

# VISIT HARBOROUGH

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# WELCOME TO THE HARBOROUGH DISTRICT

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Located in the heart of rural England, south Leicestershire, Harborough District is a great place to explore historic market towns, experience off-road adventures and traditional countryside pubs and visit a variety of enticing eateries. It's also home to the iconic Foxton Locks, Britain's largest canal lock staircase.

Being centrally located with excellent transport links means Harborough District is easy to reach for both day visits or longer stays.



# HERITAGE IN HARBOROUGH

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Travel back in time and uncover the past in Harborough District by following heritage trails, visiting local museums and enjoying beautiful views at Foxton Locks; a unique example of engineering on the Grand Union Canal. It's the longest and steepest staircase lock in the UK and the home to the remains of the inclined plane, a Victorian invented boat lift!

## Explore:

- ▶ Market town trails.
- ▶ Canal towpath walks.
- ▶ Historic church trails.
- ▶ Village heritage trails.
- ▶ Battle of Naseby/ Civil War trail.
- ▶ Local museums.



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# MARKET TOWNS

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Take some time to explore the historic towns of Market Harborough and Lutterworth. Both are home to unique independent retailers, boutiques, delicious eateries and are rich in history.

In Lutterworth, you can't miss the Whittle Jet Replica, built in commemoration of Sir Frank Whittle, who invented the jet engine. Visitors will also enjoy the popular Lutterworth Museum and St. Mary's Church, which holds the history of famous Theologian, John Wycliffe.

Originally founded at a crossing point on the River Welland, the town of Market Harborough gained notoriety when the market was given a Royal Charter in 1221.

Whilst here, be sure to visit the Harborough Museum in The Symington Building, the iconic stilted Old Grammar School which dates back to 1614 and the dominantly beautiful St Dionysius' Church.



# ADVENTURE

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If you're looking for adventure, you're definitely in the right place!

Check out the exciting array of activities on offer, whether you're a thrill-seeker wishing to fly high, or speed-hungry go-karter, or a freedom seeking off-roader- there's something for everyone.

- ▶ **Armourgeddon**  
Tank paintballing and more.
- ▶ **Avalanche Adventure**  
Archery, quad biking and more.
- ▶ **Axceler-8 UK Hovercraft Centre**  
Hovercrafting and axe-throwing.
- ▶ **Sutton Circuit**  
Outdoor go-karting.
- ▶ **The Gliding Centre, Husbands Bosworth**  
Flight experiences and lessons.



# CULTURE AND EVENTS

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Keep an eye on our calendar to enjoy a range of award winning cultural events. Harborough District hosts a wonderful range of much-loved shows and festivals throughout the year, including:

- ▶ **Nevill Holt Opera summer festival** where world-class opera combines with award-winning gardens and panoramic views.
- ▶ **Kilworth House Theatre**; a stunning open-air theatre presenting professional musical theatre, set in a beautiful woodland glade.
- ▶ **Popular town centre events**, such as the sell-out Classic Car Show and the exciting and quirky street theatre festival, Arts Fresco.
- ▶ **Harborough Big Weekend** as part of the Leicester Comedy Festival.
- ▶ And much more!

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# FOOD & DRINK

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Treat yourself to the taste of Harborough District.

Why not indulge in a delectable afternoon tea, or enjoy a delicious lunch with a view of the peaceful canal and colourful, handcrafted narrowboats.

You can sample a wide range of mouth-watering international cuisine; Thai, Turkish, Italian, Chinese, Indian, English, Spanish and more!

Take a wander round our historic town centres and grab a bite in the cafes or relax in a traditional country pub garden.

You could even take your adventures further by booking a local food and drink workshop! Distill your own bottle of gin, explore a vineyard, take a sausage making class or produce your own chocolate as a delicious souvenir.



# FAMILY FUN

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There's something for all the family in Harborough District. Make happy memories with these family friendly activities:

- ▶ Windmill Farm Park – family attraction.
- ▶ Wistow Rural Centre & Wistow Maze – a variety of shops and a giant maze.
- ▶ Foxton Locks – canal attraction.
- ▶ Midlands Roller Arena - roller skating rink.
- ▶ Paint Pottle – ceramic art studio.
- ▶ Bird on the Hand – falconry experience.





# MINIBREAK

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There's so much to do and see in Harborough District – why not treat yourself to a minibreak and stay in one of the wide-ranging accommodation options to experience more of the district.

Choose from:

- ▶ Eco-glamping or friendly camp sites.
- ▶ Cosy cabins with private hot tubs.
- ▶ Country B&Bs; great for peaceful countryside walks and picnics.
- ▶ Luxurious rural hotels and traditional manors.
- ▶ Handcrafted unique narrowboats for a night or two afloat.
- ▶ Town based hotel suites for easy reach of night-time entertainment.



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