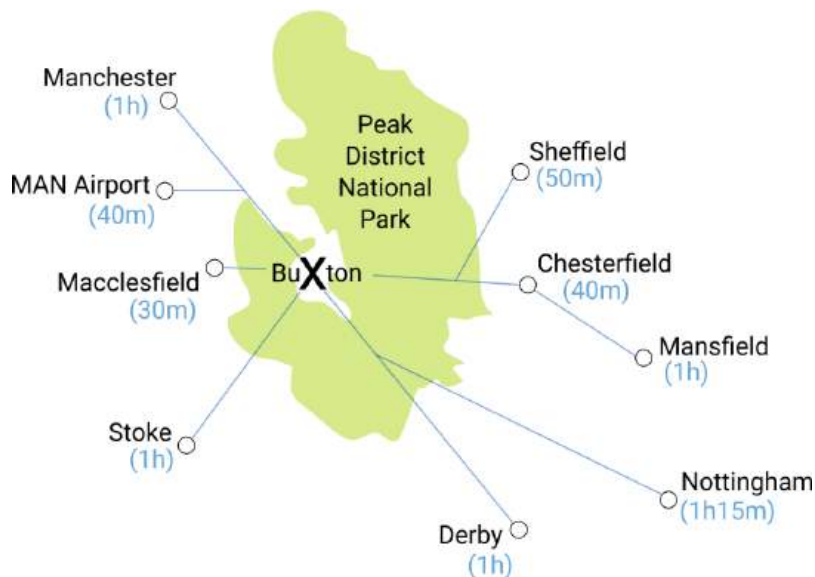




# Visit BUXTON

## Group Travel Pack 2025



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# Welcome to Buxton

Set in the middle of the UK within an hour's drive of Manchester, Derby, Stoke-on-Trent and Sheffield and surrounded by the stunning scenery of the Peak District National Park, Buxton is your ideal base to 'meet in the middle' and to explore the Peak District.

With its rich history and world-class architecture, which sit alongside a vibrant arts scene, packed events programme and traditional, independent shops, Buxton has much to offer, whether for a day, long weekend or a week's stay. We hope you find this guide useful in preparing for your visit. Please contact Buxton Visitor Centre for any further advice. We are here to help.



caters for large groups  
toilets available/nearby



accessible venue/activity  
refreshments available/nearby



coach parking available  
drop-off point available

## Meet & Greet

Be welcomed to the town by Discover Buxton at a venue which suits your itinerary, alongside refreshments or lunch. Discover Buxton can also help coordinate your trip and give guided commentary on your journeys through the Peak District. Contact details below.

## Take the Tour

### Town Walking Tour



07530 457755/01298 79648 | [discoverbuxton.co.uk](http://discoverbuxton.co.uk) | Time: 1.5hrs | Start: Buxton Opera House

Take a guided walking tour with Discover Buxton around the historic lower town; learn about Buxton's rich and colourful history and visit some of its most iconic buildings.

Accessible routes available. A variety of other walking tours and heritage experiences are available including with character guides, people of note from Buxton's past.



### Poole's Cavern

01298 26978 | [poolescavern.co.uk](http://poolescavern.co.uk) | Time: 2hr | Start: Poole's Cavern Visitor Centre

Take a journey beneath the earth with expert guides and explore the vast limestone caverns which have formed over millions of years.

Tour take ~50 minutes, 30 max per guide, tours every 20 mins. The cavern is accessible by wheelchair for 100m followed by 28 steps with handrails.

# What to Do

## Buxton Opera House



01298 72190 | [buxtonoperahouse.org.uk](http://buxtonoperahouse.org.uk) | Time: 2-3hrs

The beautiful Buxton Opera House is one of Britain's leading receiving theatres, presenting ~450 performances each year. Backstage tours are regularly available.

Flat access via side entrance. Group discounts available with selected performances.



## Devonshire Spa

01298 338408 | [devonshire-spa.co.uk](http://devonshire-spa.co.uk) | Groups: 10 min

A haven of peace and calm in the leafy Devonshire Park with spa and beauty treatments. Perfect whether you need to soothe, relax or invigorate.

Flat access. Exclusive hire and group bookings, including for hen parties, are available for groups of 10 or more.

## Buxton Crescent Experience



01298 214577 | [buxtoncrescentexperience.com](http://buxtoncrescentexperience.com) | Time: 1.5hrs | Start: The Pump Room

Discover the history of Buxton and the people who came to seek the miracle cure of the famous thermal waters with this fun and fact-filled experience.

Explores nine themed rooms inside the Grade I-listed, Georgian Buxton Crescent. Accessible by wheelchair. 'Sparkling' group tours with Prosecco and after-hours group tours are available.



## Buxton Crescent Thermal Spa

01298 808999 | [ensanahotels.com/en/hotels/buxton-crescent/spa](http://ensanahotels.com/en/hotels/buxton-crescent/spa)

21st century pampering in elegant surroundings with thermal pools, spa treatments, saunas, a salt cave, fitness studio, beauty salon and café.

Flat access. 22 treatment rooms, 3 pools.

## Go Ape



01603 895500 | [goape.co.uk/locations/buxton](http://goape.co.uk/locations/buxton) | Time: 2-3hrs | Groups: 10 min

A thrilling high ropes experience up in the trees of Grin Low Woods. Climb up rope ladders, tackle tricky crossings and experience super-fast zip-lines.

Closed December & January.



## Forest Distillery

01260 253245 | [theforestdistillery.com](http://theforestdistillery.com) | Time: 2-3hrs | Groups: 8 max

The UK's highest-altitude distillery located in the old Cat & Fiddle pub. Book a guided tour and tasting or enjoy a drink at the bar over-looking the Cheshire plains.

Wheelchair access via a side door. Dogs welcome.



# What to See

## Buxton Crescent



01298 808999 | [visitbuxton.co.uk/the-crescent/](http://visitbuxton.co.uk/the-crescent/)

Buxton Crescent, a Grade I-listed Georgian building, has been restored into a health spa hotel. Take a walk under the colonnade, visit the shops or pop in for refreshment.

Buxton Crescent is accessible via slopes at the sides of the colonnade.



## The Pump Room

01298 214577 | [buxtoncrescentexperience.com/pump-room/](http://buxtoncrescentexperience.com/pump-room/)

The Grade II-listed Victorian Pump Room, opposite Buxton Crescent, is home to the Buxton Visitor Centre with gift shop offering a wide selection of local crafts and souvenirs.

Sloped/flat access and low serving counter.

## St Ann's Well

[visitbuxton.co.uk/st-anns-well/](http://visitbuxton.co.uk/st-anns-well/)

Buxton's thermal waters are some of the purest natural mineral waters in Europe. Fill up your bottle from St Ann's Well, just next to The Pump Room.

Not currently accessible by wheelchair – visit the well in the Pump Room.



## Devonshire Dome

[visitbuxton.co.uk/devonshire-dome/](http://visitbuxton.co.uk/devonshire-dome/)

The Devonshire Dome, once the largest dome of its type in the world, dominates the Buxton skyline. Home to Buxton & Leek College, a visit inside is breath-taking.

Accessible via slope, flat access once inside. Access and photography inside restricted during college hours.

# Where to Go

## Pavilion Gardens



01298 23114 | [paviliongardens.co.uk](http://paviliongardens.co.uk) | Time: 1-4hrs

A wonderfully historic venue nestled within 23 acres of beautiful gardens, the pavilion is a natural hub for many visitors and hosts events throughout the year.

Hosts the Gallery in the Gardens and Buxton Cinema. Flat access throughout with lift to Pavilion Arts Centre. No wheelchair access to Art Café. Changing Places toilet available.



## Solomon's Temple

[visitbuxton.co.uk/solomons-temple/](http://visitbuxton.co.uk/solomons-temple/)

The iconic 'Solomon's Temple' (or Grin Low Tower to give it its proper name) is a must-see. This folly, atop Grin Low at the edge of the town, affords a 360° view.

Access from Poole's Cavern Visitor Centre car park and Temple Fields through Grin Low Woods (uneven but gravelled paths) or from Grin Low Car Park.

# Where to Stay

Buxton has more than its share of great hotels.

For a full listing of places to stay, visit [visitbuxton.co.uk/accommodation/](https://visitbuxton.co.uk/accommodation/).

See information about group accommodation at [visitbuxton.co.uk/groups/group-accommodation/](https://visitbuxton.co.uk/groups/group-accommodation/).

## Palace Hotel



0871 221 0253 | [theelitevenueselection.co.uk/palace-hotel-buxton/](https://theelitevenueselection.co.uk/palace-hotel-buxton/) | Rooms: 186 | Max Capacity: 400

Built in the 1860s, in the style of grand spa hotels and standing proud above the town centre, the Palace Hotel provides a great atmosphere for your stay.

Wheelchair-accessible bedrooms available. Access to hotel via a side door. Swimming pool, gym and beauty rooms available.



## Old Hall Hotel

01298 22841 | [ensanahotels.com/old-hall-hotel/en](https://ensanahotels.com/old-hall-hotel/en) | Rooms: 36 | Max Capacity: 80

The historic Old Hall Hotel housed Mary Queen of Scots in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. Lovingly restored in the 1980s, the hotel is now operated by Ensana.

Wheelchair accessible although its lift is only 67cm wide.

## Buxton Crescent Hotel



01298 808999 | [ensanahotels.com/en/hotels/buxton-crescent](https://ensanahotels.com/en/hotels/buxton-crescent) | Rooms: 81 | Max Capacity: 160

Built in the 1780, the Buxton Crescent is one of the most impressive Georgian buildings in the country. Reopened in 2020, it offers luxury and comfort.

Wheelchair-accessible via inclines at side of building. Flat access to bedrooms. Access to spa included. Offers for groups across 8+ rooms. Group catering and private dining available.



## Wellwood Lodge

07786 380889 | [www.wellwoodlodge.co.uk](https://www.wellwoodlodge.co.uk) | Rooms: 6 | Max Capacity: 14

A spacious house to the north of the town centre in the leafy Devonshire Park offering self-catering accommodation for family and friendship groups.

Not wheelchair accessible. Dogs welcome.

## Foxlow Grange



0114 489 3773 | [museescapes.com/](https://museescapes.com/) | Apts: 8 | Max Capacity: 30

Eight beautifully-designed self-catering apartments in a stunning Victorian house in a quiet spot in Harpur Hill, one of Buxton's outer villages.

Dogs welcome. EV charging. Bespoke packages available.



## Wheeldon Trees Cottages

01298 605599 | [wheeldontreescottages.com/](https://wheeldontreescottages.com/) | Cottages: 10 | Max Capacity: 36

Ten cottages up in the hills surrounding Buxton, near the village of Earl Sterndale. With games room, children's play area, bike hire and EV charging.

Fully accessible cottage available. Dogs welcome. Wedding packages available.

# Where to Shop

## Spring Gardens



[thespringsshoppingcentre.co.uk](http://thespringsshoppingcentre.co.uk)

Spring Gardens is the principal shopping street in Lower Buxton which, along with The Springs Shopping Centre, offers national retailers to independent shops.

Flat access. Sylvan Coach Park and public toilets are located at the eastern end.



## Lower Buxton

[visitbuxton.co.uk/shopping/](http://visitbuxton.co.uk/shopping/)

Also in Lower Buxton, a variety of independent shops around the Buxton Crescent, The Square and in the Cavendish Arcade, a boutique shopping mall in the old hot baths.

The Cavendish Arcade is wheelchair accessible. Bus stop to the east of the Cavendish Arcade.

## Higher Buxton



[buxtonmarkets.co.uk](http://buxtonmarkets.co.uk)

Head to Higher Buxton, the heart of the old village, and explore the independent retailers situated around the highest market place in England and along the High Street. Markets take place every Tuesday and Saturday, weather-permitting.

Bus stops are situated along the main road. Wheelchair access varies due to hillslopes.



# Where to Eat

Buxton is a great place to eat out, thanks to the many independent establishments unique to our town. For a small town in the hills, there is a refreshingly good variety of world-wide cuisine. For a full listing of places to eat, visit [visitbuxton.co.uk/food-drink/](http://visitbuxton.co.uk/food-drink/).

## Group Dining

Catering for large groups is available at the following venues:

Old Sun Inn (*max capacity 20*)  
No.6 The Square Tearooms (40)  
Baileys Bar & Restaurant (50)  
Old Hall Hotel (90)  
The Vault (100)  
Buxton Crescent Hotel (120)  
Palace Hotel (300)  
Pavilion Gardens (450)

## Other Venues

Group dining is also available at the Premier Inn, Lee Wood Hotel, Cavendish Golf Club, Old Clubhouse, Buxton & High Peak Golf Club and the Railway Inn. See more at [visitbuxton.co.uk/groups/group-dining/](http://visitbuxton.co.uk/groups/group-dining/).



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# Where to Meet

Buxton is an excellent place for conferences and corporate events with many companies and organisations choosing the town for its central location, travel links, prestigious and iconic venues, beautiful surroundings, accommodation, restaurants, activities and arts and culture.

## Meeting Rooms

Rooms are available for conferences, meetings and exhibitions at the following venues:

No.6 The Square meeting room (max capacity 12)  
Pavilion Gardens board room (20)  
Old Hall Hotel function rooms (30)  
The Pump Room (evenings only) (70)  
Buxton Crescent Hotel function rooms (186)  
Palace Hotel function rooms (900)  
Pavilion Gardens Octagon Hall (1000)

Other venues include the Lee Wood Hotel and Buxton Methodist Church. See more at [www.visitbuxton.co.uk/conferences/](http://www.visitbuxton.co.uk/conferences/).



# When to Visit

Buxton welcomes visitors all year round with events taking place most weekends. The town is nationally renowned for its festivals, fair and markets with live music most nights of the year. Whatever the weather, whatever the season, it's a good time to visit Buxton!

Year-round events include weekly markets, antiques fairs, toy and collectors fairs, book fairs, record fairs classic car fairs and auctions, artist and designer fairs and special food fairs.

## Festivals & Annual Events

**January:** Varna International Ballet

**February:** community pantomime

**March:** English Touring Opera, Easter Extravaganza

**April:** Spring Spectacular

**May:** Buxton Spring Fair, Buxton Comic Con, Decorative Antiques & Art Fair, Buxton Music, Speech & Drama Festival

**June:** Rotary Fair & Annual Bazaar, Hillhead Show, Buxton Health & Healing Festival

**July:** Buxton Well Dressing Festival & Carnival, Railex Buxton, Buxton International Festival, Buxton Festival Fringe, Buxton Flowerpot Trail, Buxton Day of Dance, Buxton Pride  
Buxton Food & Drink Night

**August:** International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival, Eat in the Park, Bank Holiday Special, Buxton Summer Fair, Buxton Heritage Weekend

**September:** Heritage Open Days, Buxton Georgian Festival

**October:** Autumn Fair, Halloween events, English Touring Opera

**November:** Bonfire Night & Fireworks, Winter Lights Switch On, Dickensian Market

**December:** Christmas markets, Santa's Grotto, family pantomime, Boxing Day Concert, New Year's Eve Gala



For further details and other events, see the 'What's on When' calendar at [visitbuxton.co.uk/plan-your-visit/whats-on-when/](http://visitbuxton.co.uk/plan-your-visit/whats-on-when/).

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# Example Itineraries

## Half Day

### Base: Pavilion Gardens

Meet & Greet with Discover Buxton at the Pavilion Gardens Restaurant (with tea and coffee), Lower Town Walking Tour with Discover Buxton, free time for shopping, wandering around the Gardens or visiting the Buxton Crescent Experience.

### Base: Poole's Cavern Visitor Centre

Poole's Cavern cave tour and a wander through Grin Low Woods to Solomon's Temple.

## Full Day

### Base: Pavilion Gardens

Meet & Greet with Discover Buxton at the Pavilion Gardens Restaurant (with tea and coffee), Lower Town Walking Tour with Discover Buxton followed by lunch at Baileys Bar & Restaurant on The Quadrant. In the afternoon, either a matinee show at Buxton Opera House, visiting the Buxton Crescent Experience, a relaxing spa treatment at the Devonshire Spa or a stroll around the Pavilion Gardens, followed by free time for shopping.

### Base: Poole's Cavern Visitor Centre

High ropes adventure Go Ape for those feeling adventurous or a more leisurely wander through Grin Low Woods to Solomon's Temple for those who are not, followed by lunch at the Café at the Cavern. In the afternoon, enjoy a look round the visitor centre museum followed by a tour down Poole's Cavern.

### Base: Pavilion Gardens in morning, Poole's Cavern Visitor Centre in afternoon

Meet & Greet with Discover Buxton at the Pavilion Gardens Restaurant (with tea and coffee), Lower Town Walking Tour with Discover Buxton or visit to the Buxton Crescent Experience, followed by lunch at No.6 The Square Tearooms. In the afternoon, head up to Poole's Cavern for a cave tour followed by a wander through Grin Low Woods up to Solomon's Temple.

## Overnight

Pick any of the full day suggestions above followed by some of the evening entertainment below. Then enjoy a peaceful night's sleep at one of our characterful hotels.

### Evening Base: Lower Buxton

Dine at the Old Hall Hotel with views over the Pavilion Gardens and then enjoy an evening show at the Buxton Opera House or Pavilion Arts Centre or an after-hours tour of the Buxton Crescent Experience. Finish off the night with cocktails at the Buxton Crescent Hotel bar, Darwin's.

### Evening Base: Higher Buxton

Treat yourself to a home-cooked meal at the cosy Old Sun Inn or the more modern café-bar The Vault on the High Street. Afterwards, head to one of the nearby pubs for some live music or perhaps a quiz.

## Longer

Combine your visit to Buxton with a Peak District adventure! With our central location, the town is an ideal base to explore the area. Visit magnificent stately homes, such as Chatsworth, or head into the hills to see what the National Park has to offer. There is more information about nearby attractions on the next page.

Discover Buxton offers guided commentary aboard coaches and can help you develop a bespoke itinerary to suit your interests. Find out more at [discoverbuxton.co.uk](http://discoverbuxton.co.uk) or call 01298 79648.

# Beyond Buxton

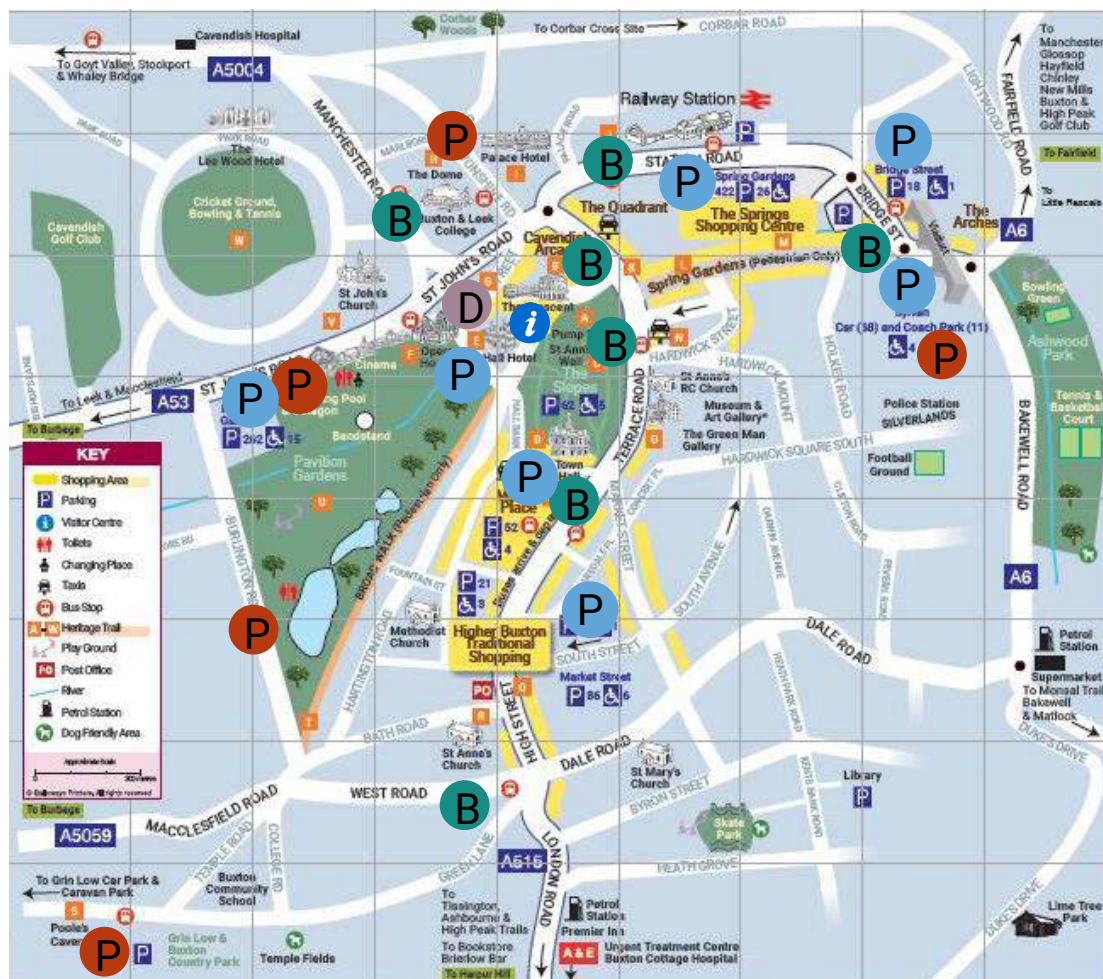
Buxton is the ideal base for your visit to the Peak District, being within a 45 minute drive of most attractions in the area including Chatsworth, Lyme, Peak Wildlife Park, Alton Towers, Heights of Abraham, Peak Cavern, Arbor Low and Dovedale. With a number of bus connections and a train line to Manchester Piccadilly, there are plenty of onward travel choices.

## BUXTON in the Peak District





# Where to park



- P car parking
 P coach parking
 D drop-off point
 B bus stop

There are 4 coach bays along Burlington Road and 2 short-stay bays along Devonshire Road. There is space for 4 coaches at Poole's Cavern Visitor Centre car park. There are 11 spaces at Sylvan Coach Park.

Additional parking can be arranged on the Pavilion Gardens promenade, subject to space.

For the latest travel and weather information, see the 'Peak Travel Watch' and 'Buxton Weather Watch' pages on Facebook.

## We look forward to welcoming you



**Any questions?** Contact Buxton Visitor Centre, The Pump Room, The Crescent, Buxton, SK17 6BH  
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Let us know you're coming!

## Group Booking Form

Name of Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominated Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

On-the-Day Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Coach Driver/Organiser: \_\_\_\_\_

On-the-Day Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. Time of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. Time of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Passengers (approx.): \_\_\_\_\_

Accessibility Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Meet & Greet Service (Discover Buxton): YES / NO

Buxton Town Guide for each passenger (if available): YES / NO

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