Leeds
Conferencing
Facts.
Leeds is the UK’s second largest financial centre and has a central role in other key business sectors. In addition, the city has 14 AIM accredited venues, with two gold awards.

With a number of exciting venues working in partnership, including three major universities, the award winning first direct arena and the world renowned Royal Armouries, it’s easy to see why Leeds’ conferencing city proposition puts the city in the top ten UK conferencing destinations.

Leeds is a city transformed. With a rich industrial heritage, the city centre has been rejuvenated beyond recognition. This is a city that hasn’t stood still and is now a thriving and vibrant business hub.

Leeds is known for its strong presence in medical and healthcare, professional services, digital and manufacturing sectors and will deliver unique and compelling events through a city wide collaborative approach.

For delegates attending events in Leeds, the city is a wonderful place to explore during free time. Lonely Planet has named Leeds as one of Europe’s top 10 destinations to visit in 2017. Leeds has a compact centre which is ripe for discovery, with a strong food and drink scene and an abundance of culture and heritage, as well as over 1,000 shops and over 300 bars and restaurants in the city centre alone. As a host of the Grand Départ of the Tour de France, the Rugby World Cup, the national Teach First conference in 2014-2018 and three World Triathlon Series events, Leeds has showcased its capability for hosting major events.

Traveling to Leeds

Air Travel

Leeds Bradford Airport is Yorkshire’s leading airport, located just six miles northwest of Leeds, it serves more than 70 direct destinations and hundreds more through its global hub connectivity.

Road network

Directly linked with London and Edinburgh via the M1 and A1 and has direct links with the east and west coast ports via the M62.

### Where to stay Leeds City Centre

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<th>Conference venues at a glance</th>
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**TOTAL BED STOCK:** 9,309
Social Programme Ideas

Whether your delegates have a few hours to spare during your conference, are able to stay on for a couple of days or return at a later date, Leeds offers a great combination of modern European energy with a strong heritage and a huge warm and friendly welcome.

Retail
Leeds is now the third largest shopping destination in the UK outside London so you are never more than a few steps away from a great shopping experience. Fans of the high street can hit Trinity Leeds, or if you’re looking for luxury treat a head to the Victoria Quarter and Victoria Gate. Vintage goods and boutique shops can be found a plenty in Leeds Corn Exchange, or step by Leeds Kirkgate Market, one of Europe’s largest covered markets, to browse the vast array of independent stalls.

History & Heritage
You will experience stunning heritage no matter where you go in Leeds; the city has more listed buildings than any other English city outside of London. Famous landmarks include the stunning Victorian arcades such as the Victoria Quarter, the magnificent Corn Exchange, Leeds Town Hall, Civic Hall and Kirkgate Market. For a slice of British History, Leeds has plenty to offer with a number of historical houses and gardens, including Hanwood House, Loftherton Hall and Temple Newsam. Kirkstall Abbey, one of the most complete medieval Cistercian Abbeys in Britain is also a ‘must visit’.

Culture
Leeds’ heritage as a city of entertainment is a long and illustrious one and continues to flourish today. The city boasts its own opera and ballet companies in Opera North and Northern Ballet and four theatres. It has an ever changing calendar of events and festivals and is home to some highly acclaimed Opera and Ballet companies in Opera North and Northern Ballet, the city region is fast fulfilling its role as the cultural capital of the UK.

Financial & Professional Services
Leeds City Region is the UK’s second centre for banking. Over 30 national banks are based here and Leeds is home to the Bank of England’s only noted issuing centre outside of London. It is also recognised as an important centre for the legal profession with seven of the UK’s largest 25 law firms having a major presence here. The city region is also home to one of the largest concentrations of business and client support centres in the UK.

Digital Sector
From creative outputs to digital content and the development of future technologies, Leeds City Region is fast fulfilling its ambition to become the UK’s northern Digital and Information Hub. Leeds City Region is a world class location for data management and has taken firm lead in the ‘data revolution’, the UK’s first Internet service provider was born here, it is home to the only independent Internet Exchange Provider outside London and is also privy to be the first Northern England Fintech centre.

Manufacturing
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Visitor Economy Impact for Leeds

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Sector Strengths

Healthcare & Medtech
As the UK’s first city of health innovation, Leeds City Region has a unique health and social care eco-system. The city region is home to the headquarters of four out of the five NHS bodies, the largest teaching hospital in Europe and the largest healthcare data platform in the world. According to a recent study by the What Works Centre for Wellbeing, Leeds is the highest ranked Core City for health and wellbeing, Leeds City Region also excels in health informatics and is home to the highest concentration of health informaticians in the UK along with leading research, development and production of cutting edge medical devices.

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Free of charge services include:

Impartial Venue location and planning
Bid production and budget planning
Sourcing hotel accommodation
Online accommodation booking facility for delegates
Event marketing, social media and PR support
Expert city knowledge
Dedicated coordinator
Delegate welcome and information
Familiarisation visits

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