeted by Sir Jacob Epstein's <i>Lucifer</i> statue in the Round Room, take a closer look at the Staffordshire Hoard, explore the modern and contemporary art galleries, or marvel at the Victorian architecture of the Industrial Gallery. Share your experience with the team via social media. • Visit the Birmingham Museums YouTube channel. A series of new object spotlight videos will be released over the coming weeks so you can learn more about some of the fascinating artworks on display. There is also an archive of past videos about displays and exhibitions. Visit www.youtube.com/user/BirminghamMAG or see social media for the latest videos. • Step back in time and learn about the discovery of the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold ever found via the Staffordshire Hoard website www.staffordshirehoard.org.uk. The Staffordshire Hoard collection is owned by Birmingham City Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council on behalf of the nation, and is cared for by Birmingham Museums Trust and The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent. The website follows the story of the Hoard and how it was discovered and conserved for display. See high resolution images of key pieces from the collection and the replica Staffordshire Hoard helmet. • Over 250 images from Birmingham's collection are also available to download via Unsplash unsplash.com/@birminghammuseumstrust. Images can also be found on Flickr www.flickr.com/photos/birminghammag/ and Pinterest www.pinterest.co.uk/birminghammag/. Oil paintings from the collection can be seen on Art UK www.artuk.org/visit/collection/birmingham-museums-trust-136 and watercolours at Watercolour World www.watercolourworld.org/collection/birmingham-museums-trust - so there's lots to explore and enjoy while you can't visit the museums in person.

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<p>Colley Ison Art Gallery Colmore Row, B3 2BB https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/colley-ison-gallery-p1345161</p>	<p>Colley Ison Gallery is an independent art gallery set in the heart of Birmingham. Reuben Colley Fine Art was founded by award-winning artist Reuben Colley in 2010. Having traded in Moseley for five years, the gallery moved in 2015 to a prestigious location on Colmore Row, in one of Birmingham's fine Victorian buildings. In 2020, while successfully weathering the disruption caused by the pandemic, the business celebrated its 10th anniversary. This milestone prompted a review of the past ten years, and provided the opportunity to rebrand. Now known as the Colley Ison Gallery, while retaining the name of the gallery's founder and Director, Reuben Colley, the new name also makes reference to the Gallery Director, Timothy Ison, who has fronted the business since its inception. By adopting the word 'Gallery' in its title, the business announces itself as a space where anyone can visit and enjoy great art free of charge, whether or not they intend to buy. Colley Ison Gallery will continue to represent a hand-picked range of living artists, while also sourcing works of art by some of the world's most renowned artists for collectors and investors.</p>
<p>Centrala Space Art Gallery Fazeley Street, B5 5RT https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/centrala-space-art-gallery-p1373111</p>	<p>Centrala was launched in 2012 and has gone onto establish itself as a nationally and internationally recognised centre for Central and Eastern European art and artists. We are now the only publicly-funded gallery of our kind and the only advocate for Central and European art and artists outside London. Our mission is all-embracing: we are powerful advocates for social integration, bringing together diverse audiences under one roof to share, explore, debate and connect with high quality art and events. We strive towards our vision of a society where Central and Eastern European communities are welcomed and integrated, and where their art, culture and heritage are recognised and understood.</p>
<p>Thinktank – Science Museum Curzon Street, B4 7XG https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/thinktank-birmingham-science-museum-p209821</p>	<p>From steam engines and talking robots through to gurgling guts and a chocolate wrapping machine, Thinktank has over 200 hands-on displays on science and technology. Housed inside the impressive Millennium Point building at Thinktank you will find four floors of hands-on exhibits and historical collections that will amaze and inspire you, showing you the science of the world all around us. Including the Science Garden, Planetarium and an exciting programme of events and activities, there is something for everyone to enjoy.</p>
<p>Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/take-a-tour-inside-birmingham-museum-and-art-gallery-p1366611</p>	<p>You can now look inside Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery without having to be there. Filmed in summer 2019, these four tours show you all the art and history galleries.</p>
<p>Vittoria Street Gallery https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/vittoria-street-gallery-p1365731</p>	<p>Located in the heart of Birmingham's famous Jewellery Quarter the Vittoria Street Gallery is a unique exhibition venue situated within the School of Jewellery. With its established reputation for education and an international research centre the School of Jewellery offers a prime location for our Gallery. Hosting a dynamic programme of exhibitions and events which spans the breadth of the jewellery discipline and other associated art and design practices. The gallery showcases a wide variety of creative practice by artists, educators, researchers and practitioners spanning a range of projects from commercial to contemporary, from handcrafted to digital technologies and across experimental thinking, new ideas, technical innovation and skilled craftsmanship, all of which seek to celebrate creative endeavour.</p>

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Pen Museum 60 Frederick Street, B1 3HS https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/pen-museum-p1328251	Making steel pen nibs in Birmingham during the Victorian era was a major industry with 129 companies employing circa 8,000 workers (mainly women). By visiting the Pen Museum, you will discover a wide range of fascinating objects and details that help tell the story of Birmingham's pen trade and its important legacy including the link between a prominent pen manufacturer (Josiah Mason) and the establishment of the University of Birmingham. Throughout the Museum there are a range of activities for people of all ages to enjoy including writing with a quill and ink, using typewriters plus an exciting opportunity to make your own nib using the same machinery once operated by women workers in the 19th century.

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Martineau Gardens Priory Road, Edgbaston, B5 7UG https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/martineau-gardens-p1323781	Our mission is to inspire people about the natural environment. We also provide volunteering opportunities in the garden and are a venue for educational activities. Martineau Gardens is the registered charity that manages the gardens and wildlife area. We are a Community Garden, a Social Enterprise and a Visitor Attraction. We have many regular volunteers who contribute so much to the gardens. We also have corporate volunteers from local businesses.
Winterbourne House & Gardens 58 Edgbaston Park Road, B15 2RT https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/winterbourne-house-and-garden-p322981	Restored to its Edwardian Arts and Craft splendour, Winterbourne House is a unique heritage attraction – set within seven acres of beautiful botanic gardens. Only minutes from Birmingham city centre, Winterbourne is a hidden gem – home to beautiful antiques and over 6,000 plant species from around the world. Wander along the woodland walk, stroll through the hazelnut tunnel, cross the 1930's Japanese Bridge or simply soak up the tranquility of this perfectly English Edwardian home.

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Woodgate Valley Country Park Clapgate Lane, B32 3DS https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/woodgate-valley-country-park-p209971	Country Park on the edge of Birmingham, 450 acres of meadows, wooded areas, hedgerows and wetland. Visitor Centre with exhibition area, schools facilities and cafe open every day (except Christmas). Pony Trekking Centre and small urban farm. Ranger service and events programme with guided walks and family activities. Please phone for details of admission charges.
Sutton Park, Park Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2YT https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/sutton-park-p1352321	2,400 acre National Nature Reserve and is one of the largest urban parks in Europe. The park has open heathland, woodlands, seven lakes, wetlands, and marshes - each with its own rich variety of plants and wildlife, some rarely seen in the region. You can also spot cattle and wild ponies grazing on the land.
Moseley Bog Yardley Wood Road, B13 9JX https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/moseley-bog-p1346571	This local nature reserve, beloved of JRR Tolkien, is rich in wildlife, history and community. Come and explore and have a GREAT Bog Adventure! Moseley Bog is on the site of an old millpond. It is made up of both wet and dry woodland together with patches of fen vegetation which has developed on the site of an old millpond. Joy's Wood is an area of secondary woodland, which has developed on the old gardens along the eastern boundary. Moseley Bog is part of the Shire Country Park.

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Cannon Hill Park, 2 Russell Road, Moseley, B13 8RD https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/cannon-hill-park-p321921	One of the premier parks in the city and has been awarded Green Flag status. With beautiful flowerbeds, lakes, pools and a wonderful collection of trees, it's easy to see why. There's plenty of opportunity for exercise at the park's tennis courts, bowling and putting greens and wildlife enthusiasts can follow the walkways and cycle routes alongside the River Rea. The conservation area within the park includes a 5 acre woodland known as the 'RSPB Centenary Plantation'. There is also a wildflower meadow, which is sown each year with cornfield annuals such as field poppy, cornflower and corn marigold, providing visitors to the park with a spectacle, which is very rare in the urban environment. Traditional forms of land management are used to enhance this beautiful area, less than 2 miles from the centre of Birmingham. The park is an ideal venue for families, with children's play areas and boats for hire on the lake in the summer. There are plenty of picnic areas and refreshments are available at the Garden Tea Rooms. The Midland Arts Centre also has a cafe and bar but is closed for refurbishment from April 2008 for 18 months. The Ranger Service, which organises a year-round programme of events and activities for families and schools is based at the Hall Green and Selly Oak Ranger hub within Kings Heath Park.

OUTDOORS - Walks	
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Graffiti Art of Digbeth Walk Moor Street Queensway, B4 7UL https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/graffiti-art-of-digbeth-walk-p1346341	This fascinating walk shows you some of the amazing graffiti art around Digbeth in Birmingham. The walk starts and ends at Moor St train station (though pick it up wherever!), and is 4 km (3 miles) long. There are cafes and bars along the route to take a break, especially around the Custard Factory, and the Bullring shopping centre is always very close by. You can follow the route for free on the app, or if you are old school, here is a link to a pdf to print and take with you!
Birmingham Tours Moor Street Queensway, B5 4BU https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/birmingham-tours-mary-moore-blue-badge-tourist-guide-p1358371	Mary Moore is a professional Blue Badge Tourist Guide offering coach and walking tours of Birmingham and the Jewellery Quarter. Mary can help you to get the most out of your visit to the City by joining you on your tour where you can learn about Birmingham's historical past and hear about the people who made Birmingham the "Greatest Manufacturing City in the World". During your coach or walking tour of the City she can show you the Jewellery Quarter, the Cadbury's Bournville Estate, Edgbaston and Birmingham University, the Bull Ring. Or you may prefer a separate tour where you can visit areas in the city linked to JRR Tolkien. Mary also conducts Guided Tours of Stratford upon Avon, Warwick, The Cotswolds, Oxford and the Black Country. She looks after Conference Delegates and Partners. Offers Relocation advice to Company's. Familiarisation tours to Journalist and Media visitors. Living close to Birmingham Airport, Mary can offer a Check-in and Meet & Greet and Hotel transfer service. For more information please contact Mary Moore on 0121 705 1364 or 07960 459740.