

Welcome Pack

Just Transitions to a Net Zero World Third Annual International Conference

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01 Getting to Durham

Getting to Durham by train

A number of train operators offer direct and regular routes to [Durham Railway Station](#), including London and Edinburgh. Durham is around 3 hours from London, just over 3 hours from Birmingham, 2½ hours from Manchester, 1½ hours from Edinburgh and 45 minutes from York.

A taxi will take you from the station to any part of Durham city in about 5 minutes and you can walk to the city centre in 10 minutes. There are a number of hotels delegates can stay in such as the Delta Hotels Durham Royal County, Hotel Indigo, Durham and the Radisson Blu Hotel, which are short walks from Durham train station.

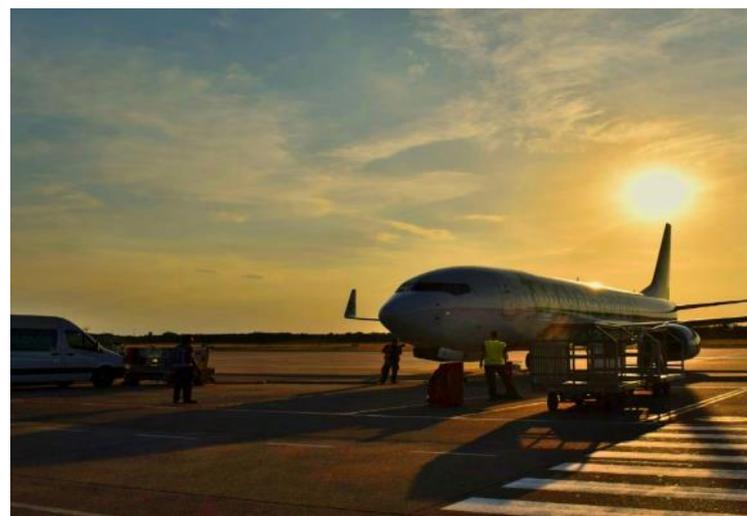


Getting to Durham by air

Durham is located 40km to the south of [Newcastle International Airport](#) and 40km to the north of [Teesside International Airport](#). Both have regular domestic and international flights, but please bear in mind that pre-booked taxis are recommended if arriving into Teesside airport late at night, or early in the morning.

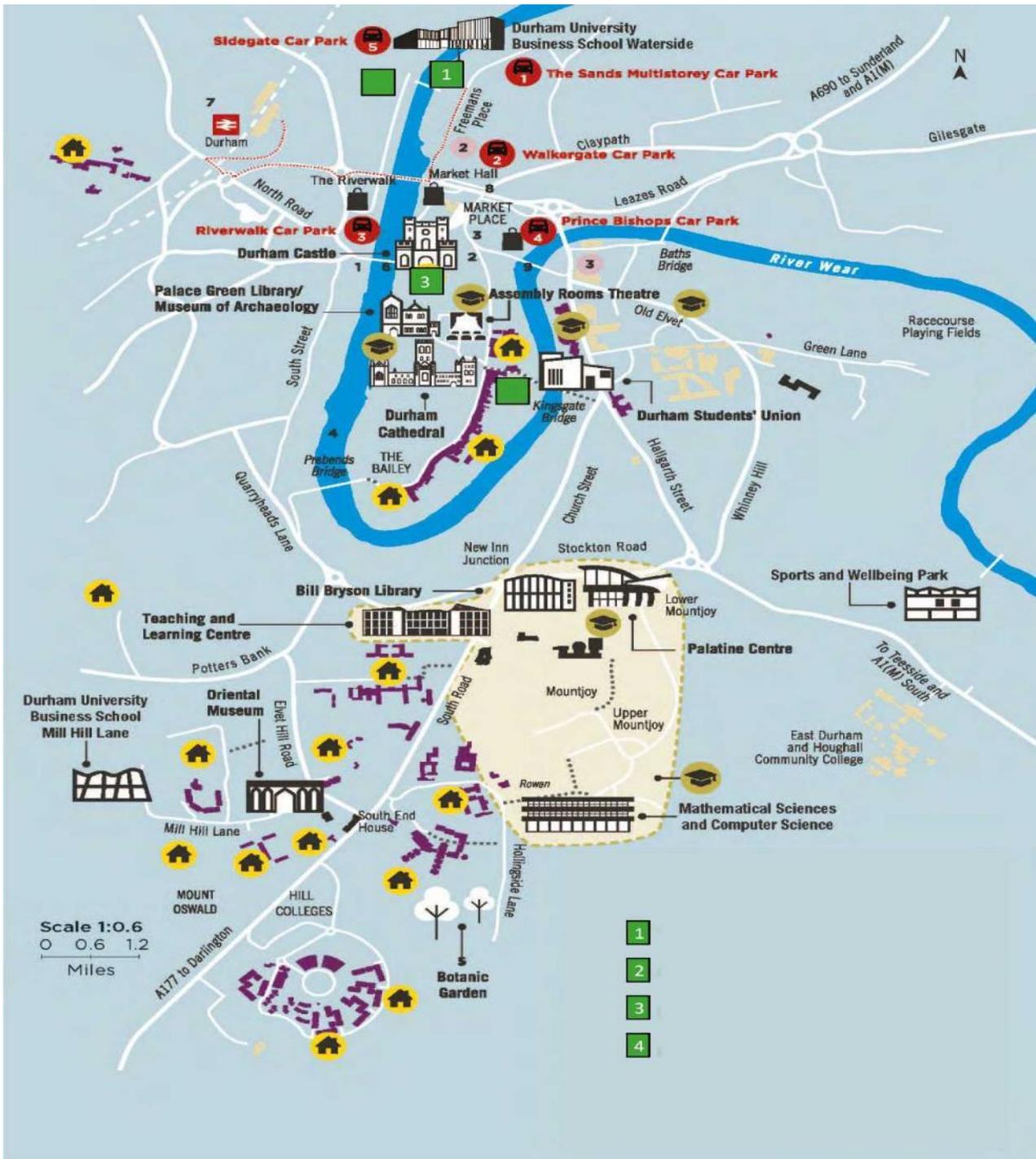
If arriving into Newcastle International Airport, it is possible to take the Metro to Newcastle's Central Station, followed by train to Durham – [see guidance here](#).

Alternatively, taxis are available 24/7 at Newcastle airport; the drive to Durham will take on average 34 – 50 minutes, depending on time of day.



02 The Conference Venue

Durham University campus



03 Durham; the City and Region

“Why, it’s wonderful – a perfect little city ... let me say it now: if you have never been to Durham, go at once”

Bill Bryson, ‘Notes from a Small Island’

Durham City

Durham’s city centre is where you’ll not only find the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Durham Cathedral and Castle, but also cultural art spaces, indie boutiques and coffee shops

Durham Dales

Let your sense of adventure take hold with a stay in the Durham Dales. A beautiful blend of tranquil landscapes and high adrenaline activities, explore everything from the moors, hills and valleys to flowing rivers and historic towns.

Durham Coast

From coastal hikes to National Nature Reserves, this area boasts some pretty serious scenery and flora.

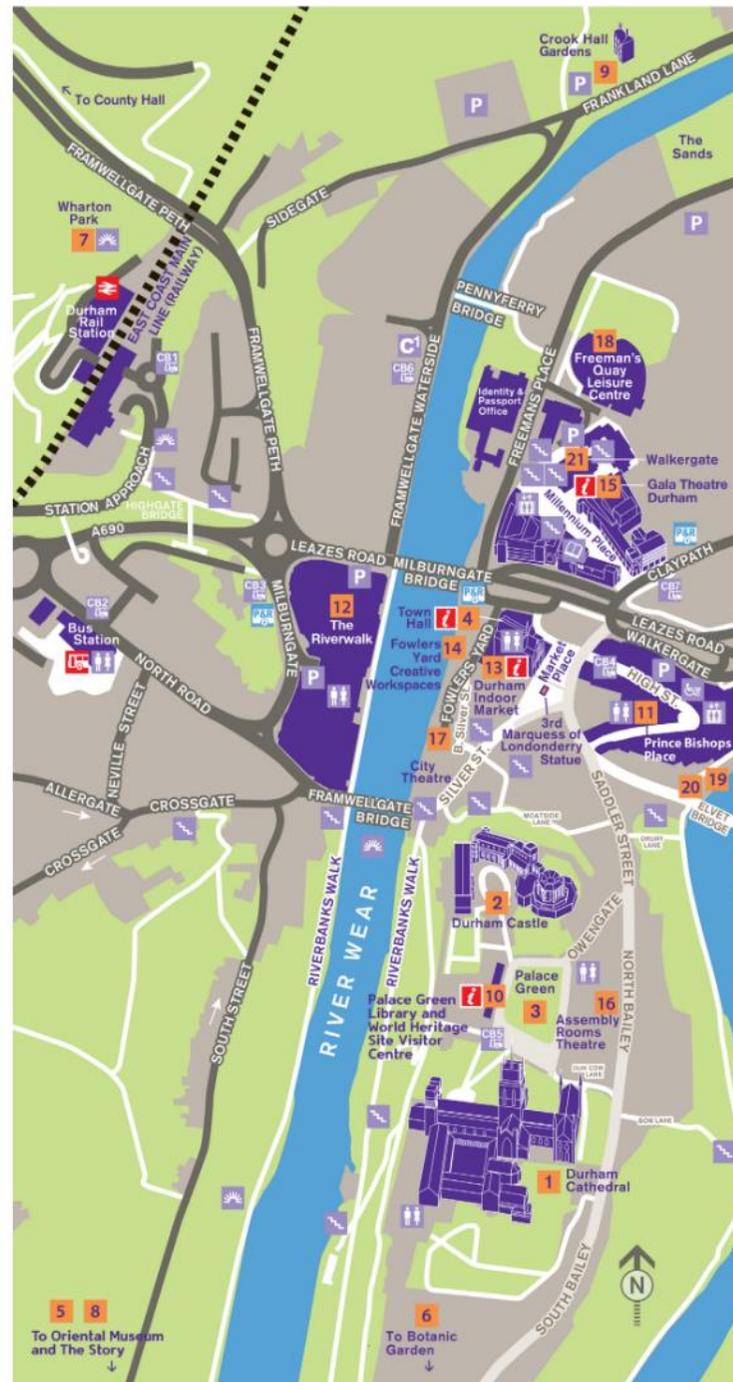
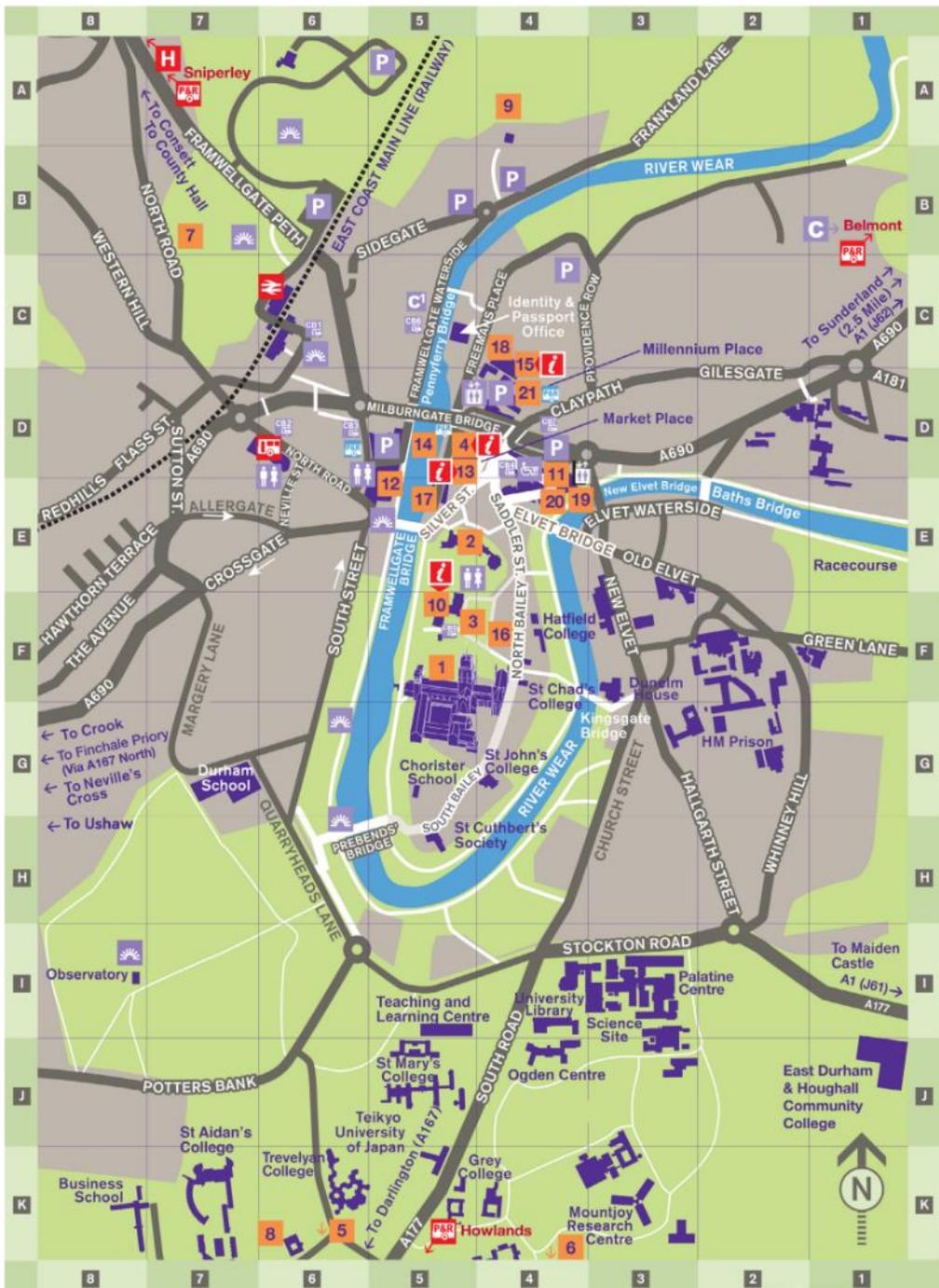
Follow the 8.5 mile (14 kilometre) coastal path for unmissable moments beside the North Sea. Hunker down for the night in an eco-coastal pod, or choose a luxury stay.

04 Getting Around

Walking is the easiest way to get around in the city centre. Most sights and university buildings are located within walking distance from your hotel. Please note that Durham is a small but hilly city. Parts of the historic city centre are cobbled, so comfortable footwear is recommended. Please note that the Cathedral, a UNESCO world heritage site, is not fully accessible. Please contact the coordination team csdlp@durham.ac.uk if you would like to discuss mobility needs or access requirements.

Please see the following map of Durham city.





- H A7** University Hospital
- C6** Durham Rail Station
- D6** North Road Bus Station
- P 9** Car Park
- C** Coach Park
- C** Coach Drop Off / Pick Up
- C** Shopmobility
- T** Toilets
- L** Lifts
- V** View Point

- Park & Ride Car Parks**
- A7** Sniperley
 - B1** Belmont
 - K5** Howlands
 - A** Park & Ride Bus Stops

- Cathedral Bus Stops**
- R** Rail Station
 - B** Bus Station
 - M** Milburngate
 - Ma** Market Place
 - C&C** Cathedral & Castle
 - F** Framwellgate Waterside
 - Cl** Claypath

- Heritage**
- 1** Durham Cathedral
 - 2** Durham Castle
 - 3** Palace Green
 - 4** Town Hall
 - 5** The Story

- Museums & Gardens**
- 6** Botanic Garden
 - 7** Wharton Park
 - 8** Oriental Museum
 - 9** Crook Hall Gardens
 - 10** Palace Green Library and World Heritage Site Visitor Centre

- Shopping**
- 11** Prince Bishops Place
 - 12** The Riverwalk
 - 13** Durham Indoor Market
 - 14** Fowlers Yard Creative Workspaces

- Culture**
- 15** Gala Theatre Durham
 - 16** Assembly Rooms Theatre
 - 17** City Theatre

- Sport and Leisure**
- 18** Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre
 - 19** Prince Bishop River Cruises (Summer)
 - 20** Rowing Boat Hire (April - October)
 - 21** Walkergate

- Visitor Information Points**
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05 Places to Stay

Delta Hotels Durham Royal County

[Reservations](#)



Hotel Indigo, Durham

[Reservations](#)



Radisson Blu Hotel, Durham

[Reservations](#)



06 Activities

Durham UNESCO World Heritage Site. Durham Cathedral was built between the late 11th to early 12th centuries to house the shrines of the Venerable Bede and St Cuthbert.

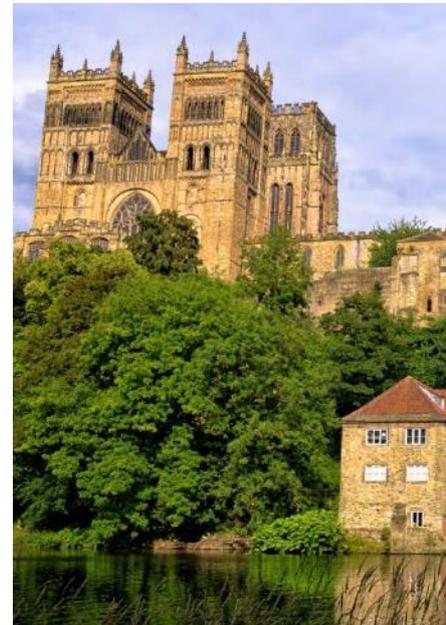
Durham Castle was built by the Normans to protect the English borders from Scottish invaders. Together, Durham Cathedral and Durham Castle form one of the greatest monuments of the Norman Conquest of Britain. Indeed, Durham Cathedral is one of the finest examples of Norman architecture in the whole of Europe. The Castle and Cathedral also reflect the fascinating political history of Durham and the unique status of the Prince Bishops of Durham. These religious leaders also held significant secular power, and governed a virtually autonomous state that formed a buffer between England and Scotland from the late 11th century until 1603.

University Special Collections. Lying at the heart of the World Heritage Site between the Castle and the Cathedral, Palace Green Library and its collections have, since the middle of the 17th century, represented the best of humanity's thirst for knowledge and understanding. Durham University's archives and special collections include over 70,000 books published before 1850, medieval manuscripts, maps, prints and photographs. Cosin's Library is open and free to the public; you can find more information on opening times [here](#).

Botanic Garden. Durham University's 10-hectare Botanic Garden is set amongst beautiful mature woodlands on the southern outskirts of Durham city. We have plant collections from around the world, including China, Japan, North America, South Africa, New Zealand and Chile, as well as a woodland garden, alpine garden and bamboo grove. Information on tickets and opening times is available [here](#).

Beamish Museum. is a world-famous open-air museum which brings the history of North East England to life during the 1820s, 1900s, 1940s and 1950s.

Visitors to the museum meet costumed folk and discover fascinating stories of everyday life in the region through time. Tickets can be bought [online here](#), and the museum is open Wednesday – Sunday.



The Auckland Project. The Auckland Project is a unique collection of visitor attractions in and around Bishop Auckland. From priceless paintings to historic archives, the collections at The Auckland Project help to tell the remarkable story of Bishop Auckland. You can explore the collections when you visit The Auckland Project, with many unique objects on display across their venues including Auckland Palace, the Faith Museum, the Spanish Gallery and the Mining Art Gallery. Tickets can be bought [online here](#).



Ushaw College. Established initially as a Catholic Seminary (known as Ushaw College/ St Cuthbert's College, Ushaw) founded in 1808 from the former English Catholic College at Douai in France, it was purpose-built in its beautiful setting four miles from the City of Durham. Lose yourself in our grounds, be amazed by beautiful buildings and marvel at centuries of art, history and heritage. Tickets can be bought [online here](#).



Bowes Museum. A magnificent French style public museum which was created by the philanthropists Joséphine and John Bowes. Enjoy some of the UK's best examples of European fine and decorative arts with galleries spread across three floors dedicated to paintings, furniture, fashion and textiles, ceramics, silver and metals, sculpture and more. Don't miss the Silver Swan – one of the world's finest examples of an 18th Century moving mechanical device. Tickets can be bought [online here](#).



Newcastle Castle. Steeped in history, this Norman fortress is a rugged reminder of northern England's turbulent past and where the city of Newcastle got its name. Enjoy exploring the ancient passage- ways and chambers, discover the hidden stories of the Castle's inhabitants over the centuries, and take a journey up the roof to see the most commanding views of the city. Tickets can be bought online here.



07 Places to Eat

[Flat White Kitchen](#)

Coffee shop & baked goods 40 Saddler St,
Durham DH1 3NU



[Cafédral](#)

Coffee shop, lunch options 1 First Floor Owengate
House, Durham, DH1 3HB



[The Cellar Door](#)

Lunch and evening dinner options, 41 Saddler
Street, Durham, DH1 3NU



08 Helpful Information

For questions regarding the conference, please email csdlp@durham.ac.uk

Medical Help

This information is for people who are visiting England from abroad, with advice on how to access different types of healthcare and whether you might need to pay.

- Call 999 if someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.
- Call NHS 111 if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation.
- National Emergency Number for Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade – 999
- Nearest hospital: University Hospital of North Durham: North Rd, Durham DH1 5TW

UK Entry Requirements

Please check the UK government webpage for information relating to entry requirements from your country: [Entering the UK: Overview - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/entering-the-uk). **Please note that from 2 April 2025, EU, EEA and Swiss citizens (except Irish citizens) will need an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) to travel to the UK**

Enjoy your stay



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