



Travels and journeys

Discover how Leicester became a multicultural city

Leicester is the tenth largest city in England. It is also one of Britain's most vibrant and multicultural cities. An estimated 40 per cent of the population were born or descend from countries overseas, particularly from South Asia, East Africa and the Caribbean.

On this walk created by local students discover how people have travelled the world to live in Leicester. Visit a team of tigers, an unusual 'castle' and spectacular religious buildings. Hear about a French revolutionary, Caribbean carnivals and a South African statesman.



Leicester Station entrance portico
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Leicester's motto is 'Semper Eadem' or 'Always the Same'. Yet the city is constantly changing. From the Norman conquerors who built the Cathedral to Victorian exiles from Europe to today's migrants, Leicester has welcomed people, trades and cultures from worldwide.

Location	Leicester, East Midlands	Suitable for	Families - Watch for traffic on the main roads
Start point	Leicester railway station		Wheelchairs - An entirely step-free route
Postcode	LE2 0QB		
Finish point	Town Hall Square	Refreshments	Plenty of places to stop for food and drink in the city centre at the end of the route
Distance	2 ½ miles		
Level	Gentle - A flat city centre route	Facilities	Public toilets at Nelson Mandela Park

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