

# **new Manchester Walks**

**in step with the city...**

**January–May 2012**

**Shortlisted:  
Manchester  
Tourism  
Awards 2011**

**CANAL**  
**RUTHERFORD**  
**COTTON**  
SALFORD DALTON  
**PETERLOO**  
COMPUTER GOTHIC  
**RADICAL**  
MODERN NORTHERN  
CORONATION STREET

**HALLÉ**  
BRIDGEWATER  
**GASKELL**  
QUAYS BUSBY  
ANCOATS  
LOWRY

**MILLS**  
CANAL STREET  
**UNDERGROUND**  
CASTLEFIELD  
COBDEN WHITWORTH  
**INDUSTRIAL**  
PALAZZO TURING  
**RAILWAY**  
DOCKS UNIVERSITY

BAROQUE  
**HACIENDA**  
BLITZ ENGELS  
**RYLANDS**  
**UNITED**  
IRWELL

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Walks cost mostly £6 (£5 concessions).

**New Manchester Walks is an independent walks, talks and tours outfit of professionally-trained and Institute of Tourist Guiding qualified Green and Blue Badge Guides (plus celebrity guests) with decades of experience in the tourism business in Manchester, London and around the world.**

Just turn up for all walks except for Underground Manchester and Canal Cruise which must be booked through Quay Tickets at [www.quaytickets.com](http://www.quaytickets.com), 0843 208 0500.

**Prices: mostly £6 (£5 concessions).** Manchester and Salford Cathedrals: £7 (£6), which includes donation to the Cathedrals. Underground Manchester: £8. Canal Cruise: £15.

Walks usually last up to 2 hours. Explorer walks can take longer.

 Most city walks are accessible. Call for more details.

Please let us know if you're bringing a group.

• All walks and tours can be booked for private groups.

## SATURDAY

### REGULAR TOUR

**Every Sat, from Mar 10**  
**THIS IS MANCHESTER**  
*The Walk The City*

Locals, tourists, visitors and friends – this is the essential guide to the city, taking in the Town Hall, Art Gallery, John Rylands Library, Free Trade Hall, Royal Exchange, Chinatown and more.

*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 12 noon. We take a break half-way for refreshments at an historic Manchester pub. Tour ends about 3pm.*

### JANUARY

**Jan 21**  
**UNDERGROUND MANCHESTER**  
*What You're Overlooking*

Down, down, deeper and down into the very depths of Manchester. Bring stout shoes and a torch. Not suitable for children. Booking essential at [www.QuayTickets.com](http://www.QuayTickets.com), 0843 208 0500.  
*Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street. Tours depart at various times. See Quay Tickets. Cost: £8.*

**Jan 28**  
**PETERLOO**  
*Massacre on the Streets of Manchester*

More than a dozen were killed and hundreds injured at Britain's most infamous political rally.  
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**Feb 18**  
**AIRPORT**  
*100 Years of Flight in Manchester*

*Meet at Airport Station barrier, 10.30am.*

**Feb 18**  
**JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY & THE ROYAL EXCHANGE**

John Ryland's Library – "the Taj Mahal of the North". The Royal Exchange – once the world's biggest trading room and now its greatest theatre-in-the-round. Two classic buildings; one great tour.  
*Meet outside St Ann's Church, 10.30am.*

**Feb 25**  
**CANAL CRUISE**  
*Castlefield To The Quays*

Take to the water on our 3-hour round trip. Booking essential at [www.quaytickets.com](http://www.quaytickets.com), 0843 208 0500. (In association with the Manchester Histories Festival).  
*Meet outside Castlefield Hotel, Liverpool Road, 11.30am. Cost: £15.*

### MARCH

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**Mar 3**  
**THE HISTORY OF MANCHESTER FOOTBALL**

In association with the Manchester Histories Festival.  
*Meet Victoria Station wallmap, a goal-kick from the site of the new National Football Museum. 3pm kick-off.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

When the company secretary of Manchester United went to the bank to draw out the wages in December 1930 he was told the club had no money.  
*Find out more on our football walks.*

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**Mar 31**  
**DARK SECRETS OF LINDOW MOSS**

Stories of murder and sacrifice around an Ice Age bog.  
*Meet outside Wilmslow station, 11am.*

### APRIL

**Apr 7**  
**THE WILDLIFE OF MANCHESTER**

*Meet Victoria Station wallmap, 4pm.*

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### MAY

**May 26**  
**MATT BUSBY**  
*The Man Who United Manchester*

The annual birthday walk in memory of Matt.  
*Meet National Football Museum, Cathedral Gardens, 11am kick-off.*

JANUARY

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**TOWN HALL TOUR**

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**Feb 12**  
**NEW! GORTON MONASTERY & GORTON**

Beautifully restored, Gorton Monastery is a work of Gothic genius that has been placed alongside the Taj Mahal as one of the world's 100 most endangered buildings – yes, in post-industrial Gorton...  
*Meet at the Monastery, Gorton Lane, 11.30am. Cost: £7.50.*

**Feb 12**  
**C. P. LEE'S ROCK 'N' ROLL WALK**

Hilarious tales of music madness from a Manchester legend.  
*Meet Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Street, 2pm.*

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**THE TOWN HALL MURALS**  
**The Stories Behind the Paintings**

A detailed look at Ford Madox Brown's sumptuous Pre-Raphaelite murals in the Town Hall's Great Hall.  
*Meet Art Gallery, Mosley Street, 3pm.*

**Feb 19**  
**THE MANCHESTER EXPLORER: ARDWICK**

Limeworks, ironworks, boilerworks, factories and mills, this was industrial Manchester at its noisiest and dirtiest.  
*Meet Malmaison Hotel, 3 Piccadilly, 11am.*

**Feb 19**  
**RADISSON EDWARDIAN HOTEL & FREE TRADE HALL**  
**5-Star Hotel, 5-Star Tour**

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*Meet Cenotaph, St Peter's Square, 4pm.*

MARCH

**Mar 4**  
**THE PANKHURSTS/ SUFFRAGETTE CITY**

In association with the Manchester Histories Festival.  
*Meet Malmaison Hotel, No. 3 Piccadilly, 12 noon.*

**Mar 11**  
**CONTROL**  
**Ian Curtis's Manchester**

*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 12 noon.*

**Mar 11**  
**NEW! LE CORBUSIER'S MANCHESTER**  
**A Machine for Living In**

Sixty-story steel skyscrapers segregating the city into superconcrete sectors. The shock of the new. It nearly happened...  
*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 3pm.*

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**NEW! EXPLORING LITTLE IRELAND**

Best, Behan, Mick Collins, Engels, Eamon de Valera, home rule, the Manchester Martyrs and a whiff of the Waxie's Dargle. (In association with the Manchester Irish Festival).  
*Meet Oxford Road station, 3pm. Ends at the Ralph Abercrombie pub.*

**Mar 25**  
**MACCLESFIELD**  
**Beyond the Silk Road**

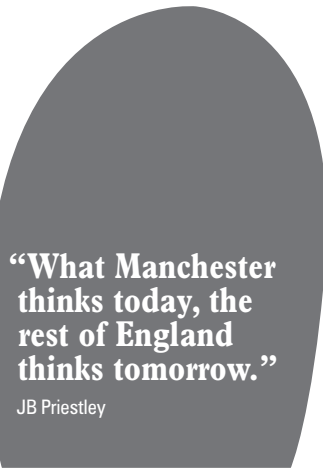
Leave the Mancunian cotton mills for the Maxonian silk mills in a town with a history dating back to the Domesday book that boasts a 13th Century parish church and 16th century school.  
*Meet outside Macclesfield station, 11am.*

**Mar 25**  
**ENGELS & MARX**  
**The Frock-Coated Communists**

From Little Ireland to the site of the Fenian hangings.  
*Meet Oxford Road station, 11am.*

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**The Condition of the Working Class in Manchester**

From the Parliament of the Cotton Lords to the Angel Meadow slums.  
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**"What Manchester thinks today, the rest of England thinks tomorrow."**

JB Priestley

APRIL

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**TORY MANCHESTER**  
**From Disraeli to Dave**

*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.*

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**CHURCHILL VS. MOSLEY**

Fascism, free trade and fisticuffs from two 20th century heavyweights.  
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**Apr 15**  
**DISRAELI, GLADSTONE, COBDEN**  
**Victorian Titans**

*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 3pm.*

**Apr 22**  
**THE WORLD'S FIRST RAILWAYS**  
**Adventures on the Wheels of Steel**

*Meet Victoria Station wallmap, 11am.*

**Apr 22**  
**EXPLORING THE OLD DOCKS**  
**The Key to Salford Quays**

*Meet Media City Metrolink stop, 12 noon.*

**Apr 22**  
**THE SMITHS' MANCHESTER**  
**From the Moors Murders to "Meat is Murder"**

*Meet Oxford Road Station, 3pm.*

**Apr 29**  
**NEW! THE LOST RIVERS OF MANCHESTER**

The Tib, the Dene, Hanging Ditch, Shooters Brook, the Duke's Tunnel, the Corn Brook...  
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**NEW!** **EXPLORING THE MANCUNIAN WAY**

The stories in sight and sound of Manchester's "highway in the sky". Meet *Star & Garter, Fairfield Street, by Piccadilly Station, 3pm.*

**MAY**

May 6

**THE SALFORD EXPLORER A Taste of Honey or Dirty Old Town?**

Here is the heart of history, stories of reformers, religious zealots, radicals and revolutionaries. Includes a break at a well-known Salford pub. Meet *Victoria Station wall map, 11am.*

May 6

**THE RISE OF REVOLUTIONARY MANCHESTER**

Suffragettes, Chartists, Engels, Peterloo – how they made Manchester red. Meet *People's History Museum, Bridge Street, 2.30pm.*

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**MANCHESTER IS MUSIC CITY Our Top 10**

- 1 **The Smiths**  
I Don't Owe You Anything
- 2 **Elbow**  
The Birds
- 3 **808 State**  
Pacific State
- 4 **Joy Division**  
A Means To An End
- 5 **The Distractions**  
Time Goes By So Slow
- 6 **Englandneworder**  
World in Motion
- 7 **Electronic**  
Get The Message
- 8 **Elbow**  
Friend of Ours
- 9 **The Fall**  
Lie Dream Of A Casino Soul
- 10 **Happy Mondays**  
Bob's Yer Uncle

**MONDAY**

**JANUARY**

Jan 30

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**FEBRUARY**

Feb 6

**THE STORY OF MANCHESTER UNITED In Memory of Munich**

Meet *Victoria Station wall map, 11am.*

Feb 6

**MEDIAEVAL MANCHESTER & SALFORD**

**Cloisters and Choirs, Chetham's and the Cathedral**

Europe's oldest library and Britain's widest cathedral; hidden rivers and timber-framed pubs; a Tudor manor house and the first shots in the Civil War. Meet *Victoria station wall map, 3pm.*

Feb 20

**ANCOATS**

The world's first industrial suburb explored in full. Meet *Band on the Wall, Swan Street, 11.30am.*

Feb 27

**TREAD THE BOARDS Manchester Theatreland**

Re-enact the history of Manchester's theatrical past and present; its famous names, plays and players. (In association with the Manchester Histories Festival). Meet *outside Harvey Nichols, New Cathedral Street, 11am.*

Feb 27

**THE OLD SALFORD PUB WALK**

Up and down Chapel Street, in and out of the Eagle, to drink in tales of fervent Victorian vegetarian vicars, Ewan MacColl and *Love on the Dole*. (In association with the Manchester Histories Festival). Meet *Victoria Station wallmap, 6pm.*

**MARCH**

Mar 12

**ITALIAN MANCHESTER Arrivederci Croma**

150 years since *Il Risorgimento* brought ice-cream and Venetian vistas to Manchester. Meet *Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.*

Mar 12

**RUSSIAN MANCHESTER Beyond the Ironic Curtain**

Meet *Victoria Station wallmap, 2.30pm.*

Mar 26

**KNUTSFORD IN THE SPRING Classy Cranford in Chi-Chi Cheshire**

Mrs Gaskell, Tatton, General Patton and the maddest architecture in the North-West. Meet *outside Knutsford station, 11.30am.*

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## APRIL

**Apr 9**  
**EASTER MONDAY CANAL CRUISE**  
Castlefield To The Quays

Take to the water on our 3-hour round trip. Booking essential at [www.quaytickets.com](http://www.quaytickets.com), 0843 208 0500.

Meet outside Castlefield Hotel, Liverpool Road, 11.30am. Cost: £15.

**Apr 16**  
**THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN**

The story of what was the world's greatest newspaper and is now just the *Guardian*. Meet Midland Hotel, Peter Street, 11am.

**Apr 16**  
**THE CANALS OF MANCHESTER**  
West To Castlefield

Meet Malmaison Hotel, No. 3 Piccadilly, 4pm. Ends at the Knott Bar.

**Apr 23**  
**THE COTTON MILLS**  
**OF MANCHESTER**

Dark Satanic monsters of machinery and Mammon.

Meet outside Deansgate railway station, 12 noon.

**Apr 23**  
**ANGEL MEADOW**  
Victorian Hell Hole

Meet Victoria Station wall map, 6pm. Finish at the Marble Arch pub.

**Apr 30**  
**VICTORIAN MANCHESTER**  
The Horrors & The Glories

Meet Oxford Road station, 11am.

## MAY

**May 14**  
**THE CASTLEFIELD EXPLORER**  
Birthplace of Manchester,  
Birthplace of Industry

Meet MOSI reception, Lower Byrom Street, 4pm. Ends at Knott Bar.

## FEBRUARY

**Feb 7**  
**CHARLES DICKENS**  
**IN MANCHESTER**

*The Best of Times, The Worst of Times*

Celebrating the 200th birthday of Britain's most feted author. Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.

**Feb 14**  
**COTTON**  
The Cloth That Cut Manchester

It was the precious plant which made the city rich, and its legacy can be found across Manchester from the Town Hall, topped by a golden cotton boll, to the Royal Exchange where the cotton merchants traded in the world's biggest room.

Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.

## MARCH

**Mar 6**  
**INSIDE SALFORD'S**  
**CATHEDRAL AND CHURCHES**

A Catholic cathedral, a 17th century place of worship and a Waterloo church.

Meet Renaissance Hotel, corner Deansgate and Blackfriars Street, 12 noon. Cost: £7 (£6). Includes donation to the Cathedral.

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A detailed look at Ford Madox Brown's sumptuous Pre-Raphaelite murals in the Town Hall's Great Hall.

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**Mar 13**  
**STATUES, SIGNS & SYMBOLS**  
**ON THE CITY STREETS**  
Manchester's Stone Poses

Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 2pm.

**Mar 27**  
**THE PRE-RAPHAELITES**  
**& THE GREAT ART TREASURES**  
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They were the Brotherhood, Britain's most spectacular school of art, whose legacy fills Manchester Art Gallery alongside masterpieces by Bacon, Bomberg, Sickert and Turner.

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**Mar 27**  
**THE CANALS OF MANCHESTER**  
East To Sportcity

A waterside wander through the old industrial heartland by tumbledown old mills, rotting factories and derelict landscapes, in what was once "the workshop of the world", towards Sportcity with its state of the art stadiums.

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## APRIL

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**TOWN HALL TOUR**

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**Apr 3**  
**DIDSBURY IN THE SPRING**  
It's Posh Down South

Grand villas, Gothic towers and glorious gardens.

Meet outside Café Rouge, 653 Wilmslow Road, 4pm. Ends at The Didsbury pub.

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**Apr 10**  
**THE LITERARY LEGENDS**  
**OF MANCHESTER**

Stories by and about Dickens, De Quincey, Disraeli, Gaskell, Shelley...ends with a tour of the Portico Library.

Meet Midland Hotel, Peter Street, 2pm.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Charles Dickens came to Manchester on 19 occasions. He spoke at the Athenaeum (which still stands) and performed at the Free Trade Hall (which partly does). Find out more on our literary walks, especially the Dickens bicentenary celebration.

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**THE OLD CHURCHYARDS AND**  
**CEMETERIES OF MANCHESTER**

St James-by-Chinatown, St Peter's-at-the-Library, St John's-by-Granada, St Mary Parsonage, the Walker's Croft plague pit ...

Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.

**May 1**  
**THE GRAND HOTELS**  
**OF MANCHESTER**

The Britannia, Queen's, Portland, Grand, Ramada, Palace, Midland – we won't be able to order room service at each but we will find room for some five-star tales before the brown Windsor soup arrives.

Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 2.30pm.

**May 8**  
**THE MANCHESTER EXPLORER**  
In Search of The River Medlock

Meet outside the Lass O' Gowrie pub, Charles Street, 11am.

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## FEBRUARY

### Feb 8 SEDITIONOUS SALFORD

Bolshie Old Town

Fierce tales of riots and radicalism from the red city.  
*Meet People's History Museum, Bridge Street, 11.30am.*

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

The city leaders who built the Town Hall in 1877 wanted a huge statue of Oliver Cromwell by the main entrance but the Tories kicked up such a stink they backed down. *Find out more on our Town Hall tour.*

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## MARCH

### Mar 14 JEWISH MANCHESTER

A chosen walk for the chosen people, following in the footsteps of Marx, Marks & Spencer, Maxwell and a minyan worth of mavens.  
*Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street, 11am.*

### Mar 21 THE PANKHURSTS/ SUFFRAGETTE CITY

*Meet Malmaison Hotel, No. 3 Piccadilly, 11am.*

### Mar 28 ECCENTRIC MANCHESTER

The Weird & The Wonderful

The Pigstick Disrupter, an insulting gravestone, the wrong IRA pillar box and the laziest men in Manchester. These are just some of the local oddities.  
*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.*

## APRIL

### Apr 4 THE CORONATION STREET STORY

The Soap The Street

*Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street, 11am.*

### Apr 11 VICTORIA PARK

Manchester's Model Village

Sumptuous tree-lined streets and spooky crumbling mansions fill Manchester's original garden village.  
*Meet outside the Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road, 11.30am.*  
*Ends at Victoria Baths for the open day.*

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## MAY

### May 2 EXPLORING THE MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL

From the Lowry Hotel to the Lowry Centre.  
*Meet People's History Museum reception, Bridge Street, 3pm. Ends at the Lowry Arts Centre.*

### May 9 JOHN RYLAND'S LIBRARY & ST ANN'S CHURCH

Two worshipped buildings; one awesome tour.  
*Meet outside St Ann's Church, 10.30am.*

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"From Manchester the greatest stream of human industry flows to fertilise the whole world... Pure gold flows. Here humanity attains its most complete development."

Alexis de Tocqueville

"Manchester... the belly and guts of the Nation."

George Orwell  
From "The Road to Wigan Pier", 1937

# "SHOCK CITY" TOURS: EXPLORING THE DARK SIDE OF THE CITY

## FEBRUARY

### Feb 8 **FEAR AND LOATHING IN MANCHESTER**

Suffragettes, Chartists, Engels, Peterloo  
– Manchester's fiery political history.  
*Meet People's History Museum,  
Bridge Street.*

### Feb 15 **SPIES & SPOOKS** Cloak & Dagger Manchester

A message from MI5 about this walk will be  
revealed by dipping this leaflet in invisible  
ink and...  
*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza.*

### Feb 22 **THE HORRORS OF EATING & DRINKING IN VICTORIAN MANCHESTER** What A Load of Tripe

*Meet Victoria Station wallmap.*

## MARCH

### Mar 14 **PSYCHOGEOGRAPHIC MANCHESTER**

Sacred geometry, John Dee, the Masons,  
the Situationists and other weirdness.  
*Meet Victoria Station wallmap.*

### Mar 21 **HANGMAN'S MANCHESTER** A Load of Old Rope

*Meet People's History Museum,  
Bridge Street.*

### Mar 28 **THE MANCHESTER BLITZ** A City All But destroyed

*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza.*

## APRIL

### Apr 4 **GOD'S MANCHESTER** Bible Bashers and Tub Thumpers

*Meet Victoria Station wallmap.*

### Apr 11 **FASCIST MANCHESTER** *No Pasaran!*

*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza.*

### Apr 18 **MANCHESTER'S MURDER MILE** The Killing Fields

*Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street.*

### Apr 25 **THE URBAN WASTELANDS OF MANCHESTER**

*Meet Star & Garter pub, Fairfield Street,  
by Piccadilly Station.*

## MAY

### May 9 **NUCLEAR MANCHESTER** Atoms, Bombs & Radiation

*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza.*

### May 23 **HELL IS A CITY** The Horrors of Victorian Manchester

*Meet Oxford Road Station.*

ALL WALKS START AT 2.30PM.

## REGULAR TOUR

### Every Thurs, from Feb 2 (excluding Feb 16, Apr 5) **MANCHESTER UNCOVERED**

Cherry-picking through the city's  
architectural and historical past & present.  
*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 11am.*

## FEBRUARY

### Feb 2 **TOWN HALL MURALS**

A detailed look at Ford Madox Brown's  
sumptuous Pre-Raphaelite murals in the  
Town Hall's Great Hall.  
*Meet Art Gallery, Mosley Street, 1.30pm.*

### Feb 9 **POLITICS & POVERTY** **HARD TIMES**

Cholera pits, mills and maelstroms,  
scuttlers and hawkers.  
*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 1.30pm.*

### Feb 23 **CITY OF CULTURE**

The greatest collection of art treasures  
ever seen, Britain's oldest orchestra, and  
the country's most spectacular theatre.  
*Meet St Ann's Church, 1.30pm.*

## MARCH

### Mar 1 **ALAN TURING** Tortured Genius of the Computer Age

In association with the Manchester  
Histories Festival. *Meet Manchester  
Museum reception, off Oxford Road, 11am.*

### Mar 1 **THE CASTLEFIELD EXPLORER** Birthplace of Manchester, Birthplace of Industry

*Meet MOSI reception, Lower Byrom Street,  
1.30pm.*

### Mar 8 **TOWN HALL MURALS**

A detailed look at Ford Madox Brown's  
sumptuous Pre-Raphaelite murals in the  
Town Hall's Great Hall.  
*Meet Art Gallery, Mosley Street, 1.30pm.*

### Mar 8 **TOWN HALL IN THE EVENING**

Manchester's magnificent municipal palace  
brought to life by Ed Glinert, author of  
Penguin's "The Manchester Compendium".  
*Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street,  
5.30pm.*

### Mar 15 **CANAL CRUISE** Castlefield To The Quays

Take to the water on our 3-hour round trip.  
Booking essential at [www.quaytickets.com](http://www.quaytickets.com),  
0843 208 0500.  
*Meet outside Castlefield Hotel,  
Liverpool Road, 11.30am. Cost: £15.*

### Mar 15 **LITERARY MANCHESTER**

Tales of opium eaters and clockwork oranges.  
*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 1.30pm.*

### Mar 22 **POLITICAL MANCHESTER** The Radical City

Manchester has long been a cauldron of  
ideas, a powerhouse of progressive politics,  
a spawning ground for the radical and the  
home of the left wing press.  
*Meet Victoria Station wallmap, 1.30pm.*

### Mar 29 **L. S. LOWRY'S LONELY LIFE**

*Meet Art Gallery, Mosley Street, 1.30pm.*

## APRIL

### Apr 12 **THE MODERN ART TREASURES OF MANCHESTER**

Bacon, Freud, Riley, Hockey, Hodgkin...  
*Meet Art Gallery Foyer, Mosley Street, 1.30pm.*

### Apr 19 **BOHO MANCHESTER** The Northern Quarter

Radical Manchester's spirit lives on in this  
thriving creative hub, its music, fashion,  
culture, and art.  
*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 1.30pm.*

### Apr 26 **ADOLPHE VALETTE** An Impression of Manchester

*Meet Art Gallery Foyer, Mosley Street, 1.30pm.*

## MAY

**May 3**  
**POLITICS & POVERTY**  
**HARD TIMES**

Cholera pits, mills and maelstroms, scuttlers and hawkers.  
*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 1.30pm.*

**May 10**  
**POLITICAL MANCHESTER**  
**The Radical City**

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*Meet Victoria Station wallmap, 1.30pm.*

**May 17**  
**TREAD THE BOARDS**  
**Manchester Theatreland**

Re-enact the history of Manchester's theatrical past and present; its famous names, plays and players.  
*Meet outside Harvey Nichols, New Cathedral Street, 1.30pm.*

**May 24**  
**CITY OF CULTURE**

The greatest collection of art treasures ever seen, Britain's oldest orchestra, and the country's most spectacular theatre.  
*Meet St Ann's Church, 1.30pm.*

**May 31**  
**THE MODERN ART TEASURES**  
**OF MANCHESTER**

Bacon, Freud, Riley, Hockney, Hodgkin...  
*Meet Art Gallery foyer, Mosley Street, 1.30pm.*

## REGULAR TOURS

**Jan 27, Feb 10 & 17, Mar 9 & 23,**  
**May 11**  
**MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL**  
**& CHETHAM'S**

The centre of mediaeval Manchester, an ancient place of worship and Europe's oldest library.  
*Meet Victoria Station wall map, 10.30am.*  
*Cost: £7 (£6). Includes donation to the Cathedral.*

**Jan 27, Feb 10 & 24, Mar 2 & 9,**  
**Apr 20, May 4**  
**THE MANCHESTER**  
**ARCHITECTURE TRAIL**

The city's greatest buildings, seen from outside and in, brought to life on a different route each tour.  
*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 1pm.*

**Feb 17, Mar 2, 16 & 30,**  
**Apr 13 & 27, May 25**  
**THE MANCHESTER MUSIC TOUR**

Forget Memphis and Merseybeat, Manchester is Music City with a soundtrack to die for courtesy of The Smiths, Fall, New Order, Joy Division, Elbow, Buzzcocks, Happy Mondays...  
*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 1pm.*

**Jan 20 – Mar 23 inclusive**  
**GHOST, GHOULS & GORE**

Screaming skulls, headless corpses, ice maidens, necromancers and the unspeakable awfulness of being buried alive. It's A Grave Night Out!  
*Meet Victoria Station wallmap, 6pm.*

## JANUARY

**Jan 20**  
**CANAL CRUISE**  
**Castlefield to the Quays**

Take to the water on our 3-hour round trip. Booking essential at [www.quaytickets.com](http://www.quaytickets.com), 0843 208 0500.  
*Meet outside Castlefield Hotel, Liverpool Road, 11.30am. Cost: £15.*

## FEBRUARY

**Feb 3**  
**BEATLES, STONES, WHO, FLOYD,**  
**CREAM, DYLAN, HENDRIX**  
**Manchester In The Days of Rock**

*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 1pm.*

**Feb 10**  
**CANAL CRUISE**  
**Castlefield to the Quays**

Take to the water on our 3-hour round trip. Booking essential at [www.quaytickets.com](http://www.quaytickets.com), 0843 208 0500.  
*Meet outside Castlefield Hotel, Liverpool Road, 11.30am. Cost: £15.*

**Feb 24**  
**THE PRE-RAPHAELITES**  
**& THE GREAT ART TREASURES**  
**OF MANCHESTER**

They were the Brotherhood, Britain's most spectacular school of art, whose legacy fills Manchester Art Gallery alongside masterpieces by Bacon, Bomberg, Sickert and Turner. (In association with the Manchester Histories Festival).  
*Meet Art Gallery, Mosley Street, 10.30am.*  
*Cost: £7 (£6).*

## MARCH

**Mar 2**  
**THE SMITHS' MANCHESTER**  
**From the Moors Murders**  
**to "Meat is Murder"**

*Meet Oxford Road Station, 11am.*

**Mar 16**  
**JOHN RYLAND'S LIBRARY**  
**& ST ANN'S CHURCH**

Two worshipped buildings; one awesome tour.  
*Meet outside St Ann's Church, 10.30am.*

**Mar 23**  
**LOST MANCHESTER**  
**The Vanished City**

Old Shambles, the Manchester Guardian, the Free Trade Hall, Tommy Duck's... where have they gone? We have the pictures!  
*Meet Victoria Station Wallmap, 2.30pm.*

## APRIL

**Apr 27**  
**EXPLORING RED BANK,**  
**STRANGeways &**  
**THE OLD JEWISH GHETTO**

*Meet Victoria Station wall map, 4pm.*  
*Ends at the Derby Brewery Arms pub.*

## MAY

**May 11**  
**BEATLES, STONES, WHO, FLOYD,**  
**CREAM, DYLAN, HENDRIX**  
**Manchester In The Days of Rock**

*Meet Visitor Centre, Piccadilly Plaza, 1pm.*

**May 25**  
**MR HALLÉ'S BAND**

The story of the world's best-known orchestra and its greatest baton-wielders – Richter, Beecham, Barbirolli and Hallé himself!  
*Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street, 11am.*

## PUB WALKS 6PM

**Mar 2**  
**MUSIC PUB WALK**  
**Punks, Pints & Prima Donnas**

*Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street.*

**Mar 30**  
**ALONG THE CANAL**  
**In and Out the Drink**

*Meet Malmaison Hotel, No. 3 Piccadilly.*

**Apr 20**  
**MUSIC PUB WALK**  
**Punks, Pints & Prima Donnas**

*Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street.*

**May 4**  
**REDS, REVOLUTIONARIES**  
**& REAL ALE**

*Meet Malmaison Hotel, No. 3 Piccadilly.*

**May 11**  
**HIDDEN MANCHESTER**  
**PUB WALK**

Far from the madding crowds are the barely-noticed boozers where serious thinking and drinking sets the world to rights.  
*Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street.*

## HIGHLIGHTS

### CANAL CRUISE

Castlefield to the Quays

**Fri 10 Feb, Sat 25 Feb, Sat 3 Mar, Thu 15 Mar, Sat 31 Mar, Easter Mon 9 Apr, Fri 20 Apr, Fri 27 Apr, Bank Holiday Mon 7 May**

Take to the water on our 3-hour round trip from Castlefield, along the Bridgewater Canal, through Pomona Lock, to the Manchester Ship Canal and on to Salford Quays, Media City and Manchester city centre. This is a cruise with engrossing historical commentary. Booking essential through Quay Tickets: [www.quaytickets.com](http://www.quaytickets.com), 0843 208 0500. Cost £15.

*Meet outside the Castlefield Hotel, Liverpool Road, 11.30am. Regret no wheelchair access. Children must be 10+.*

### C. P. LEE'S MANCHESTER

**Sun 12 Feb, Sun 18 Mar, Sun 29 Apr, Sun 27 May**

Hilarious tales of music and movie madness from a Manchester legend.

*Meet Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford St, 2pm.*

### POLITICAL WALKS

Acerbic analysis and awesome anecdotes about Engels, Marx, Cobden, Gladstone, Disraeli, the Pankhursts, Peterloo, Churchill, Mosley, Thatch and Dave on walks devised by Ed Glinert, author of *The Manchester Compendium*. For walks, dates and times, see elsewhere in leaflet. Political walks are run in association with the People's History Museum and usually start or finish there.

### TOWN HALL TOUR

**Sun 22 Jan (12 noon), Mon 30 Jan (5.30pm), Sun 5 Feb (12 noon), Wed 8 Feb (5.30pm), Wed 15 Feb (12 noon), Thu 8 Mar (5.30pm), Sun 18 Mar (12 noon), Mon 26 Mar (5.30pm), Tue 3 Apr (11am), Tue 10 Apr (5.30pm), Tue 17 Apr (5.30pm)**

Explore Britain's grandest Gothic municipal palace with the professionals, whose expertise has been sought by Radio Manchester, and the producers of BBC's *Antiques Roadshow* and *The One Show*. Some rooms may be unavailable at the last minute due to council business but we will endeavour to bring you the best possible tour.

*Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street.*

### UNDERGROUND MANCHESTER

What You're Overlooking

**Sat 7 Jan, Sat 21 Jan, Feb 11, Feb 25, Mar 10, Mar 24, Apr 21, Apr 28 at various times**

As featured in the Manchester Evening News, Daily Telegraph and on Granada Reports, we go down, down deeper and down into the very depths of Manchester. Bring a torch and stout shoes. (Unsuitable for children). Booking essential through Quay Tickets: [www.quaytickets.com](http://www.quaytickets.com), 0843 208 0500.

*Meet Midland Hotel steps, Peter Street. Cost: £8. (Sorry no concessions).*

### PANORAMIC MANCHESTER – BY COACH

From Sportcity, featuring Manchester City's Etihad Stadium in the east, to ultra-modern Salford Quays, Media City and Manchester United at Old Trafford in the west, with the city centre and its Gothic Town Hall in between, this is Manchester at its most magnificent. This tour is for private groups, perfect for clubs, corporate guests, international visitors and tourists.

- **Coronation Street Coach Tour** – ask for details.

### TALKS

New Manchester Walks can do talks on all aspects of Manchester or London history: football, politics, religion, royalty, the history of science, Jack the Ripper, the Olympics and the 2012 Games, the Manchester Ship Canal and the old docks. We have spoken at the Portico Library, Gorton Monastery, to the Gaskell Society, to trades union groups and the U3A. Contact Ed Glinert or Sue Grimditch at New Manchester Walks for more details.

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