

Living in Birmingham



Vibrant and diverse, Birmingham is a European centre for retail, commerce and culture. Appropriately, its civic motto is 'Forward', and it is the driving ambition and attitude of the city which makes Birmingham a great place to work, live and study.

Birmingham has a history of welcoming people from all areas of the world to meet, talk, trade and settle. It is a truly multicultural city and this is reflected in its restaurants, shops and cultural offerings.



With a proud heritage and modern outlook, the city boasts excellent entertainment for all tastes with a range of leading theatres, museums and galleries, including our own **Barber Institute of Fine Arts** (<http://www.barber.org.uk/>) and music venues from the LG Arena to the NIA.

A thriving commercial centre, Birmingham has been transformed into a city for young professionals. It is more than somewhere to study for our students; it's somewhere to build a successful future.

The city has shaken off its industrial image with investments of around £9 billion and has emerged as a confident, modern, commercial centre. Around 40% of our students choose to stay in the region following graduation adding to the energy of our forward moving and forward thinking home.

In and around Birmingham

The city of Birmingham – ideally placed for travel:

- Just two hours from London by train
- Only 30 minutes away from Birmingham International airport
- Close to the countryside of Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire
- Within easy reach of historic Stratford-Upon-Avon
- Great for visiting national landmarks such as Warwick, Kenilworth and Ludlow castles



Visit Birmingham is the official tourist information website for the city of Birmingham. From here you can find out about the wealth of opportunities available for those who live and work in Birmingham. See the **Visit Birmingham** (<http://www.visitbirmingham.com/>) website.