



## Sunderland

The city by the sea in the heart of North East England



Welcome to our city by the sea! Sunderland is a confident, vibrant, welcoming city situated on the coast, at the mouth of the River Wear.

Once the biggest shipbuilding town in the world, Sunderland is a proud city that continues to evolve into a vibrant and exciting place to live and visit.

Only minutes from the open North Sea, Port of Sunderland offers two lock-free river berths just a stroll away from the busy, culture-rich city centre where you will find unique visitor attractions such as the National Glass Centre, Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens and St Peters Church (AD674), one of the UK's earliest stone-built Anglo-Saxon churches and the home of Saint Bede. Those that like to stroll a little further, will be rewarded with the stunning sandy beaches and landscaped promenades of Roker and Seaburn, and the opportunity to visit one of many delightful cafés or indulge in some of the best fish & chips!

Sunderland offers cruise visitors a range of truly memorable experiences not easily found elsewhere. Why not try a guided tour of the 'secret tunnel' beneath the historic Roker pier and lighthouse, an intimate

brass-band performance in the historic Holy Trinity, Sunderland's first parish church or feel the heat of the furnace during one of the six daily glass making demonstrations at the National Glass Centre which is built on the 7th century site of the very first stained-glass production in Great Britain.

At the heart of the wider North East England region, Sunderland provides the perfect port of call with many of the area's finest attractions within easy reach. Castles, Cathedrals, UNESCO world heritage sites, stunning landscapes, shopping sprees and world-class museums are all just a short journey away.

Sunderland has a truly diverse and engaging mix of things to see and do indoors and out, it is also beautifully positioned to help you make the most of this stunning region of England.

See it, do it, Sunderland!

## Top Five Facts about Sunderland

- Washington Old Hall is a 12th Century Manor House and the ancestral home of George Washington, the first President of the USA.
- Standing 136 metres above sea level, the striking Penshaw monument is inspired by the Theseion in Athens and is a tribute to John George Lambton, 1st Earl of Durham and Governor General of Canada.
- Sunderland or Wonderland? Lewis Carroll was a frequent visitor to the city and drew heavily on landmarks and the local accent for many of his works including *The Walrus and the Carpenter*, *The Jabberwocky* and, of course, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*,
- Sir Joseph Swan, the true inventor of the electric light bulb, was born in Sunderland in 1828 and first demonstrated the device at the city's Athenaeum building,
- St. Peter's Church in Sunderland is one of the most significant historical sites in Britain. Founded in the 7th century by the pioneering Benedict Biscop, it developed into one of the greatest and most influential centres of learning in the northern world.

## Experience Sunderland

### National Glass Centre & The Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art

Discover how glass arrived in Britain, how it's made and why Sunderland has such a rich glass-making heritage. You can also enjoy a regularly changing programme of both established and emerging contemporary artists work at the Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, housed within the same fantastic riverside building

**Link:** <https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/our-venues/national-glass-centre/>

### Penshaw Monument & Herrington Country Park

On top of Penshaw Hill sits the Earl of Durham's Monument. Better known as Penshaw Monument, this 70ft high edifice is a replica of the Theseion in Athens and can be seen for miles around. It is considered to be one of the North East's most beloved landmarks. Just across the road from Penshaw Monument is Herrington Country Park. Once the site of a Lambton colliery, today it is a peaceful green oasis. complete with a wildfowl-frequented scenic lake.

**Link:** <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/penshaw-monument>

### Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens and Mowbray Park

Discover Sunderland's fascinating history all in one place in the city's first-ever museum, which opened in 1810. The museum showcases the city's rich industrial heritage, natural history and a regularly changing programme of temporary exhibitions including high profile works by Leonardo Da Vinci and Canaletto. The 21st century Winter Gardens are a tropical paradise. Over 2,000 plants thrive in the glass rotunda and

from the tree-top walkway visitors have a bird's eye view of beautiful Mowbray Park.

**Link:**

<https://sunderlandculture.org.uk/our-venues/sunderland-museum-winter-gardens/permanent-exhibitions-collections/>

### Roker & Seaburn beaches

Sunderland's twin beaches have been a favourite family visitor attraction for many years. The golden beaches are a sandcastle builders paradise and a great safe spot for all the family (lifeguards on duty). The wide open promenade and landscaped seafront and restored Roker Pier make for a perfect stroll in the sea air too.

**Link:** <https://www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk/roker-and-seaburn-beaches>

### Washington Wetland Centre

WWT Washington is a wildlife haven for rare species where you can get up close to a variety of cute and friendly creatures. Situated on a 100-acre site on the banks of the River Wear in Sunderland, it is an inspirational example of how sound conservation management allows wildlife to thrive. As well as a plethora of fascinating bird life, there is also an opportunity to meet WWT Washington's cheeky otter family.

**Link:** <https://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/washington/>

### Beamish

A world-famous open air museum, telling the story of life in North East England during the 1820s, 1900s & 1940s. On its 300 acres (120 ha) estate it uses a mixture of translocated, original and replica buildings, a large collection of artifacts, working vehicles and equipment, as well as livestock and costumed interpreters. Image credit: VisitBritain

**Link:** <https://www.beamish.org.uk/>

### Durham City, Castle & Cathedral

Durham Cathedral captures a thousand years of British political, social and religious history. Discover the story of a nation through this monumental building. The World Heritage Site Cathedral and Durham Castle stand atop a rocky outcrop on a loop in the River Wear above the medieval city of Durham with its cobbled streets, preserved market place and traditional inns. Image credit: VisitBritain

**Link:** <https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/>

### Kynren outdoor theatre

From the fog of war and the noise of battle to the heat of industry; from Romans to Victorians; from the lavish pomp and pageantry of royal ceremony to thrilling choreography, amazing stunts, equestrianism, water jets, special effects and pyrotechnics, this multi-award-winning live action, outdoor theatre spectacular delights and dazzles the senses as the last 2,000 years are brought to vivid life on an enormous scale

**Link:** <https://www.kynren.com/>

### Raby Castle, Barnard Castle & Bowes Museum

Barnard Castle in Teesdale is an historic market town with eponymous castle., and is a beautiful example of a traditional northern market town, packed with quirky boutiques and antique shops. The stunning Bowes Museum can be found in the town and houses an internationally important collection of art and furniture. Raby Castle is en route and provides a wonderful opportunity to explore one of England's finest medieval castles, complete with Deer Park gardens Image credit: VisitCountyDurham

**Link:** <https://www.thisisdurham.com/explore-durham/durham-towns/barnard-castle>

## York

To explore York is to explore 2000 years of history, from the ancient walls of Roman York to the Viking remains of Jorvik and the grandeur of Georgian York. Delve into York's heritage, discover hidden attractions off the beaten track, enjoy a vivid food and drink scene and wander in and out of contemporary independent shops. Offering more attractions per square mile than any other destination in the UK this magical city is ideally located only 74 miles (1hr 40mins) from the Port of Sunderland. Image credit: VisitBritain/AndrewPickett

**Link:** <https://www.visityork.org/>

## Port information

**Time zone :** GMT

**Operational hours :** 24hrs

**Enquiries/reservations :** Port Commercial – Andrew.foster@sunderland.gov.uk

**Lat & Long :** 54° 54' 51" 01° 21' 51"

**Prevailing weather :** South Westerly

**Anchorage position :** N/A

**Berth information :** Greenwells Quay Length – 220m, Corporation Quay Length – 300m

**Vessel length :** 199m

**Vessel width :** 35m

**Air draft restrictions :** None

**Vessel draft :** 8.5m

**Depth on berths :** Greenwells Quay – 6.5m, Corporation Quay – 8.5m

**Largest cruise ship to call :** MS Hamburg 144m x 22m x 6.5m draft

**Max ship dimension :** 199.99m x 35m x 8.5m

**Pilotage :** Compulsory pilotage services provided by Port of Sunderland

**Tugboat :** Available on request

**Security facilities :** Full ISPS

**Gangway :** Ship's own, local hire also available

**Fresh water :** Available at both berths, provided by Port of Sunderland

**Power supply :** Ship's own, local hire also available

**Fuel supply :** By road tanker and bunker barge

**Hot works/painting/lifeboats :** All operations permissible subject to vessel obtaining relevant permits from Port Harbour Master. Work barge also available.

**Waste handling :** Port provides 1 mandatory skip. All additional waste disposals to be undertaken by specialist 3rd party contractor.

## Passenger Facilities

**Cruise terminal building :** Currently under development

**Currency exchange :** 0.6m/0.9km

**Internet access :** 4G & 5G available

**Telephones :** Not available

**Mailbox :** 0.6miles/0.9km

**Taxi rank :** 0.6miles/0.9km

**Distance to railway station :** 0.6miles/0.9km

**Distance to airport :** 18.8miles/30km

**Banks/ATM :** 0.5miles/0.8km

**Restaurants/cafes :** 0.5m/0.8km

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