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Ipswich Station 1min

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Welcome to Ipswich

Ipswich, Suffolk's vibrant county town combines the perfect balance of old and new. With a rich history and every amenity a visitor needs, the town offers the perfect day out.

The town's history dates back over 1500 years and is revealed in its stunning architecture, representing over 800 years of built heritage and includes many listed buildings. Modern day Ipswich offers a pedestrianised shopping centre, an array of superb places to eat, diverse accommodation and a wealth of visitor attractions.

We think you'll agree that Ipswich is well worth exploring and a great place to visit, live and work. This map is intended to provide you with the perfect guide for a relaxed weekend.



Getting about

Ipswich is well connected by rail and road and is easy to get around on foot or by bicycle! The town is an hour from London by train and has excellent road links to the Midlands and beyond. Surrounded by unspoilt countryside, the stunning coastline is a stone's throw away.



Culture and Arts

The cultural capital of Suffolk, Ipswich hosts a packed calendar of festivals and events throughout the year. If you're looking for food

markets, dance, drama, musicals, comedy, music, or art – this is the destination to fulfil your cultural needs!



Attractions



There's so much to discover in Ipswich. Whether you want to explore the outdoors with its award-winning parks and thriving waterfront of bars and restaurants. Or how about delving into its history along its medieval streets to discover Mabel the Owl at Christchurch Mansion, Thomas Wolsey's hat at The Hold or its plethora of beautiful churches, and its fascinating maritime past.

Shopping



If you're an indie fan, the Saints area of Ipswich is fast becoming a hub for independent shopping and features eclectic mix of unique stores, cafés, and bars. There are many options to suit your mood. Boasting two shopping centres; Sailmakers and the Butter Market, whether you're in search of beauty, fashion, gaming, the two centres have something to offer everyone.



Ipswich Town Centre

Christchurch Mansion

This beautiful Tudor mansion is the jewel in the crown of Ipswich's historic past, boasting over 500 years of history. Free to visit along – within its period rooms you can travel back in time to see a Tudor kitchen, Georgian saloon, and Victorian wing. The mansion hosts the fine collection of art from two Suffolk artists; John Constable and Thomas Gainsborough as well as hosting regular exhibits and events for all the family. Set within the award-winning grounds – Christchurch Park, facilities at the mansion include a tearoom, souvenir shops and ice cream kiosk.



Ipswich Museum

Ipswich Museum is set to undergo a significant refurbishment, unveiling transformed facilities upon reopening in 2025. While a new Egyptian Gallery was added between 2008 and 2010, the beloved and award-winning museum has recognised the need for an exciting overhaul. This upcoming revival will elevate the museum, featuring updated and inspiring exhibitions that will captivate visitors and meet the evolving needs of generations to come. Don't forget to come back to see the amazing new transformation!

Entertainment



Ipswich is home to some of the most exciting theatres and independent arts organisations in the East of England. From hosting international festivals to nurturing local talent, welcoming national touring shows to creating inspiring new works; Ipswich's art scene is always bringing inspirational, ambitious and entertaining shows to town. Whether you love theatre, live music, dance, comedy, art, or performance; there is so much for you to see do and experience in Ipswich.

Eating and Drinking

Ipswich has something to suit all taste buds! Whether you're looking for a traditional Suffolk pub, a sophisticated waterfront bistro or international cuisine, tastes from around the globe can be found in Suffolk's county town.

Music venues

Music is at the heart of Ipswich, with the town home to some fantastic places to enjoy live music. Venues like the Smokehouse, the Baths and the newly renovated St Stephens Church offer music fans unique experiences. There are plenty of pubs which regularly feature local live musical talent, with favourites like Steamboat Tavern, The Spread Eagle, Isaacs on The Quay and the Swan and Hedgehog. For classical music lovers Ipswich's theatres regularly host an array of shows to suit fans of this genre.



Walk Ipswich

Park walks

Walking is a fantastic benefit to our mental health and wellbeing. With 12 park walks to explore in Ipswich, and four different routes in each of the 12 parks, the walks help visitors to explore Ipswich's v-parks and improve everyone's access to nature.

www.ipswich.gov.uk/park-walks

AccessAble

AccessAble's Detailed Access Guides tell you the information you need, to work out if a place is going to be accessible to you. There are hundreds of Detailed Access Guides created for Ipswich from restaurants, cinemas, theatres, railway stations, hotels, and more.

www.accessible.co.uk/suffolk-county-council

Safer Streets

This mapping has been supported through Home Office Safer Streets 4 Funding.

Ipswich Borough Council, in partnership with Suffolk Constabulary, Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner, Ipswich Central and Suffolk County Council, received funding to deliver training, increase resource and purchase equipment to challenge perception and increase confidence in the town centre. Part of the project installed new and upgraded CCTV cameras and hardware.

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All About Ipswich

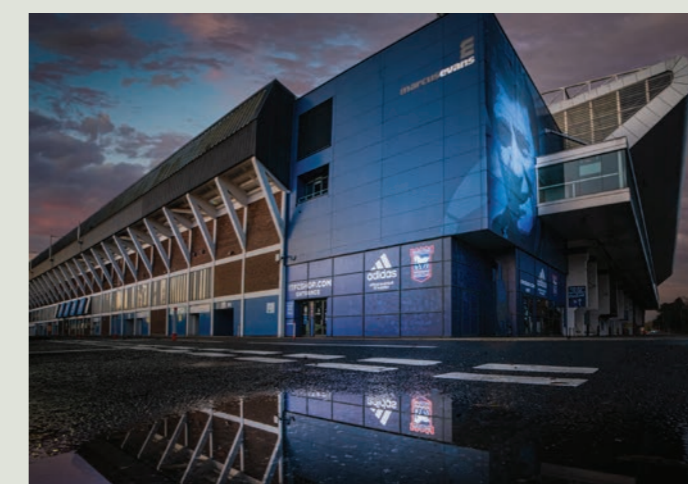
Head over to All About Ipswich website for the latest things to do and more information on fun activities in Ipswich. From festivals, food and drink, theatre and entertainment, to taking in the incredible mix of independent businesses offering everything from fashion, books and gifts to food, jewellery and homewares. There is something for everyone to enjoy.



Visitor guide



Scan the QR code and see what Ipswich has to offer



Ipswich Waterfront

At the heart of the town, Ipswich Waterfront has been revitalised into a vibrant destination for eating, drinking, education, and entertainment. Once at the centre of global maritime trade, the historic Port of Ipswich is now a mix of iconic, modern buildings and renovated historic structures which offer stunning views of the marina.

Perched at the water's edge are bustling bars, cafés, and bistros, why not explore the River Orwell by water by taking a trip with one of the river cruise operators. Ipswich has also been awarded "Heritage Harbour" status in recognition of its historical significance

University of Suffolk

The University of Suffolk is the county's only university, primarily based at the vibrant Waterfront campus in Ipswich, and offering transformational education opportunities to local, national, and international students. It offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, and is developing significant research in areas such as sustainability and digital futures across its institutes. Its excellent facilities include cutting

edge innovation labs, digital suites, and industry standard health facilities such as a radiography unit, hospital wards and future plans for a new dental development centre.

www.uos.ac.uk



The Hold, Suffolk Archives

Located opposite the University of Suffolk Waterfront Building, The Hold safely houses the bulk of Suffolk's nationally and internationally significant artefacts and archives; and is open for everyone to explore. Discover the lives of Suffolk people from 1,000 years ago to now with virtual tours, public exhibitions, public workshops and private sessions; where you can piece together your own family tree through the Suffolk Archives collections.

DanceEast



Based in Jerwood DanceHouse – in the Mill, Dance East brings world class dance to the East of England, offering a diverse programme of performances, classes and training opportunities.

