

# LEEDS United Kingdom



## Facts:

- Population of 761,000
- Financial Capital of the North
- Some of the UK's leading names are based in the city: First Direct, GE Capital, Alliance & Leicester, Halifax & Direct Line
- Service industries account for over 80% of total employment
- 112,000 people work in the city's financial and business sectors
- Leeds is the UK's third-largest manufacturing centre, with 1,800 companies employing over 39,000 people
- It has recognised strengths in advanced engineering, printing, chemicals and food industries
- 4,106 hotel rooms
- Best city in Europe in terms of value for money of office space\*
- Britain's Best Place for Business (OMIS)
- Impressive range of large capacity venues such as Leeds Town Hall & Royal Armouries, both accommodate just over 1000 guests
- £2.5 billion has been invested in major development projects around the city

## Leeds

Practically bursting with energy, Leeds has firmly established itself as a hugely popular cosmopolitan destination. With a thriving arts scene, rich sporting heritage and pulsating nightlife, Leeds offers a unique mix of European gusto and Yorkshire warmth.

This fast paced, vibrant city is set within a stunning backdrop of rugged landscapes and moors, making it an inspiring location for the many businesses that reside here. Considered to be Yorkshire's urban jewel, Leeds made its fortunes in textiles and tailoring in the industrial revolution. Today the regenerated city is a financial and legal hub. High paced city living coupled with the slow tempo of the Yorkshire Dales makes Leeds the perfect City to hold a unique conference or event that will form a lasting impression.

If you have a few hours spare Leeds offers a range of attractions with something to appeal to every palate. By night, Leeds really comes alive with its wide array of restaurants, bars, clubs and other entertainment. The feted Victorian Quarter offers exclusive designer shopping, earning the city to be branded 'Knightsbridge of the North'

## Top Attractions:

The Royal Armouries  
Leeds City Museum  
Kirkstall Abbey  
Harewood House and Bird Garden

## Transport

The city enjoys excellent transport links and an advanced communications infrastructure, making it the perfect place to do business.

If you plan to travel by air, Leeds Bradford International Airport is located 8 miles to the north of Leeds and is one of the fastest growing regional airports in the country. It serves 70 destinations in 30 countries, including North America and Asia. A half-hourly Airlink Bus operates between the airport and Leeds City Bus and Train Stations.

With more than 50,000 passengers travelling through Leeds every day. Once you arrive you are only a short walk away from all of the city's major venues. Leeds Interchange enjoys regular services from London. The Quickest journey time between Leeds and London is just over 2 hours and during peak times a half hourly service operates. With Eurostar connections at St Pancras; journey times to Leeds from Brussels and Paris takes just over 5 hours. Leeds is linked by road to London and Edinburgh via the M1 and A1 and to the east and west coast ports via the M62

\*According to a survey by global property consultant  
Cushman & Wakefield