

## Activities Overview

There are so many social, cultural and leisure activities in and around Birmingham. This is a small selection of the possible trips, visits and adventures available.

1. **The Tolkien Trail** This area is the childhood home of JRR Tolkien - creator of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. Wander through the fields where he grew-up, visit Sarehole Mill and finish by having a bite to eat at The Hungry Hobbit café.
2. **Bostin Brum** Take a guided tour around Birmingham, discovering its industrial past and industrious present. Explore its architecture, canalside, shopping and nightlife.
3. **Shakespeare's Stratford** Hop on a short train trip down to Stratford, home of our national poet and playwright. When you visit the town, you can meander through the old streets or take in a play at the newly re-furbished Royal Shakespeare Theatre.
4. **Cricnic** Join us for a community 6-a-side cricket picnic! If you have never played cricket before, it doesn't matter. Nothing could be more English than eating a picnic while watching cricket or more fun than playing this very modern, quick-fire game.
5. **The Faiths Forum** What happens when very ordinary people from very different communities get together and make extraordinary things happen. Hear about the work of the Birmingham Faiths Forum and see multi-faith Britain in action.
6. **Moseley Bog** Spend an afternoon working with the Wildlife Trust in Moseley Bog - the area of woods and wetland next to us at HELLO English. Learn how to coppice saplings or prepare hedgerows so that the woods become more sustainable.
7. **Edgbaston** Watch an evening game of T20 Cricket at Edgbaston, the home of Warwickshire County Cricket Club. Fast-moving, bright and noisy!
8. **Balti Triangle** Birmingham is the home of the famous Balti Triangle, an area of South Asian restaurants which will provide you with spice and satisfaction in equal measure.
9. **Cadbury World** The clue is in the name. Take an entertaining trip around the world of chocolate, and eat the evidence!
10. **The Barber Institute** Described as 'a jewel of a collection', this manageably sized gallery houses a wonderful collection of fine art from renaissance to the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
11. **Malvern** A short train-ride away is Malvern - birthplace of the composer Edward Elgar. We can explore this market town before walking up and across the Malvern Hills to the friendly folk at The Brewer's Arms, where there are great views, good food and excellent beer. Then a slightly slower walk back!
12. **The Jewellery Quarter** Great to explore with an excellent Museum of Jewellery.
13. **Blakesley Hall** Visit this Elizabethan manor house and learn about local history.
14. **Midland Arts Centre** Enjoy films, theatre, music, and exhibitions at the MAC.
15. **Motorbikin'** Visit the Motorcycle Museum and see famous motorbikes old and new.
16. **Villa Park** Hear the roar: tour around the ground of premiership club Aston Villa.
17. **Black Country Museum** Showing ordinary life from days past in the West Midlands.
18. **Tyseley Railway Museum** Visit Thomas the Tank Engine at our local railway museum.