

NEW YORK NEWCASTLE NEW adventures

ONE
NIGHT
STAY

unique city
experiences

This itinerary lets you explore the best of Newcastle, taking in all of the city's history and culture and spending an evening enjoying its vibrant nightlife. On the second day you'll venture a little further afield to the quaint coastal town of Tynemouth, which is easily accessed by public transport.

 **NORTHERN
ENGLAND IS
GREAT**
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DAY ONE

Let the fun begin!

Arrive into Newcastle International Airport, which has excellent transport links connecting to the city centre in just 15 minutes by car or by a 25 minute direct journey on the Metro light-rail system.

Spend the day exploring the exciting and lively 'twin cities' of Newcastle and Gateshead by foot, to take in some of the unique culture.

The banks of the River Tyne and the famous Quayside area are packed with cultural venues and are the perfect place to admire some of the seven bridges that span the river. On the Gateshead side you can wander through the international home for music, Sage Gateshead, one of the world's premier music venues which is home to The Royal Northern Sinfonia. Visit the BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, which is housed in a landmark industrial building and has previously played host to the prestigious Turner Prize. It's also the perfect

place for a spot of lunch at its Six rooftop restaurant, which has spectacular views of the cityscape. Cross the River Tyne on foot via the Gateshead Millennium Bridge – the world's first and only tilting bridge that links Newcastle and neighbouring Gateshead.

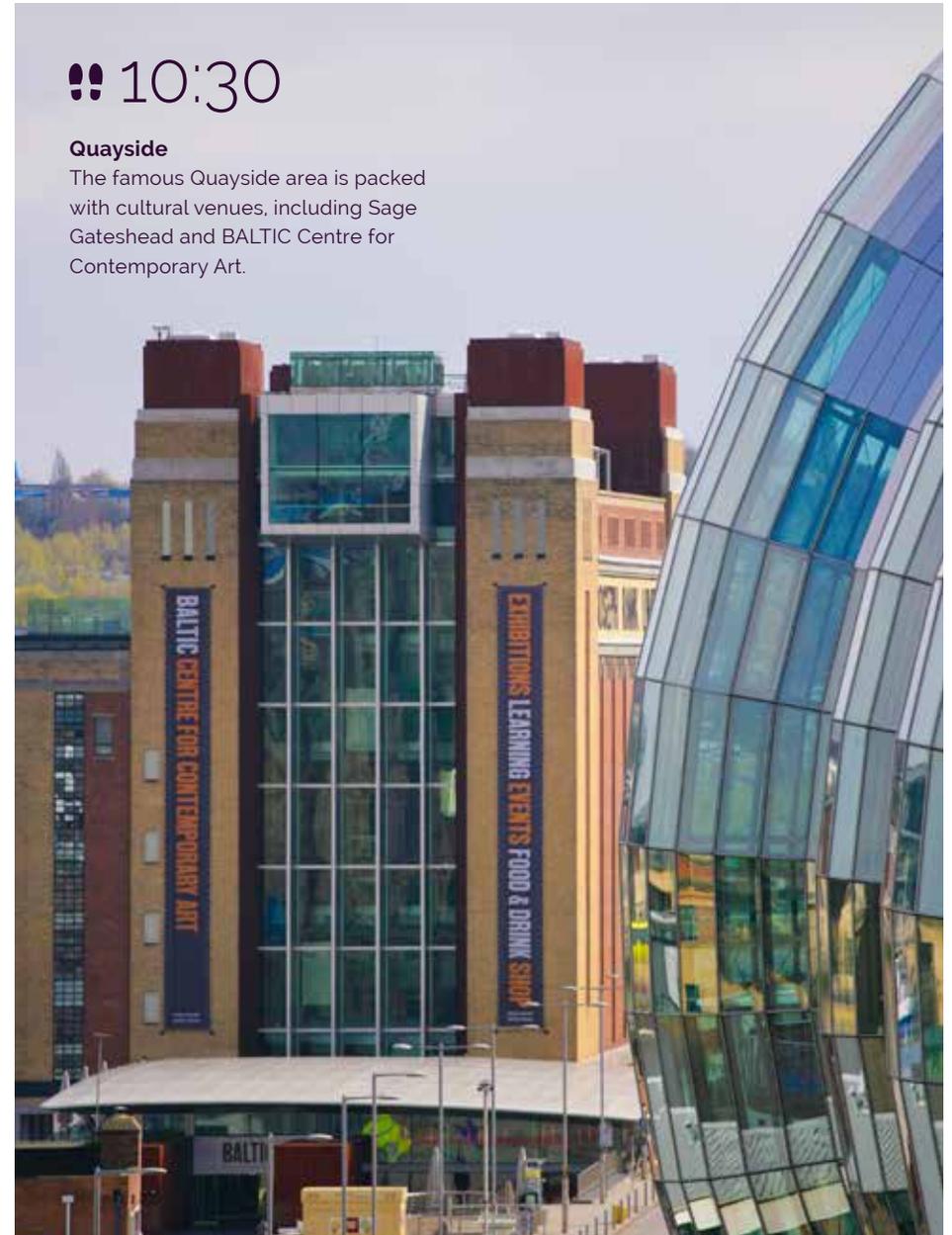
Newcastle is world-famous for its Brown Ale, but now many craft breweries have sprung up in the region, offering a wide range of authentic local ales. Settle down for a pint that has been brewed on site in The Bridge Tavern's own micro brewery – if you are feeling hungry, there's also lots of tasty local produce on the menu.

From the Quayside, you should be able to see the medieval castle that gave the city its name – now known as Newcastle Castle. Spend an hour exploring the Castle Keep and Black Gate to discover the city's ancient heritage and enjoy the new exhibits that allow visitors to experience what life would have been like for the inhabitants of the past.

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Quayside

The famous Quayside area is packed with cultural venues, including Sage Gateshead and BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art.





12:00

Bridge Tavern

Enjoy a pint that has been brewed on site in The Bridge Tavern's micro brewery and try the local produce on its menu.

14:00

Newcastle Castle

Explore the medieval castle that gave the city its name.

19:30

House of Tides

Fine-dining restaurant based in a beautifully restored Grade I listed 16th Century former merchant's town house on Newcastle's Quayside.



Next, stroll into Grainger Town, the historic heart of Newcastle via Grey Street, which thanks to its stunning Georgian architecture, has been voted Britain's best-loved street. The focal point of Grainger Town is the impressive Grey's Monument, erected in 1838 to commemorate the Reform Act of 1832, drafted during Earl Grey's time as Prime Minister. Grainger Town is also home to the Theatre Royal and a range of restaurants, bars and cafes, galleries and independent shops.

Take time to explore the hustle and bustle of the indoor Grainger Market, home to one of the stalwarts of the English retail world, an original Marks and Spencer's Penny Bazaar, then stroll through the Edwardian Central Arcade.

Enjoy a luxurious, seasonal and locally-sourced dinner at House of Tides, a fine-dining restaurant based in a beautifully restored Grade I listed 16th Century former merchant's town house on Newcastle's Quayside, just a stone's throw away from the iconic Tyne Bridge.

Newcastle is home to many big-name hotel brands like Hilton, Hotel Indigo, Marriott, Holiday Inn, plus UK brands Malmaison and Hotel Du Vin. It also has a range of boutique and independent hotels including Jesmond Dene House or The Vermont Hotel, as well as a wide choice of budget accommodation – so you're spoilt for choice on places to stay.



DAY TWO

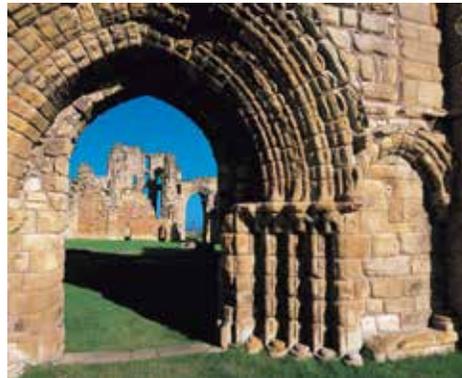
to coast and castle!

After a good night's sleep wake up feeling refreshed and ready to explore further. Take a short 25 minute journey on the Tyne & Wear Metro to Tynemouth, a picturesque village with sandy beaches that stands at the mouth of the River Tyne.

Standing guard over the mouth of the river is the majestic ruins of Tynemouth Priory and Castle. An Anglican monastery stood on the site as far back as the 9th Century; the castle dates from the 13th Century and is the burial place of saints and kings of the Old Kingdom of Northumbria.

Spend the rest of the day browsing the independent shops, restaurants and pubs of Front Street, the focal point of the village that has a number of places to eat and drink whether you fancy a coffee and a cake, a traditional pub lunch, the quintessential English fish and chips or a bistro evening meal.

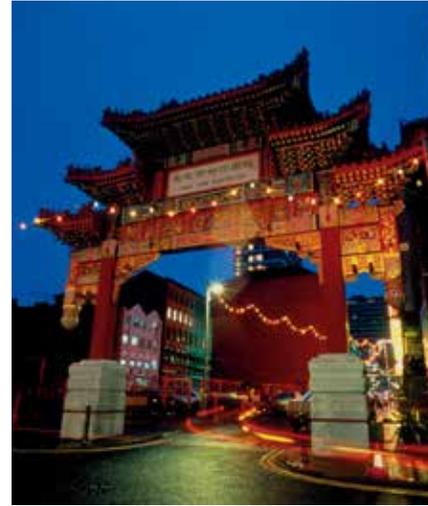
The views back towards Tynemouth and across the river are well worth it.



Enjoy the fresh sea air and walk along Tynemouth's sweeping Longsands beach or along the Tynemouth Pier.



EXTRA
DAY



extend your stay!

Durham - A perfect medieval hill top city and home to the World Heritage Site of Durham Castle and Cathedral.

15 minutes by train, 30 minutes by car from Newcastle.

York - Discover the walled-city of York's rich history. "The history of York is the history of England" (King George VI).

1 hour by train, 1 hour 55 minutes by car from Newcastle.

Leeds - Yorkshire's largest city is home to world renowned Opera North and the Royal Armouries Museum.

1 hour 30 minutes by train, 2 hours by car from Newcastle.

Manchester - A vibrant urban hub with an exciting music, art and culture scene and home to two famous football clubs.

2 hours 30 minutes by train, 3 hours by car from Newcastle.

Liverpool - The Merseyside city is the home of The Beatles and the UNESCO World Heritage Site includes Albert Dock.

3 hours by train, 3 hours 15 minutes by car from Newcastle.

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Accommodation - The north of England offers a huge range of accommodation options, including big-name hotel brands, independent and boutique hotels, as well as bed and breakfasts and good quality hostels for those on a budget.

Newcastle and Gateshead
newcastleandgateshead.com/accommodation

Airport transfers - Newcastle International Airport is just eight miles from Newcastle city centre. The airport is connected to the city centre by the Metro light railway system. Trains run every 5 – 15 minutes and the journey takes just 25 minutes. Bus services, car hire and taxis are also available at the airport.

Car hire - Car hire at Newcastle International Airport or in Newcastle city centre couldn't be easier – with many national car hire companies available. Contact details are as follows:

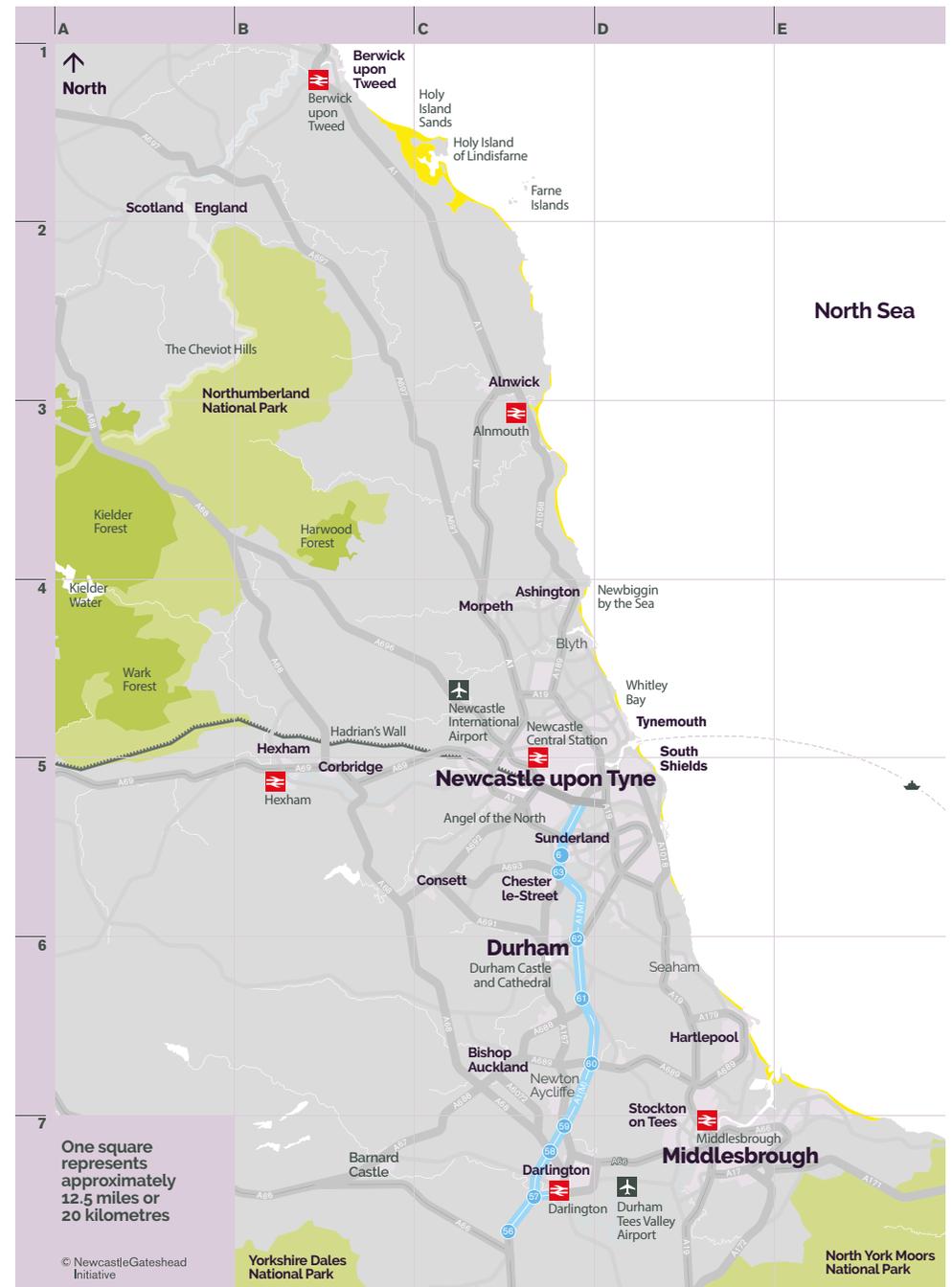
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Europcar	0871 384 3411	europcar.co.uk
Hertz	0191 286 6748	hertz.co.uk
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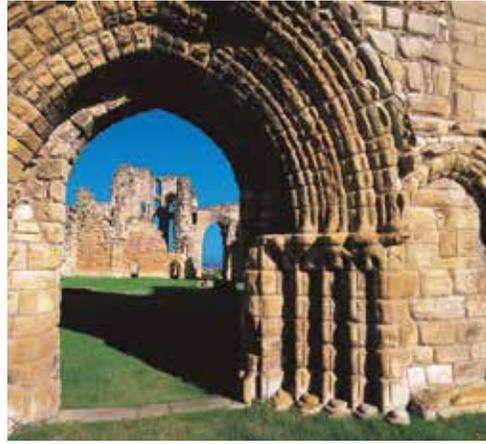
Public transport

Tyne and Wear Metro - Metro is the North East's very own light rail system. With 60 stations located around Tyne and Wear, there's usually one close by and because they're so frequent, you can just hop on and off with no hassle.
nexus.org.uk/metro

Bus - There are bus routes operating to the main tourist attractions, many offering you money-saving tickets and discounts on entry fees. The two main bus companies in the North East are Arriva and Go North East. Make use of the Traveline North East Journey Planner to help you plan your trip.
travelinenortheast.info

Train - Newcastle is located on the East Coast mainline that connects London and Edinburgh. With over 30 high speed trains running every day, it's easy and quick to get around the country. Durham is just 10 minutes by train from Newcastle Central Station and York just one hour away. First TransPennine Express also connects the north of England, with journey times to the main cities all within a few hours.
thetrainline.com





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