Welcome to Durham City

Durham Cathedral Bus (service 40) linking Durham Rail Station, Car and Coach Parks and Bus Station (boarding point on North Road). Operates every 20 minutes during the day, every 30 minutes at night (not 25, 26 Dec & 1 Jan).

1. Durham Cathedral
   This Magnificent Norman Cathedral is one of the great architectural experiences of Europe. Founded in 1093, it is the shrine of St. Cuthbert and with Durham Castle is a World Heritage Site.
   Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 12.30-3.30pm with evening opening extended to 8pm from Sat 19 July until Mon 25 August (Cathedral open for worship and private prayer on Mon to Sat 7.30-9.30am and Sun 7.45am-12.30pm).
   NB: Cathedral closed to visitors during evening recitals and concerts. All other events can be reserved by telephoning the Cathedral office.
   Charges: Admission free (donation requested)
   Treasurers of St Cuthbert: Mon-Sat 10am-4.30pm, Sun 2pm-4.30pm
   Adm £2.50, children £1.70, family ticket £6.00 (concessions group rate £2 per person)
   Tel: (0191) 364 8266
   www.durhamcathedral.co.uk

2. Durham Castle
   Dating from 1072 the Castle was the seat of the Prince Bishop until 1832. It now houses University College, the foundation college of Durham University and is open for guided tours.
   Opening hours: Entrance is by guided tour only. Each tour lasts about 45 minutes. Tours take place on most days out of term from 10am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 4.30pm. During term time tours are on Mon, Wed, Sat and Sun afternoons from 2pm-4pm. Other events sometimes result in cancellation of tours. It is therefore advisable to check with Castle Porter before arrival.
   Charges: Adults £5.00, concessions £3.50, family ticket £12.00 (max. 5 people).
   Group rate (more than 10 people) adults £4.50, concessions £3.00
   Enquiries: Tel: (0191) 334 3800, www.durhamcastle

3. Durham University Museum of Archaeology
   The Old Falling Mill
   Architectural-museum illustrating the history of Durham City.
   Opening hours: April - October open daily 11am - 4pm, November - March open from Fri to Mon 11am - 3.30pm. Closed between Christmas and New Year.
   Charges: Adults £1.00, concessions 50p, family ticket £2.00, students free
   Enquiries: Tel: (0191) 334 1832, www.dur.ac.uk/fallingmill

4. DLI Museum & Durham Art Gallery
   County Durham at War traces the history of the County Regiment and the story of the World War II home front. ‘Art Space’ presents an exhibition programme and regular events. Café and shop.
   Opening hours: 1 November - 31 March open daily 10am - 4pm, 1 April - 31 October open daily 10am - 5pm. Closed 24 - 25 Dec.
   Café open winter 11am - 3.30pm, summer 10am - 4.30pm.
   Adults £3.25, concessions £2.00, children (aged 5 - 16) £1.00, family ticket £7.00
   Enquiries: Tel: (0191) 344 2214, www.durham.gov.uk/dli

5. Durham University Oriental Museum
   The only museum in the country devoted entirely to Oriental art and antiquities. Covers all major cultures and periods of the East from Ancient Egypt through India, Tibet and China to Japan.
   Opening hours: Mon to Fri 10am - 5pm, Sat, Sun and Bank Hol 10am - 5pm.
   Closed between Christmas and New Year.
   Charges: Adults £1.50, concessions 75p, family ticket £3.50, students free
   Enquiries: Tel: (0191) 334 5949, www.dur.ac.uk/oriental-museum

6. Durham Heritage Centre
   Museum of local history tracing the story of Durham, housed in historic church hall, studio, museum, gallery and shop.
   Opening hours: Easter weekend Sat, Sun and Mon from 2pm - 4.30pm.
   April, May, Aug - Oct, Sat, Sun & Bank Hol Mon 2pm - 4.30pm.
   June, July, Aug & Sept daily 11am - 4.30pm.
   November - March Sat to Mon 10am - 4pm.
   Charges: Adults £1.50, concessions £1.00, children 50p
   Enquiries: Tel: (0191) 384 5589
   www.ukonline.co.uk/durhamheritagecentre

7. Town Hall
   (re-open February/March 2008)

8. Durham University Botanic Garden
   Opening hours: Garden and Visitor Centre: March to October daily 10am - 5pm, November to February Sat 10am-4pm. Closed between Christmas and New Year.
   Charges: Adults £5.00, concessions £3.50, children (under 16) £2
   Enquiries: Tel: (0191) 334 5521 for groups (0191) 334 6163
   www.dur.ac.uk

9. Houghall Gardens
   The gardens provide a display of gardening styles from formal beds to a water garden, arborium and woodland garden. No dogs please, except Guide Dogs.
   Opening hours: Daily 10am-4pm
   Charges: Admission free
   Enquiries: Tel: (0191) 575 4700

10. Crook Hall
    Medieval hall, licensed by the White Lady, adjoining gardens including Secret Walled Garden, Shakespeare Garden, maze and most pool. Light refreshments, plant sales.
    Opening hours: Open Easter weekend (21 - 24 March), then daily (except Fri & Sat) from 6 April until 28 Sept, from 11am - 5pm. Also Halloween 25 - 28 Oct 4pm - 6pm and Christmas 6 December - 7 December and 13 December - 20 December and 22 December from 1pm - 4pm.
    Tickets for Christmas event £6 per person.
    Charges: Adults £5.50, Children and concessions £5. Family ticket £16.
    Group discount available.
    Enquiries: Tel: (0191) 384 8028, www.crookhallgardens.co.uk
    Email: info@kbroacrookhall.co.uk

11. Boating Trips
    One-hour sightseeing cruises during summer season on board the Prince Bishop River Cruiser. Pleasure telephone for booking times.
    Enquiries: Tel: (0191) 366 9253 and www.princebishop.co.uk
    Also rowing boats for hire: Tel: 0191 365 8414

12. Durham Indoor Market
    Victorian Market established in 1851.
    Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am - 7pm
    Enquiries: Tel: (0191) 344 6153

13. Gala Theatre and Cinema
    500-seat theatre offering a wide range of entertainment. Also café, bars and top floor function room. With five screens and one second screen. The Blue Room Gala Cinema offers a diverse programme to suit everyone’s tastes, from the best new releases from Hollywood to little budget, independent and foreign language films. Every Saturdays at 10.30am enjoy the fun film experience ‘Sacred Sunday’ visiting the history of Durham and Castles.
    For programme details contact Box Office: (0191) 332 4041
    Function room reservations: (0191) 332 4052
    www.galadurham.co.uk

14. Foundry Yard Creative Workspaces
    Opening hours: Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am - 5pm.
    Enquiries: www.foundryyard.durham.co.uk

15. Durham Miners Heritage Centre
    Opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11am - 4pm; Saturday 11am - 3pm.
    Charges: Adults £1.50, OAP £1, children 50p
    Enquiries: Tel: 07904 403134; www.durhamminers.com
    For further information on attractions, events, accommodation and access:
    Tourist Information Centre, Millennium Place, Durham City DH1 1WA
    Tel: (0191) 384 9111, Fax: (0191) 386 3185
    Opening times Mon - Sat 9.30 - 5.30pm; Sun 11am - 4pm
    E-mail: tourisminfo@durhamcity.gov.uk; www.durhamtourism.co.uk

16. City Guided Walks
    2009 departure at 2pm from outside Tourist Information Centre (Millennium Place) on Saturday and Sunday during June, July, August and September.
    Charges: Under review
    Ghosts and Grizzly Death Walks:
    May - June: Mon - Fri, departure at 7.30pm from outside Tourist Information Centre (Millennium Place).
    Charges: Adults £4, children under 12 £1

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