

# YOUR GUIDE TO MANCHESTER













### WELCOME TO

# MANCHESTER...

The home of Oasis, Stone Roses, The Smiths, Manchester United, Manchester City... Oh, and the probably the best speedway track in the world!

Now on June 13/14 it will host the biggest two meetings and the best riders on the planet for the FIM ATPI Speedway Grand Prix events of Manchester. But it's not just about the track action. Manchester is one of the most vibrant cities in the world and offers more than any other speedway location in the UK.

Before the Monster Energy FanZone, packed with the usual must-do and must-haves. Riders signing sessions and usual Monster goodies and girls all on show, every fan must sample what Manchester has to offer. The city has a rich industrial heritage and a thriving cultural scene and a city with a vibrant music history.

It's also famous for its world-class football clubs and its diverse, multicultural population. Manchester has been a centre for innovation, particularly during the Industrial Revolution, and continues to be a hub for creative industries and scientific research.

### HERE'S YOUR GUIDE TO THE NEWEST CITY ON THE SGP CALENDAR



# **1** GETTING AROUND TOWN

Manchester is a really easy city to explore on foot and also operates a tram network. We recommend spending some time planning your day's activities before leaving home or your hotel and get the most out of your weekend in Manchester. Piccadilly is the closest train station where trains run to Belle Vue (6 minutes journey).

You can pick up an uber or black cab from anywhere in the city and be at the stadium in under 10 minutes. Buses also operate many routes along Hyde Road.

Click the green button for more information.

# 2 LANDMARKS & SIGHTSEEING

Manchester isn't without its architectural delights. The Town Hall is currently undergoing a re-development project but is still a hugely impressive feat of architecture, as is the Central Library on Peter Street. Another must is the street art of the Northern Quarter, recently the backdrop for the chanel fashion show.

Hilton Manchester is home to the bar, Cloud 23, one of the highest vantage points where you can admire many views of the city and its changing landscape.

Another great vantage point for a pre-race drink is 20 Stories in Spinningfields. If you fancy some fresh air, a walk along the canal through Castlefield is a must as is the National Trust's Castlefield viaduct.

Manchester was home to the first canal, leading the way for fortunes of the nation, today this buzzing contemporary city embraces its water, making an intriguing and dynamic walk.

# FOOD (OR SCRAN AS WE LIKE TO CALL IT)

Where do we start? Trip advisor is a great place to start to hone in your favourite cuisine and check the trip advisor reviews. However, it would be remiss to not list a few on the latest hit-list as well as some firm favourites.

Manchester has become a city to enjoy many London food brands located further north. New this month is Circlo Populare, a Sicilian trattoria.

It's not the first London based Italian to head north with Lina Stores opening this year too. If you fancy something a little more spicy, Zaap Thai will be newly opened this June, with over 80 of the most authentic Thai street food dishes on the menu, your taste buds will rock to the Bangkok vibe and you'll feel like you are in the street food capital of the world, Thailand.

After the SGP racing, head to Rusholme and experience the vibrant Curry Mile where you'll be bowled over by hundreds of Indian Restaurants (Mughli Charcoal pit being one of our favourites).

Explore all of the eateries and new restaurants on offer by clicking the green buttons below.

#### Some firm favourites

As well as the main chains in **Printworks** and **Corn Exchange**, there are a whole host of restaurants across Manchester to enjoy it before or after the meeting. Heading out with friends and struggling with which cuisine to choose, then **Mackie Mayors** in Ancoats is a firm favourite with many eateries and food offerings.

Located in an old market Hall, this sister venue to the famous Altrincham Market offers a choice for everyone. China Town in the City also offers some great Chinese restaurants. The choices really are endless.

Click here for Manchester's Finest

Click here for Secret Manchester



# COFFEE CULTURE

Late morning, enjoy the many coffee houses Manchester has on offer. Here's a guide to some of the best coffee in town, click the green button below.

Click here for the best coffee places in town

# **5** BOOZERS & BARS

The great thing about early evening speedway is it provides an opportunity to meet up with some speedway friends and enjoy a pre-meeting drink during the afternoon.

Manchester City Centre has some great traditional boozers, our favourites would include: The Old Wellington at Cathedral Gates, offering a large beer garden to the front, Mr Thomas's Chop House on St Ann's Alley.

For fans wanting to meet in an area with a little more wriggle room, there are plentiful bars around Spinningfields featuring the usual chains. Alternatively, Walkabout in Printworks or Albert Schloss is a very popular drinking spot.

For those dressing up after racing and hitting the town, there are many bars that offer late night music offerings across the city meaning your night doesn't have to end because the speedway has.

# 6 CHANNEL YOUR INNER PAC-MAN

A new attraction to the Manchester Science and Industry Museum this summer, you and your friends can take a specially designed PAC-Vest and play a live interactive game of Pac-Man. Booked in advance by visiting www.pacmanlive.co.uk (click the green button).

Click here to pre-book Pac-Man

# VISIT ALCATRAZ

Previously undiscovered, in the heart of Manchester now lies Alcotraz: Cell Block Three-Four, a secret home to a speakeasy prison. Successfully smuggle liquor behind bars and get it to the hands of the longest-serving inmates to enjoy delicious cocktails for you and your gang. Team up with our notorious bootlegging inmates to take on the Warden, or sit back, relax, and enjoy your drink in the clink as you immerse yourself in our unique theatrical experience!

https://www.alcotraz.co.uk/locations/manchester/ (click the green button).

Click here for info on Alcatraz

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.VISITMANCHESTER.COM



Click here to pre-book Coronation Street

#### The Coronation Street Experience

No visit to Manchester would be complete without a visit to one of Britain's most famous streets, Coronation Street. When we last checked, spaces remain for Sunday 15th June, visit www.coronationstreetexperience.co.uk (click the green button above).

Free to visit, celebrating its 25th anniversary, The Lowry in Salford has launched a brand new immersive experience of L.S. Lowry's iconic work Going to the Match. Developed with world-renowned creative studio Layers of Reality, 'LOWRY 360' will fully surround audiences with the sights and sounds of Going to the Match, transporting them into the painting before they experience the original artwork first hand. LOWRY 360 promises to be a powerful journey into the world of football, community, and culture – themes that define both L.S. Lowry's art and everyday life in Salford.

...HAVE FUN EXPLORING & SEE YOU AT THE TRACK!