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a historic setting, visit St George's Hall in the heart of Bradford. This listed concert hall is the oldest still in use in Britain, and the third oldest in Europe. The hall has hosted internationally famous acts such as Iron Maiden, David Bowie, Kiss and even Charles Dickens. Today, you can still catch big name performances, or grab something to eat at the in-venue bistro. St George's Hall is one of the most iconic places in Bradford to experience some evening entertainment. 13. The Broadway Source: Alastair Wallace / shutterstockThe Broadway There is no better place in Bradford to do some shopping than The Broadway. This is Bradford's new leisure and retail complex, featuring big name brands and chain stores in one place. Conveniently located in Bradford town centre, The Broadway is open every day to suit all your retail therapy needs! Check out the food court for a place to recharge and recover during your spree. 14. East Riddlesden Hall Source: Alastair Wallace / shutterstockEast Riddlesden Hall East Riddlesden Hall is a 17th century manor house that once belonged to a cloth merchant. The hall is situated in peaceful and picturesque surroundings whilst the interior has been carefully protected to ensure its historical accuracy. Scenes of 17th century life have been re-created with authenticity, including needlework from the period, original pieces of furniture, and original room design with ornate ceilings. Admire the stately architecture from the outside before exploring the exquisite gardens. The gardens are bordered by colourful flowers and showcase a slice of history with the Herb Garden, which was once used in local medicine. Use the gardens as a starting point for walks into the local woodland and countryside, or visit the Great Barn which is one of the largest in northern England. Take a break in the tea-house and café whilst children play in the Mud Pie Kitchen or explore the nearby hobbit hole. This is a beautiful and historic location, perfect for a family-friendly day out. 15. Salts Mill Source: mark mc neill / shutterstockSalts Mill Once a textile mill, Salts Mill is now an art gallery and entertainment complex. The building is a stunning icon of industrial Bradford and an impressive example of the evolution of trade in northern England. Visit the galleries for the UK's only permanent exhibition on David Hockney's art, as well as to learn about the history of the mill and the local area. Afterwards, spend some time shopping for art supplies, musical equipment, home décor, jewellery and more, all provided by local businesses. Finish your trip with a bite to eat at the Diner, or sip a coffee at the Espresso Bar. Salts Mill is a quirky way to experience a slice of Bradford's arts and culture scene. 16. Cliffe Castle Museum Source: Alastair Wallace / shutterstockCliffe Castle Museum Cliffe Castle is an impressive neo-Gothic structure that now houses the Cliffe Castle Museum. The castle was originally built in the early 19th century and decorated to its current gothic style. The castle still houses glorious and imposing Victorian architecture and beautiful stained glass windows, which you can explore as part of the museum. The museum is dedicated to celebrating the beauty of the castle and exploring local history. There is a gallery on-site that showcases industrial tools and fossils from the nearby River Aire. The museum holds an expansive collection of items from natural history, archaeology, and local history, making it an ideal way to learn more about Bradford and its surrounding countryside. 17. Little Germany Source: derek oldfield / shutterstockLittle Germany, Bradford Little Germany is a bustling area of Bradford, featuring plenty of history and eye-catching architecture amongst the diverse array of shops and cafes. Little Germany began in the mid-19th century, originally home to Jewish merchants from Germany. In order to aid their businesses, these merchants constructed towering warehouses, which still line the streets of the area. These warehouses feature original Victorian architecture with slight differences in style depending on the company they were originally built for. This makes a stroll through Little Germany a fascinating journey through history and time. It is also one of Bradford's busiest commercial areas, with some of the best sandwich shops, bakeries and cafes on offer in the town. Cap off a visit to Little Germany with a trip to the Bradford Playhouse, a popular local theatre. 18. Saltaire Source: jremes84 / shutterstockRoberts Park, Saltaire Saltaire is home to entertainment complex Salts Mill, and a World Heritage site. It was built in 1851 for a wool business, providing an entire living and working complex for employees. The original stone houses built for workers are still standing today, as well as the historic church. The original architecture and buildings have been well-preserved, so stop by Victoria Hall to imagine the official meetings that once occurred here, or stroll through Roberts Park where workers would have relaxed. A trip to Saltaire village is like travelling back in time to Victorian Bradford. It is a fascinating site loaded with history, beautiful architecture, and culture. There are also plenty of local businesses on-site to offer something to eat or drink in between your adventures. This is an unmissable experience. 19. Ilkley Source: Gordon Bell / shutterstockIlkley Ilkley is one of the oldest areas surrounding Bradford. The moor here is believed to be one of the earliest settlements in the area, with carvings and archaeological finds dating from around 1800 BC. Across Ilkley, you will find ancient stones, the purposes of which are still unknown. Learn about the Roman history of the area in the Manor House, which documents the existence of a nearby Roman fort, as well as housing art and items of natural history. In Victorian England, Ilkley was a spa town, famed for its fresh air and local food. In 1859, Charles Darwin stayed in Ilkley to improve his health. For the literary-minded, attend one of Britain's oldest literature festivals and best arts events, Ilkley Literature Festival. Ilkley is an excellent place to learn more about West Yorkshire history and the influence of Bradford on English culture. Its fantastic rural location also makes it an ideal place to start walking, hiking or biking into the Yorkshire countryside. 20. Curry Capital Source: Joshua Resnick / shutterstockCurry Bradford is home to a thriving Asian community and over 200 Asian restaurants. It is considered to be Britain's 'Curry Capital', with plenty of unique cuisines to taste in its numerous curry houses. For an informal and authentic café experience, try Karachi in Bradford's West End. This is one of the city's most famous Asian restaurants, and a great place to start. If you're craving delicious food in a high-class dining setting, try Mumtaz – or for Bradford's oldest Asian restaurant, go to Sweet Centre for one of the best curry experiences. 21. Haworth Source: Darrell Evans / shutterstockHaworth Haworth is a village near Bradford that makes for an excellent day trip. The village is filled with local history, most notably as the home of the Bronte sisters. The three writers spent their entire lives in Haworth and drew much of their inspiration from the surrounding moors. Visit local ruin Top Withens, which is believed to be the real life Wuthering Heights, and visit the Bronte Memorial Chapel to pay respects to these talented sisters. Haworth is also known for its steam railway, which still runs today for tourists. The village is particularly beautiful in the summer, and offers dramatic vistas during the colder months. Haworth is a must for fans of classic literature, local history, and gorgeous landscapes. This is a great location for photography or for setting off on hikes through the surrounding moorland. 22. Keighley Source: Peter is Shaw 1991 / shutterstockKeighley Keighley is a local town in 'Bronte Country', the areas surrounding Bradford that the Bronte sisters grew up in and drew inspiration from. Keighley is a famous textile producing town, with a number of industrial factories. It is also home to the Keighley Worth Valley Railway, built in 1867 to connect the town to nearby populations. Local history is invested heavily in its railway heritage. Visit the Ingrow Loco Museum to learn more about the influence of the railway on local culture and industry. For transport enthusiasts, the Keighley Bus Museum is also of interest, showcasing a number of historical vehicles. The town is worth a visit for its pretty architecture and industrial importance, as well as its hearty local food and quaint businesses. 23. Bradford's Ale Trail Source: F-Stop boy / shutterstockReal Ale Bradford is well-known for its culture of real ale. There are plenty of real ale houses in the city, offering a taste of the variety and diversity available in the world of real ale. The Bradford 'Ale Trail' celebrates Bradford's real ale history. Start your ale journey at the Livery Rooms in Keighley, where you can peruse local history on the walls as you enjoy a glass of delicious real ale. In the centre of Bradford, try The Castle Hotel for a real ale pub experience in historic surroundings, as the building was erected in 1898. Finally, visit Fanny's Ale House for a traditional alehouse feel, with authentic gas lamps and open fires to keep you warm throughout the year. 24. Manningham Library Source: Humphrey Bolton / Wikimedia | CC BY-SA 2.0Manningham Library Manningham Library was built in 1910 and still features original architecture. Recently renovated, the library houses excellent facilities and an extensive range of books and media. This makes it a delightful place to wind down and experience a taste of real community life. On sunny days, spend some time in the gardens. These offer bright and modern surroundings in which to enjoy a book or watch life go by. Manningham Library is a lovely place to stop and appreciate Bradford's history and unique lifestyle. 25. Bradford Festival Source: philip openshaw / shutterstockBradford Festival An essential part of the Bradford experience is the Bradford Festival. The festival brings a party vibe to the city and celebrates the multiculturalism and diversity of modern-day Bradford. This family-friendly event brings a vibrant, colourful and multicultural programme of the very best international, British and local theatre, art, music and dance right in the heart of Bradford. With a mass of museums to get stuck into, multicultural communities and the Victorian world of Saltaire on its doorstep, Bradford is a vibrant urban hub.It's a big year for Bradford as it's the UK City of Culture 2025, with more than 1,000 events and performances as part of the year-long celebrations. A unique fusion of culture, heritage and nature, this multifaceted city also has bragging rights as the world's first UNESCO City of Film. With a mass of museums to get stuck into, multicultural communities and the Victorian world of Saltaire on its doorstep, Bradford is a vibrant urban hub. Cartwright Hall Art Gallery Bradford Literature Festival With a yearly calendar packed with activities, workshops and free events, Bolling Hall offers a journey through history to the present day. Visit Bolling Hall Standing proud for 13 centuries, Bradford Cathedral is the living heart of the city, with art exhibitions, family activities, music and services. All are welcome! Explore Bradford Cathedral Cliffe Castle Museum and Park National Trust East Riddlesden Hall Places to stay in BradfordDelve into the hustle and bustle of Bradford with a stay in its centre. There are well-known hotel brands alongside bed and breakfast offerings and grand railway hotels. Saltaire Head north out of the city for a stay in Gothic mansions, cottages, farm stays and more in this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Haworth and Brontë Country Escape into nature with moor walks and your choice of quaint cottages, camping, glamping and family-friendly parks. Find places to stay in Bradford (opens in a new tab) A hotbed for shopping and the arts, you'll find lots to explore in Leeds. Proof that perfection can't be rushed, the Yorkshire Dales was millions of years in the making. World-class football and a music scene that brought Oasis to centre stage - there's lots to love about Manchester. Small and mighty York is the medieval walled city that really packs a punch. Rugged yet beautiful, wild yet welcoming - the North York Moors National Park is full of surprises. Sitting on the edge of the Peak District National Park, Sheffield is made for outdoor lovers and creatives. Find the best things to do in our guide. Dynamic cities, fascinating history and rolling green countryside — explore it all on a five day trip around Yorkshire. 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Manchester Airport is 51 miles (82km) from Bradford; around a one hour drive or two hour train ride. Grand Central Railway operate routes between London and Bradford Interchange, with journey times from two hours and 30 minutes. Train services also run to destinations such as Manchester, Leeds and York. To travel by bus from London, check out National Express. Getting around Bradford For a pedal-powered way to whizz through the city's sights, you can hire a bike from two locations - Bradford Interchange Train Station or Shipley Train Station. Bradford is best explored on foot. There are self-guided walks to follow, from insights into the city's heritage to art trails. Local bus services are mainly run by First Bus with routes that connect the city and surrounding area. Keighley Bus Company offer services to the Keighley area that sits north-west of Bradford. Discover the Bradford district, where fresh air and natural beauty await, and heritage and culture captivate. Explore two UNESCO sites, stunning countryside and the former home of literary greats, all within a city rich in diverse cultures, now recognised as Bradford UK City of Culture 2025. Bradford offers four unique areas, each providing distinctive experiences for both new visitors and returning explorers. Walk in the footsteps of the Brontës in Haworth, take a refreshing stroll on Ilkley Moor 'Balt' at', spend a relaxing Sunday with Hockney in Saltaire, or enjoy a West End show at the Alhambra Theatre. Whatever you choose, you'll find plenty of ideas and inspiration, and you're never far from a new adventure!