

Explore more in the North West

The dazzling pioneering cities of Manchester and Liverpool. The serenity of the Lake District. Innovative sculptures. Britain's favourite seaside resort... the list goes on.

One thing's for sure - you'll never be bored in the North West. The only problem is deciding where to visit first...



Be serenaded by the Singing Tree, Lancashire

Nearest hotel: Best Western Burnley North Oaks Hotel, Burnley

This unique wind-powered musical sculpture overlooks Burnley from the top of Lancashire's Crown Point. It's a metal tree made from galvanised steel pipes that emits haunting, melodic notes as the wind blows through it.



Go in search of red squirrels in Merseyside

Nearest hotel: Best Western Southport Seafront Royal Clifton Hotel & Spa, Southport

See if you can spot these elusive creatures as they skip through the trees in the beautiful woodlands at the Red Squirrel Reserve in Formby. You can also blow the cobwebs away on a bracing coastal walk and find out about Formby's history.



Be drawn to Derwent Pencil Museum, Cumbria

Nearest hotel: Best Western Plus Castle Inn Hotel, Keswick

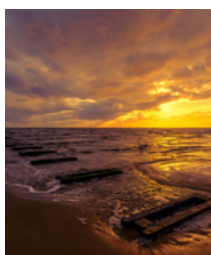
Discover the home of the world's first pencil in Keswick as you trace the history of pencil making and see how Derwent fine art pencils are made today. Come face to face with one of the largest colour pencils in the world (it measures almost 8 metres!) and a James-Bond-style wartime pencil.



See the world in miniature at Blackpool's Model Village

Nearest hotel: Best Western Carlton Hotel, Blackpool

Experience rural life through a microscope as you marvel at the intricate detail of the tiny handmade figurines that adorn this excellent model village. Thatched cottages, a castle, fishing village, church and cricketers playing on the green - they're all here.



Escape to Another Place, Merseyside

Nearest hotel: The Richmond, BW Premier Collection Hotel, Liverpool

Crosby Beach just outside Liverpool is home to this amazing surreal artwork by Antony Gormley. Spread over 2 miles of coastline, the sculpture comprises 100 cast-iron life-size figures looking out to sea. Make sure you time your visit for when the tide's out...



Discover Manchester's bohemian Northern Quarter

Nearest hotel: Best Western Manchester Altrincham Cresta Court Hotel, Altrincham

If you're looking for shops and bars that offer something a bit different to the usual chains, head to Manchester's trendy Northern Quarter. Here you'll find a treasure trove of retro boutiques, independent cafes and fun bars.



Have an uplifting experience in Cheshire

Nearest hotel: Best Western Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham

The Anderton Boat Lift is an incredible feat of Victorian engineering. Standing 50ft high, it lifts boats from one river to another. See it at work for yourself on a memorable trip on the River Weaver.



Have a purr-fect time at Mann Cat Sanctuary, Isle of Man

Nearest hotel: Best Western Palace Hotel & Casino, Douglas

If you're a cat lover, you'll be in your element among the hundreds of felines that roam freely across 7 acres of land at this cat sanctuary. Entry is free, but food donations are gratefully received by the cats.

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