# Leeds Conferencing Facts.



Conference VISITLEEDS

With a number of exciting venues working in partnership, including leading 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 the UK's second largest financial centre and has a central role in other key business sectors. In addition, the city has 24 AIM Secure accredited venues.

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 the 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. The city has a walkable 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 Depart of the the Tour de France, the Rugby League World Cup, four World Triathalon Series event and The UK's Real Estate Investment & Infrastructure Forum (UKREiiF), Leeds has showcased its capability for hosting major events.

### **Travelling to Leeds**

#### Air Travel

Leeds Bradford Airport is Yorkshire's leading airport, located just eight 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.

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8 MILES 30 MINS BY BUS 26 MINS BY ROAD	<b>3HR 32MINS</b> <b>BY TRAIN</b> <b>96 TRAINS</b> <b>PER DAY</b> 3HR 15MINS BY ROAD	2HR 555MINS BY TRAIN 3HR 21MINS BY ROAD	1HR 30MINS BY TRAIN 57 TRAINS PER DAY 1HR 30MINS BY ROAD				
BIRMINGHAM	LIVERPOOL	MANCHESTER	EDINBURGH				
93 MILES 1hr 50mins By train 2hr 15mins By ROAD	64 MILES 1HR 45MINS BY TRAIN 1HR 35MINS BY ROAD	<b>43 MILES 50 MINS</b> BY TRAIN and road	<b>157 MILES</b> 2HR 57MINS <b>BY TRAIN</b> 4HR 10MINS BY ROAD				

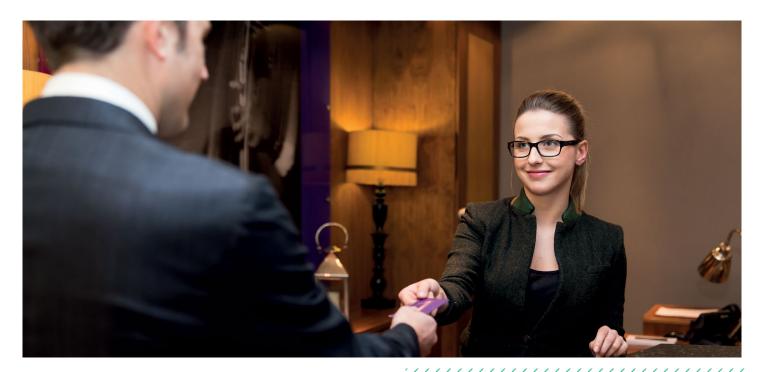
### Where to stay Leeds City Centre

TOTAL BED STOCK

4\* Hotel rooms **2,675** 3\* Hotel rooms **254** Budget hotel rooms (2\* & 1\*) **1,442** Serviced apartment rooms **347** University accommodation **5,350\*** (\*out of term TIME)

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Conference venues at a glance	Bedrooms	Capacity T/S	Capacity Rounds	Meeting Rooms	Location	Distance from City Centre (MILES)
First Direct Arena		12,000	1,200			0
Leeds United Conference & Events	n/a	1,500	1,100	16	South Leeds	2.5
Royal Armouries & New Dock Hall		1,000	1,100		Leeds Dock	0.5
Leeds Town Hall	n/a	1,200	400	12	City Centre	0
Leeds Playhouse						0
University of Leeds	433	550	600	300	City Centre	0.5
		500				0
Headingley Stadium	n/a	450	330	10	Headingley	2.3
Leeds Conservatoire						0
Hilton Leeds City	208	350	250	14	City Centre	0
					East Leeds	5.5
The Carriageworks Theatre	n/a	349			City Centre	0
Aspine		300	300			0
Leeds Marriott Hotel	244	300	270	19	City Centre	0
		300	200			0
Doubletree by Hilton	333	252	180	18	City Centre	0
						0
Leeds Trinity University	800	250	64	30	North Leeds	6
						0
Northern Ballet	n/a	230	200	5	City Centre	0
			100			0
The Clayton Hotel Leeds	334	200	80	10	City Centre	0.5
Crowne Plaza Leeds						0
Weetwood Hall Estate	114	200	120	22	Headingley	4
The Studio Leeds	n/a	180	162		City Centre	0
Nexus	n/a	100	28		City Centre	0.5



# 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 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 treats head to the Victoria Quarter and Victoria Gate. Vintage goods and boutique shops can be found a plenty in Leeds Corn Exchange, or stop 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 Harewood House, Lotherton 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 both 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 events including the Leeds International Film Festival, Leeds Indie Food Festival and Light Night. The award winning 12,000 seater first direct arena see's the city play host to a broad spectrum of international artists and events. In 2023 we are celebrating the cultural life of Leeds and bring the best global artists to the city in a year long international culture festival called Leeds 2023.

#### The Wider Region

Leeds is an excellent gateway to the north of England, with the Yorkshire Dales, North Yorkshire Moors, Yorkshire coastline and the cities of Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle and York just a short drive or train journey away. Take time out exploring one of the many beautiful market towns such as Otley and Wetherby enjoying their weekly farmers markets, independent shops and friendly hospitality.

#### 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 five out of the six NHS bodies, one of the largest teaching hospitals in Europe and the largest healthcare data platform in the world. According to a 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.

#### Financial & Professional Services

Leeds City Region is the UK's second centre for banking. Over 60 national banks are based here and Leeds is home to the UK Infrastructure Bank financing a green industrial revolution and driving growth across the country. The financial sector in Leeds is thriving with over 100 FinTech firms based here as well as the national Centre for Finance, Innovation and Technology (CFIT). It is also recognised as an important centre for the legal profession. The city region is also home to one of the largest concentrations of business and client support centres in the UK.

#### Digital and Information Economy

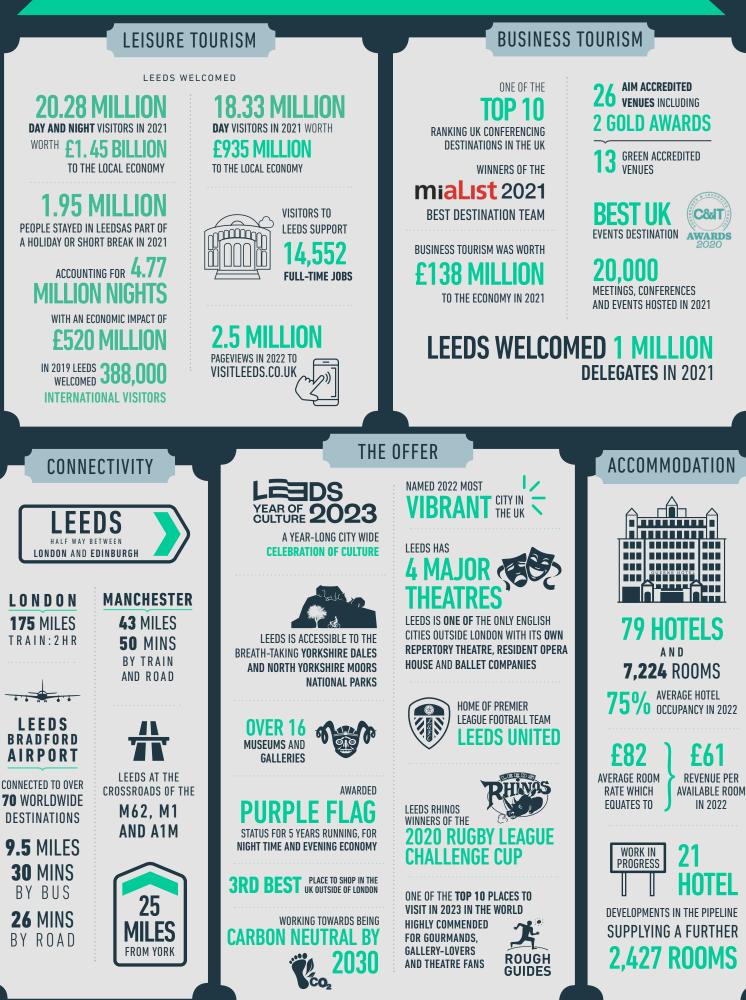
From creative outputs to digital content and the development of future technologies, Leeds City Region is fast emerging as a UK and international digital powerhouse. It is a leader in creative media, data analytics, cyber security, FinTech, telecoms, health and education technologies. Leeds City Region is a world class location for data management and has taken a 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.

#### Manufacturing

Leeds City Region is the UK's centre for innovative manufacturing, with a wealth of mid-sized firms driving the sector forward with technological advancements. The region boasts world-class research competencies, from bio-renewable development to innovative physical organic solutions. The University of Leeds is on the top 100 Global University Ranking with an annual research spend approaching £200million and is ranked in the top 10 in the UK for Advanced Materials Research. The Region has strengths in earth systems and environmental sciences, electrical and electronic engineering, metallurgy and materials and aeronautical, mechanical and manufacturing engineering. In addition, the UK's National Measurement Agency has its only facility outside London here, specifically chosen in order to be close to a concentration of high value engineering firms that can benefit from the agency's world leading research capacities.



# **LEEDS** VISITOR ECONOMY IMPACT



# Leeds.

# EXPERIENCE EXCEPTIONAL

# 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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