



227 YHA Manchester City Tour

Distance: 3.4 miles (5.5km)
Ascent: 29m (95ft)
Time: Allow 1h 15m to 2h 15m
Start/Finish: OS Locate SJ 830 976
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Facilities

 Toilets in the Arndale shopping centre, Victoria train station, the Shudehill bus station and near the bus stands at Piccadilly Gardens. Toilets are also available at the Art Gallery, Town Hall and Library. Lots of options for food and drink throughout.

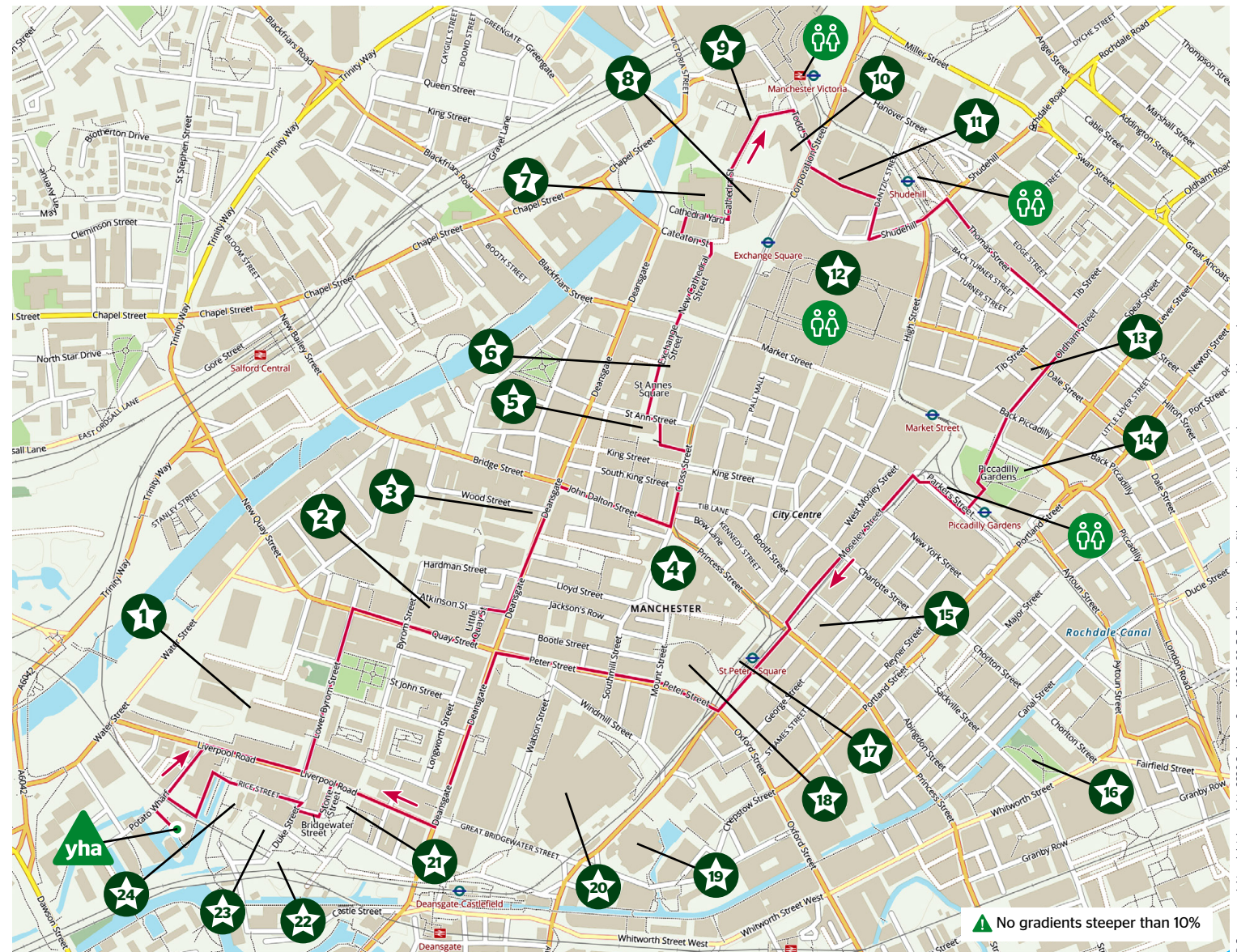
 Seats throughout the route, mostly in pedestrianised areas, squares and near attractions.

 Wheelchair accessible

 Pushchair accessible

This route has been created by YHA to provide inspiration and to aid planning and preparation of your walk. It doesn't replace the need for an OS Map or the OS Maps App to navigate your walk safely. Digital maps are a guide and do not always reflect the conditions on the ground, ensure you are aware of your immediate surroundings.

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Thank you for choosing to walk from our hostel.
We hope you have a great time.

Exploring the cities and towns of England and Wales is part of YHA's heritage. Our city hostels provide a base to wander through parks and streets and discover history, culture, sights and attractions.

To make it easy for everyone to enjoy walking from YHA hostels, we have curated three walks – of differing levels of difficulty. They have all been graded – the higher the grade, the more challenging the route.

Remember:

- Check the local weather forecast (metoffice.gov.uk).
- Wear the right clothing for the route and weather and shoes that you can easily walk in.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Be considerate in residential areas or places of work.
- Take care when crossing busy roads and look out for cyclists.
- Dispose of litter properly in bins.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do.

In case of emergency call 999 and use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.

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Route Summary

A sightseeing and shopping tour around Manchester City Centre. From the hostel turn right onto Potato Wharf, right onto Liverpool Road and left onto Lower Byrom Street. Turn right onto Quay Street, left onto Little Quay Street, right onto Atkinson Street and left onto Deansgate. Turn right onto John Dalton Street, left onto Cross Street, left onto St Ann's Alley and follow around to the right onto St Ann Street. Continue ahead and to the left onto the pedestrianised St Ann's Square, then onto Exchange Street and New Cathedral Street to Exchange Square. Turn left onto Cateaton Street and right through the alley (Hanging Bridge) next to the Cathedral Visitor Centre to Cathedral Yard. Turn right, left onto Cathedral Street, ahead alongside the Cathedral Gardens, bear right and then turn right onto Todd Street. Turn right onto Corporation Street, left to go through The Printworks and exit onto Dantzic Street. Turn right, left onto Shudehill, right onto Thomas Street, which becomes Hilton Street, then right onto Oldham Street and ahead across Piccadilly Gardens to Parker Street. Watch out for trams. Turn right, then left onto Mosley Street, head across St Peter's Square and turn right by the Central Library onto Peter Street. Turn left onto Deansgate, right onto Liverpool Road, left onto Stone Street, right onto Bridgewater Street, right onto Duke Street and left onto Rice Street to the canal. Head around the canal moorings and take the path next to the railway bridge to Potato Wharf and turn left to the hostel.

Accessibility

The route follows roads, paths and pedestrianised areas. No stairs, flat surfaces throughout – mostly tarmac, paved or block paved. Most main road crossings have traffic lights and dropped kerbs. Most of the smaller roads have dropped kerbs. Some narrow pavements in places.



Points of interest (see map)

There is lots to see and do on this route with great shopping and interesting architecture, including:

- 1 Science and Industry Museum
- 2 Manchester Opera House
- 3 John Rylands Research Institute and Library
- 4 Albert Square and Manchester Town Hall
- 5 St Ann's Church
- 6 Royal Exchange Theatre
- 7 Manchester Cathedral
- 8 Corn Exchange
- 9 Chetham's Library
- 10 National Football Museum
- 11 The Printworks
- 12 Arndale shopping centre
- 13 Afflecks – famous independent shopping emporium
- 14 Piccadilly Gardens
- 15 Manchester Art Gallery
- 16 Alan Turing Memorial
- 17 St Peter's Square
- 18 Manchester Central Library
- 19 Bridgewater Hall, concert venue and home of Halle Orchestra
- 20 Manchester Central Convention Complex
- 21 Castlefield Urban Heritage Park
- 22 National Trust, Castlefield Viaduct
- 23 Mamucium Roman Fort
- 24 Castlefield Bowl – open air music and events venue.