

new Manchester Walks

**Walks, Talks
& Coach Tours**

**More than 10 years of
expert, enlightening and
entertaining tours in and
around Manchester**

Jan – Dec 2020



POLITICS



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STYLE



HEROES



HEROINES

Welcome to Manchester, the capital of the North, the world's first industrial city – *the* industrial strength city. We at New Manchester Walks have developed a unique and remarkable range of tours covering every aspect of local history.

PRIVATE TOURS

Book any tour, any time, for your WI, Probus, U3A group, social club, history society...


INFORMATION

New Manchester Walks is an official walks, talks and tours outfit of professionally-trained and qualified Blue Badge and Green Badge guides (plus celebrity guests) with decades of experience in the tourism business in Manchester, Liverpool, London and around the world.

Most walks cost little more than £10. Where possible please book on eventbrite to avoid disappointment as many of our tours are now so popular. Walks tend to last up to two hours. Canal and countryside walks are usually longer.

The leaflet has been compiled by Ed Glinert, long-established Manchester, Liverpool and London journalist, tour guide, cruise ships speaker and Penguin author.

Many of our tours are picture led. It all adds to the experience.

 Most city walks are wheelchair accessible.

COACH TRIPS

Book an exhilarating and expertly entertaining tour for your group, club, office or society.

- Panoramic Manchester
- The Beatles' Liverpool
- Coronation Street locations
- Wild and Wuthering Yorkshire
- Football landmarks of Manchester

TALKS

Book a speaker for a talk on all aspects of Manchester or London history: architecture, Marx & Engels in Manchester, the Town Hall Murals, Jack the Ripper, L. S. Lowry, Peterloo, industry and inventions, the Pankhursts, royal scandal down the ages... We do talks at the Portico Library, Gorton Monastery, Central Library, the St James's Club and at a variety of hired venues. Contact Ed Glinert at New Manchester Walks for more details.

WEATHER

No one wants to walk around in torrential rain. Occasionally it might not be possible to conduct a tour through inclement weather. If in doubt, please see website before setting off.

LAST MINUTE CHECKS

Please see website for dates and book with eventbrite, where possible, but do check the website before setting off.

THE MAIN SIGHTS

These are the most magnificent and visited Manchester buildings, linked with our regular tours, perfect for the WI, Probus, U3A, private groups, social clubs, history groups...

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Outside it resembles Rome's Pantheon. Inside there are touches of St Peter's Basilica. All around is Britain's biggest public book collection and a heroes' gallery of the city. *Regular tours; particularly popular with private groups*

CHETHAM'S LIBRARY AND SCHOOL

Ancient 15th century cloisters and corners of a former college of priests that now hosts Europe's oldest library and was where Marx & Engels planned communism. *Monthly tours, mostly midweek, in conjunction with the Cathedral*

JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY

Glorious Gothic architecture, holy texts and priceless artefacts fill one of the world's most awe-inspiring palaces of culture and greatest libraries, built out of the love of a wealthy widow for Manchester's most successful 19th century merchant. *Monthly tours*

MANCHESTER ART GALLERY

One of the greatest collections of Pre-Raphaelites' paintings housed in Charles Barry's Classical-styled former gentlemen's club. *Featured in "The Great Art Treasures of Manchester", the Pre-Raphaelites, Lowry and Valette tours*

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

The heart of mediaeval Manchester and an ancient place of worship. *Monthly tours, mostly midweek, in conjunction with Chetham's*

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

Okay, it's closed for vital repairs for a few years, but Ed Glinert's Town Hall book is the next best thing.

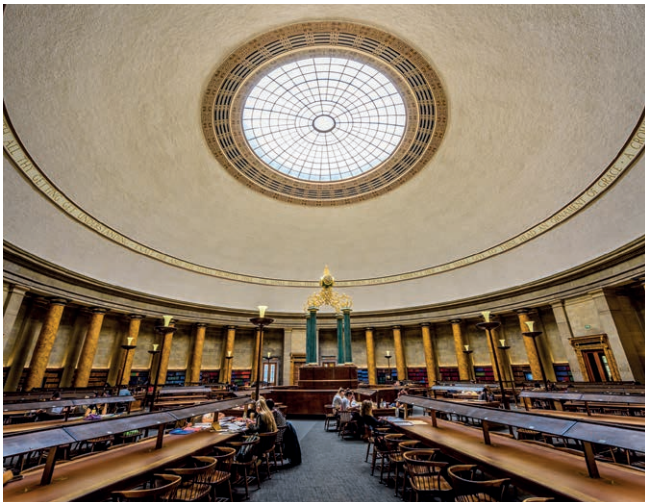
ROYAL EXCHANGE

It was the world's biggest trading room, where top-hatted Victorian gentlemen staged cotton deals and where now the nation's finest thespians trade lines. *Included on various tours: Cotton, John Rylands Library, and The 7 Wonders of Manchester.*

ST ANN'S CHURCH

Manchester's only city centre Georgian church features stunning stained glass windows and magnificent memorials salvaged from long lost places of worship. *Included on the John Rylands Library tour, the Great Art Treasures and the 7 Wonders of Manchester.*

Central Library's Reading Room, modelled on Rome's Pantheon

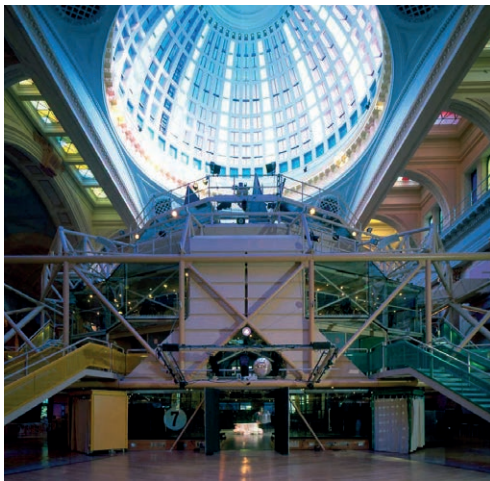


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Visit Manchester



THE MAIN SIGHTS



Clockwise from top:
Rylands Library,
Royal Exchange
Theatre, Manchester
Cathedral and
Chetham's Library

ARCHITECTURE

Classical styled temples, Gothic spires, Italianate palazzi, baroque banks and modernist towers. But did you know, so many major Manchester buildings were deliberately designed to look like an existing European or American structure?

The Town Hall as Ypres Cloth Hall;

The Free Trade Hall, the Palazzo della Gran Guardia;

City Tower, the United Nations Building...

all explained in the tours listed below.

LE CORBUSIER'S MANCHESTER

The most influential architect of the 20th century never came to Manchester but his influence is everywhere.

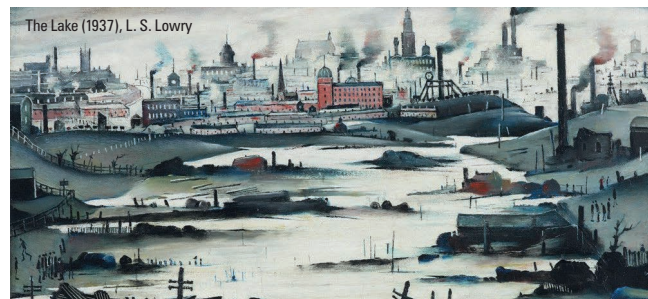
MANCHESTER'S GLORIOUS VICTORIAN ARCHITECTURE

MANCHESTER'S MOST BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS

MASTERPIECES OF MANCHESTER ART & ARCHITECTURE

Manchester is one of the great Victorian cities, a riot of stone in Classical, Italianate, Gothic and Baroque.

ART



Manchester and Salford captured in all their industrial glory by L. S. Lowry, and in strange subdued colourings of mauves and Turner-esque greens by the great French impressionist Adolphe Valette. This is the home of an unrivalled collection of Pre-Raphaelites and the greatest new British religious paintings of the 20th century.

ADOLPHE VALETTE

A Frenchman in Manchester left an unforgettable impression of the city.

L. S. LOWRY'S LONELY LIFE

Spurned, snubbed and sniggered at, Laurence Stephen Lowry (1887–1976) became Britain's most famous and best-loved 20th century painter, whose works sell for millions.

THE PRE-RAPHAELITES

Britain's greatest ever art movement gave us the epic *Work*, the gorgeous *Light of the World*, the disturbing *Scapegoat* and the sumptuous *Autumn Leaves*. Discover the stories behind the paintings on this tour.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL BABYLON

Bungs, Booze, Brawls, Balotelli

FOOTBALL PUB WALK

GEORGE BEST'S MANCHESTER

The Good, the Bad and the Bubbly

MATT BUSBY

The Man Who Made Manchester *united*

THE STORY OF MANCHESTER UNITED

The perfect tours for after-work bonding



A City United



HISTORY ALIVE!



THE 1996 IRA BOMB

The city blasted but not beaten. And if you thought that pillar box is the one that survived the bomb... 15 June 1996 revisited

CORONATION STREET LOCATIONS

An all-day excursion into deepest Weatherfield by tram (not the one that fell into the bistro). Tour led by legendary guide Willie Eckerslike

FORMIDABLE WOMEN OF MANCHESTER

Deeds, not Words

From the tarot-obsessed tea heiress to the Lord Mayor that solved the rubik's cube, via all those Pankhursts, the leader of the Jarrow marchers, and the writer who dissed Dickens. *Regular tours, mostly weekday evenings*

GANGLAND MANCHESTER

"You're nicked, sunshine"

In the sun-starved shadows and cold corners where the streets have no names and angels fear to tread there is another Manchester, a grim, grey, gritty city where the long arm of the law doesn't always reach.

HIDDEN GEMS OF MANCHESTER Jewels in the Crown

You never knew there were there such treasures to behold. *Regular midweek tours*

THE HISTORY OF MANCHESTER IN 20 OBJECTS

From the so-called "Berlin Wall" to the wrongly-called "IRA" pillar box.

IRISH MANCHESTER

Best, Behan, Mick Collins, Dublin Phil, Eamon de Valera, home rule, the Manchester Martyrs and a whiff of the Waxie's Dargle.

During the Irish Festival

JEWISH MANCHESTER

Two walks chosen for the chosen people, looking for traces of the old Jewish Ghetto, including synagogues that are now (non-kosher) shops and the bacon-curing factory alongside Torah Street (yes, really).

ROMAN MANCHESTER

They came, they saw, they conquered. They brought us the clever notion of reading and writing, a new religion (worship of the God Mithras), straight roads and lasagne. And we can now see the only authentic Roman remains!

Beware the Ides of March and all those other months

SLAVERY

12 years a slave? 120 years a slavery-supporting city... until a social conscience took over. Hull gets all the credit, but Manchester had the biggest section of the petition that went to Parliament to abolish slavery.

On October International Anti-Slavery Day

SOUTHERN CEMETERY

One of Europe's largest cemeteries is the final resting place of L. S. Lowry, Matt Busby, Tony Wilson, John Rylands and the forgotten victim of the Munich Air Disaster. *Monthly tours*

in step with the city...

LITERARY MANCHESTER and beyond

Tours covering every aspect of the city's literary history, featuring the Brontes, Anthony Burgess, Lord Byron, De Quincey, Dickens, Gaskell, Ted Hughes, Shakespeare, Shelley and Howard Spring.

Especially during October, the month of the Manchester Literature Festival

CHARLES DICKENS'S MANCHESTER Hard Times

2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the great author's death. Look out for our events in Manchester and London.

TED HUGHES COUNTRY

We recall the elemental, visceral verse of late 20th century poet laureate at his Yorkshire haunts.

ELIZABETH GASKELL'S MANCHESTER
She wrote the first great Manchester novel, *Mary Barton*, using a bizarre pseudonym and then fled to London. Tour includes visit to her restored house.

WILD, WINDY AND WUTHERING HAWORTH

Relive the terror and torment of Wuthering Heights amid the melancholy of the Brontes' lives.

MUSIC

Manchester is the city that gave the world some of its greatest groups: The Fall, New Order, The Smiths, Buzzcocks, Joy Division, Happy Mondays, Oasis...

IAN CURTIS'S MANCHESTER

JOHN COOPER CLARKE
The Beat and Bard of Salford

MANCHESTER IN 12 SONGS
From "Bus Stop" to "God's Cop"

**MANCHESTER MUSIC:
THE HACIENDA YEARS**

MARK E. SMITH'S MANCHESTER

THE SMITHS
From the Moors Murders to Meat Is Murder

We host regular music tours covering every aspect of the city's amplified heritage – and we play the sounds at carefully chosen locations



PLACES

ANCOATS

The world's first industrial suburb, a factory hoot from the city centre, was home to some of the world's oldest mechanised mills, now modern workshops, smart apartments and beard-friendly bars.

Regular tours, including magical night time strolls

ANGEL MEADOW

The seediest and slummiest 19th century Manchester rookery, infested with cholera and criminals, described by Friedrich Engels as "hell on earth". Nice.

Monthly tours

CASTLEFIELD

The Roman birthplace of Manchester became a centre of new industry in the 18th century and has now been spectacularly revived.

DIDSBURY

It's Posh Down South

Manchester's most sumptuous suburb hides many a tantalising tale.

KNUTSFORD

It's classy Cranford in Chi-Chi Cheshire. It's the home town of Mrs Gaskell. It's Tatton, General Patton and the maddest architecture in the North-West.

LIVERPOOL

We have created a series of unique and ingenious tours that go beyond John, Paul, George and Ringo. You'll never walk alone.

NORTHERN QUARTER

Streets named in Mediterranean tiles, pavements slabbed in mosaic, cult markets and cardamom-scented curry cafes. Boho Manchester, cool Manchester, modish Manchester. It's old Manchester renewed and modish Manchester refreshed. It's good, it's modern.

SALFORD

Dirty old town to some or the "real North" to others, the Crescent City is packed with stories of rogues and rough diamonds, religious zealots, reformers, radicals and revolutionaries.

POLITICS

There's left wing. There's right wing. There's New Manchester Walks's political tours. Our inside tours of the People's History Museum bring hundreds of years of history alive.

MARX & ENGELS IN MANCHESTER

By day they were Victorian gentlemen with sedentary lifestyles and smart boots. By night they were rabid radicals roaming the streets with revolutionary fervour. Follow in Marx's and Engels' footsteps through the same hell-holes and high-spots.

PANKHURSTS/SUFFRAGETTE CITY

Time magazine named Emmeline Pankhurst, the Moss Side-born Suffragette leader, as one of the 100 Most Important People of the 20th century. Walk in her Manchester footsteps.

PETERLOO MASSACRE

16 August 1819: some 60,000 local people were attacked by the military at a political demonstration. Within minutes a dozen were dead and hundreds injured. We host a series of walks covering every aspect of one of the defining moments of English history.



in step with the city...

PUB WALKS

THE INTELLECTUAL PUB CRAWL

Ever fancied having a pint while discussing Wittgenstein's principles of psychology? No, nor do we. Your round.

LITERARY MANCHESTER PUB TOUR

It was the best of pints, it was the worst of pints. So begins Charles Dickens's classic drinking novel, *An Ale of Two Cities*.

MARX & ENGELS PUB WALK

What ever happened to Leon Trotsky? Well he never came to Manchester, but Marx and Engels did, and boy did they like a drop.

OLD SALFORD'S SPIT AND SAWDUST PUBS

Quick, get the beers in before the Media City types turn up!



SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

Manchester was the world's first industrial city. (Keep quiet, Birmingham). It was also where atomic theory was devised, the atom first split, the computer invented and graphene isolated. Discover the appliance of science on tours featuring Alan Turing, John Dalton and the atom bomb (not literally).

ALAN TURING

He broke the Nazis' Enigma code, almost invented the computer, and was persecuted to a painful suicide by the ungrateful authorities. A tortured genius and modern martyr. *Regular weekend tours*

COTTON: THE CLOTH THAT CUT MANCHESTER

It grows in the American Deep South, was shipped to the North-West and spun in the mills before being packed and pressed, shown off in palatial warehouses and turned into clothes to dress the world. Cotton's legacy can be found across Manchester, from the Town Hall, topped by a golden cotton boll, to the Royal Exchange where cotton merchants traded in the world's biggest room.

THE WORLD'S FIRST RAILWAY

Adventures on the Wheels of Steel
15 September 1830: thousands gather at the edge of Manchester for the arrival of the iron horse bearing the prime minister and the president of the board of trade. What could go wrong? Everything.



WATER

CANAL CRUISE

Take to the water as we cruise from Castlefield along the Bridgewater Canal, through Pomona Lock into the Manchester Ship Canal and up to the Quays. *Private bookings for groups only*

GRAND CANALS OF MANCHESTER Towpaths and Tunnels, Capstans and Cuttings

Through the old industrial heartlands (east) to Sportcity and its state of the art stadiums or west to radically regenerated Castlefield on our tours of towpath tales and lockside lore.

IN SEARCH OF THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL

LOST RIVERS OF MANCHESTER

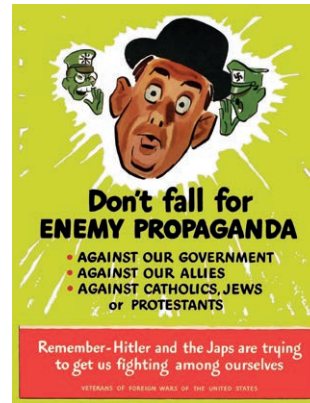
MAPPING THE MEDLOCK

The River that Manchester Forgot

SALFORD QUAYS

Huge docks which once harboured the world's ocean-going liners. Gleaming museums of the modern age. A world famous canal, as deep as Suez, as powerful as the Panama. Here a new city – Media City – has risen, a city of glass, steel and burnished metal, bold and brilliant.

WEIRD & WONDERFUL



CHILLING TALES FROM THE MANCHESTER GRAVEYARDS

Tragic deaths, accidental deaths, hoax deaths, bloody deaths, death by shooting, murders, assassinations, instant death, unexplained deaths, slow tortuous death, decapitations and hangings. Watch out for the graverobbers!

HELL IS A CITY

Savile, Brady, Hindley, Shipman, the Ripper, Hangman Pierrepont & some really bad folk.

HITLER'S PLANS FOR MANCHESTER

Swastika banners on the Town Hall, jackbooted thugs "cleaning" the streets, SSGB – it nearly happened.

STRANGEWAYS NO ESCAPE! No Escape!

The dodgy prison, the edgy streets.

UNDERGROUND MANCHESTER – DON'T MENTION THE WAR

Manchester about to be Blitzed, invasion imminent... let's take refuge in an air-raid shelter and when we come up the Yanks will have brought us oranges and chocolate.



DID YOU KNOW?

Rolls and Royce never met at the Midland Hotel. Everyone thought they did until Ed Glinert, Manchester's most energetic historian, did some basic research.

The three stripes on the city's coat of arms are nothing to do with three rivers.

Thought the pillar box on Corporation Street was the one that survived the IRA bomb? It isn't.

Thought the council built a shelter to shield the public from atomic bombs? No. It was only for VIPs.

Did you know Manchester was close to being the setting for only the second assassination of a British prime minister?

Did you know The Smiths were named after the people who shopped the Moors Murderers to the police?

Thought the Midland Hotel was free of Russian secret service bugs? Huh.

Thought L. S. Lowry was a kindly avuncular old gent? Not quite.

Did you know the army bomb disposal team was only two seconds away from diffusing the 1996 IRA bomb?

MANCHESTER IS MUSIC CITY – 10 REASONS WHY

10cc – I'm Mandy, Fly Me
Buzzcocks – Love You More
The Distractions –
Time Goes By So Slow
Elbow – The Birds
The Fall – Ludd Gang
Happy Mondays – Bob's Yer Uncle
Joy Division – Interzone
New Order – Fine Time
Oasis – Morning Glory
The Smiths – Half a Person
Find out more on our music walks.



Peter Saville's
ingenious cover for
New Order's *Fine Time*