

# **Welcome to Durham City**

## **Attractions**

### 1 Durham Cathedral

This magnificent Norman Cathedral is one of the great architectural experiences of Europe. Founded in 1093, it is the shrine of St Cuthbert and with Durham Castle is a World Heritage Site.

Opening hours:

Mon - Sat 9:30am - 6:00pm, Sun 7:45 - 5:30pm. Evening opening extended to 8:00pm from Sat 16 July until Mon 29 August 2011. (Cathedral open for worship and private prayer Mon to Sat

7:30 - 9:30am and Sun 7:45am - 12:30pm)

NB: Cathedral closed to visitors during evening recitals and concerts. At other times access may be restricted due to services and events.

Charges:

Entry to the Cathedral itself is free (donation requested), though there is a charge for some exhibitions and climbing the tower. Tel. (0191) 386 4266 (Chapter Office) www.durhamcathedral.co.uk

**Enquiries:** 

#### 2 Durham Castle

Dating from 1072 the Castle was the seat of the Prince Bishops until 1837. It now houses University College, the foundation college of Durham University and is open

NOTE: student and commercial activities mean that tour availability varies and tours can be cancelled. For the latest information on guided tour dates and times please contact the Porters Lodge on 0191 334 3800

Opening hours: Entrance is by guided tour only. Each tour lasts about 45 minutes. Term time: Tours are normally available every afternoon of the

week at 2:00pm, 3:00pm & 4:00pm.

Out of term: tours daily, but times vary - please check.

NOTE:-

Closed for the festive season from late December till 3 January

Charges:

Adults £5, concessions £3.50, Family Ticket £12 (max 5 people) Group rate (more than 10 people) adults £4.50, concessions £3 Tel. (0191) 334 3800, www.durham.ac.uk/university.college/tours **Enquiries:** 

\* Due to to refurbishment Durham Castle will be closed from 28th to 31st March and from 4th July to 2nd October 2011.

## 3 The Old Fulling Mill, Museum of Archaeology,

Archaeological museum illustrating the history of Durham City. Highlights include outstanding Roman collections with Anglo-Saxon, Medieval and Tudor finds from the local area. Regular exhibitions and family activities at weekends and during school

Opening hours:

April - October open daily 11am - 4pm

November - March open Fri-Mon 11.30am - 3.30pm

Closed between Christmas and New Year

Adults £1, Child (5-16) and over 60s 50p, Family Ticket (2 adults + Charges:

3 children) £2.50, students & under 5s free

Annual season ticket £5.00 (family £10.00 = 2 adults / 3 children)

Tel. (0191) 334 1823, www.durham.ac.uk/fulling.mill

## 4 Botanic Garden, Durham University, off South Road

22-acre garden set in mature woodland with exotic trees from America and the Himalayas. Features include the Prince Bishops Garden, tropical house, cactus house with butterflies and insects. Visitor centre with changing exhibitions. Café and toilets.

Opening hours:

**Enquiries:** 

March to October: daily 10am - 5pm, November to February: daily 10am - 4pm. Closed between Christmas and New Year.

Charges:

Adults £4, concessions £3, children (5 - 16) & students £1.50

**Enquiries:** 

Season tickets available - ask for details Tel. (0191) 334 5521 for groups 0191 334 6163

www.durham.ac.uk/botanic.garden

## 5 Crook Hall, Sidegate

Described in the Sunday Telegraph as 'stunning', Crook Hall is a beautiful medieval manor house surrounded by romantic gardens including the Secret Walled Garden, a Maze and a Moat Pool. The Hall is just a short walk from Durham's bustling market place yet is a haven of peace and tranquillity. (despite being haunted by the legendary White Lady!) A small courtyard cafe serves light lunches and cream teas.

Opening hours:

11:00am - 5:00pm daily from 17 April to 29 September, closed Friday

Charges:

Adults £6, Children £5, Concessions £5.50, Family ticket £18

Season tickets and group discount available.

Tel. (0191) 384 8028, Email: info@kbacrookhall.co.uk **Enquiries:** 

www.crookhallgardens.co.uk

#### 6 DLI Museum & Durham Art Gallery

'County Durham at War' traces the history of the County Regiment and the story of the World War II home front. 'Art Space' presents an exhibition programme and regular events. Café and shop.

Opening hours:

1 November - 31 March open daily 10am - 4pm, 1 April - 31 October open daily 10am - 5pm. Closed 24 & 25 December. Café open winter 11 - 3.30pm, summer 10.30am - 4.30pm

Charges:

**Enquiries:** 

Adults £3.50, concessions £2.50, child (5 - 16 years) £1.50, (under 5's free) Annual pass available. Group bookings by arrangement.

Charge includes admission to both art gallery and museum Tel. (0191) 384 2214, www.durham.gov.uk/dli

## 7 Fowlers Yard Creative Workspaces, Back Silver Street

Visitors have the opportunity to meet artists and craftspeople as they work and observe different creative processes such as gold-smithing; painting; textile arts; embroidery; tapestry; photography and micro-brewing.

www.fowlersyarddurham.co.uk **Enquiries:** 

#### 8 Gala Theatre and Cinema, Millennium Place

Live entertainment including acclaimed in-house productions, all year round in the 500-seat theatre and rooftop studio. Films on two cinema screens. 'Intervals' Café Bar open Mon - Sat. Function rooms available for hire (0191 332 4052). Nearest car parks: Prince Bishops and Walkergate.

For details of all events and films and online booking visit www.galadurham.co.uk or call the box office on 0191 332 4041

Box Office Opening Hours Mon - Sat 10am - 8.30pm and Sun from 2.30pm - 8.30pm.

## 9 Durham Heritage Centre and Museum, North Bailey

Museum of local history telling the story of Durham, housed in historic church. Audio-visual, brass-rubbing and shop.

Opening hours: April, May & Oct: Sat, Sun & Bank Hol Mon 2pm - 4.30pm

June daily 2pm - 4.30pm July, August & Sept. daily 11am - 4.30pm

Charges: Adults £2.00, concessions £1.50, children 50p **Enquiries:** 

Tel: (0191) 384 5589 (opening hours only) and (0191) 386 8719

www.durhamheritagecentre.org.uk

## 10 Durham Indoor Market, Market Place

Victorian Market established in 1851. Over 60 stalls offering a wide range of goods.

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 9am onwards

Farmers Market, 9.00am - 3.30pm Durham Market Place - 3rd Thursday in the month

**Enquiries:** Tel. (0191) 384 6153 www.durhammarkets.co.uk

## 11 Oriental Museum, Durham University, Elvet Hill

The only museum in the North of Britain devoted entirely to Oriental art and antiquities. Features collections from all major cultures and periods of the East from Ancient Egypt through India, Tibet and China to Japan. Regular exhibitions and family activities.

Opening hours:

Mon to Fri 10am - 5pm, Sat, Sun and Bank Hols 12 - 5pm Closed between Christmas and New Year.

Charges:

Adults £1.50, Child (5-16) and over 60s 75p, Family Ticket-(2 adults and 3 children) £3.50, Students & under 5s FREE

**Enquiries:** 

Tel: (0191) 334 5694, www.durham.ac.uk/oriental.museum

#### 12 Town Hall, Market Place

This fascinating Grade II\* listed building encompasses 700 years of history. The light and airy Reception Gallery hosts a variety of artists' work throughout the year. Venture further by taking a peek into the Crush Hall, stopping to discover the curious life of Count Boruwlaski who at 39 inches (99cm) in height died in 1837 aged 97 years. Marvel at the Hammer-Beam design of the Main Hall, opened in 1851 with its breathtaking stained glass windows and painted panels.

Please note: This is a working building and access may be limited due to booked events. Guided group tours of this fascinating building can be booked in advance, with VIP access to behind the scenes rooms including the Mayor's Chamber, Guild Hall, Burlison Art Gallery and Lantern Room. For hire details or to book a tour call the Town Hall Manager on (0191) 301 8223

#### **Durham Cathedral Bus** (service 40)

Linking Cathedral, Rail Station, Car and Coach Parks and Bus Station (boarding point on North Road) - operates every 20 minutes daily throughout the year (not 25, 26 Dec & 1 Jan)

NOTE: Does not operate on Miner's Gala Day (2nd Saturday in July)

City Guided Walks: from Millennium Place.

June - September: Saturdays & Sundays 2pm. Adults £4, Children £1

Ghosts and Grisly Death Walks: from Millennium Place July - September: Mondays at 7.30pm. Adults £5, Children under 12 £1 Halloween Walk: must be pre-booked on 0191 386 1500

Prince Bishop River Cruiser, by Elvet Bridge: One-hour sightseeing cruise Easter-Oct. Group bookings and privale hire all year. Tel: 0191 386 9525 www.Princebishoprc.co.uk Adults £6.00, Concession £5.00, Children £3.00

Rowing Boat hire, by Elvet Bridge from April - October

Adults £3.50, Children £2.50, Under 4's Free. Based on 1 hour hire - last hire 1 hour before dusk. £10 returnable deposit Tel: 0191 386 3779



For further information on: attractions, events, accommodation and access,

contact: Durham County Tourism Tel: 0191 384 3720 Fax: 0191 386 3015

Email: touristinfo@durham.gov.uk

For more information about attractions in County Durham see: www.thisisdurham.com



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