

Café Guide

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Introduction

There are so many reasons to Make a Date in one of Leicester's cafés

Whether you're catching up with friends, looking for a space to answer emails, having a leisurely lunch or celebrating with afternoon tea, cafés are synonymous with taking a break and savouring the moment.

Leicester is home to an array of cafés across the city centre and neighbourhoods, ranging from atmospheric independent coffee shops to historic tearooms. Whatever you are looking for and wherever you are in the city, you won't be far from a cosy corner that's calling your name.

For those coffee connoisseurs craving speciality beans, there are a wealth of venues that take pride in sourcing and roasting the highest quality coffee from around the world. Equally, if tea and cake is your idea of heaven, Leicester is sure to delight you with its baking talents — after all, we are home to a former Bake Off winner and runner up!

Of course, cafés aren't all about hot drinks. The city is blessed with daytime eateries that will keep you fuelled from morning until dinner time. You'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to healthy breakfasts, sociable brunch venues and finding a spot for a lingering lunch.

Leicester's late night café scene is alive and kicking, with plenty of dessert parlours as a great option for those who want something sweet after dinner or an alcohol-free place to socialise after dark

So, what are you waiting for? Use this guide as inspiration and Make a Date with Leicester's cafés!

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But First...
Coffee:
Speciality
Coffee
Houses

When it comes to coffee Leicester is full to the brim with brainy baristas eager to find the best beans for your tastes

The city is spoilt for choice when it comes to speciality coffee houses that take pride in sourcing, roasting and serving the highest quality coffee.



St Martin's Coffee Shop is a cosy, home from home, serving speciality coffee from Allpress Espresso. They take their hot drinks seriously, with seasonal specials and a range of loose-leaf tea on offer alongside a popular food menu. The Leicestershire roastery of the same name supplies many independent cafés throughout the city and the UK.

A local roastery and café with a difference is **Northern Cobbler**. Located on Queens Road in Clarendon Park, this is a one-of-a-kind café and footwear shop... yes, you heard that right! The café serves locally roasted coffee alongside a sweet and savoury menu. Their modern roastery operates sustainably and ethically producing minimal waste, with fully recyclable or compostable packaging.

If you ever find yourself counting down the minutes until your next cup of Joe, you're going to want to head to **The Coffee Obsessive** in Stoneygate, dedicated to bringing coffee from some of the best roasters around the UK and Europe to the people of Leicester. Choose from their changing selection of coffees at the brew bar and they will manually make you a filter to sit and enjoy.

200 Degrees Coffee on Market Street ship the finest green beans from Rainforest Alliance farms back to the UK, where self-confessed coffee geeks use the traditional art of roasting — at 200° centigrade — to give a full bodied, smooth taste.

Other speciality coffee highlights include Ninety-Six Degrees on Braunstone Gate, who serve a range of coffees alongside a delicious food menu, and Bread & Honey on King Street, where the house brew is London's Monmouth Coffee.





For the 'Gram

Getting your daily caffeine hit has a whole new side to it in the digital age, but you don't have to compromise on taste when getting the perfect shot for your social media

Look no further for delicious, high quality coffee worthy of a #latteart post on your grid...

Saints of Mokha, Belvoir Street

This family run Leicester roastery have a passion for sourcing coffee from around the world. Their Red Velvet (red with cocoa undertones) and Luna (aqua blue with honey flavour) blends will bring a pop of colour to your feed and delight to your tastebuds.

Merchant of Venice, Granby Street

Enjoy the aromatic flavours of authentic Italian coffee in historic Venetian inspired surroundings. The décor is spectacular, with handmade furniture including swing seats and fairy lights.





Did you know?

Your choice of morning coffee can make a difference to people in need in the city. 6 Degrees Coffee House on London Road is a social enterprise of Open Hands Trust, a local charity which helps those in need with clothes, food, furniture and skills to grow confidence and get back into work.

In the city centre, Leicester Coffee House Company on Granby Street work in collaboration with a local special school, providing learning opportunities for young people with social, emotional and mental health issues. Café No. 7, based next to Leicester Cathedral, serves award winning coffee from Change Please, a social enterprise that uses profits from its coffee to train people experiencing homelessness to be baristas.



Brunch is Always a Good Idea

Thank goodness for brunch: the answer to our mid-morning hunger cravings.

A meal where it is entirely acceptable to have a pile of sweet pancakes as a main — it's no surprise brunch is universally loved



Kai Kitchen in St Martins Square is an intimate and cosy café that is always bustling. Famous for their Instagrammable, towering pancake stacks with a range of sweet and savoury toppings, Kai's all-day brunch menu also includes French Toast, a variety of avocado dishes and all kinds of eggs.

If you're breaking up a shopping trip with a brunch stop, look no further than James' Café Bistro, located a stone's throw from Highcross Leicester shopping centre. It is one of the city's foodie hidden gems with brunch options including American pancakes, crepes, and eggs benedict.

Find a lighter breakfast option in the city centre at **Cafe Mbriki** on Carts Lane, featuring a menu inspired by the owner's Greek-Cypriot heritage. Enjoy the Mediterranean flavours of the Greek Breakfast — best enjoyed in the sunshine at one of their outdoor tables. Not far away on Loseby Lane, **Piero's Café and Snack Bar** is a great choice

for a wide range of food including gluten-free options.

Outside the city centre, Clarendon Park institution, 1940s Cuban themed **Bar Dos Hermanos** offer a great range of brunch items, including the Latin classic Huevos Rancheros (tortillas with fried eggs, salsa, cheese and baked beans). Also on Queens Road is **Halcyon Kitchen**, who serve a daily breakfast and Sunday brunch menu.

Be sure to take advantage of the wealth of quality Indian cuisine in the city and have breakfast subcontinental style at **Chapatea**, on Evington Road. Their Desi Breakfast offers a masala-spiced start to your day. They also serve traditional layered flatbreads, Parathas, and some with a twist — including Nutella Paratha. Of course, your Indian inspired brunch should be washed down with a warming cup of Chai.

Over on Narborough Road, **Café Two Ten** is an intimate space serving up arguably one of the best Full English

breakfasts in the city, according to TripAdvisor. There's a vegetarian version, too — with all dishes generously portioned and reasonably priced. Those with a large appetite might be tempted by the American Breakfast, which has all the trappings of the Full English but with an added 4oz steak.





Go Bottomless

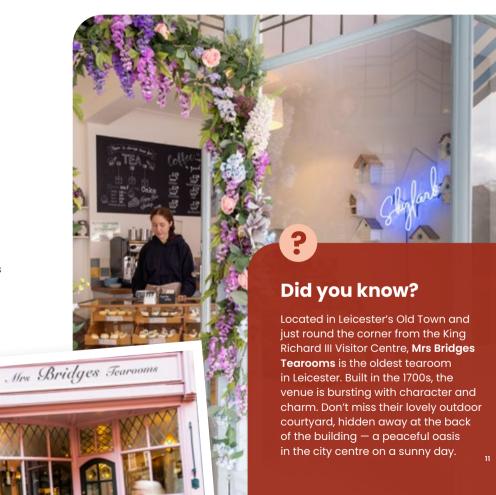
Gone are the days when brunch was simply to discuss the events of the night before — make brunch the main event by going bottomless!

Start your weekend in style at the Knight and Garter, where you can add on bottomless mimosas to your food choice. The food options are varied, with traditional breakfasts, pancakes and smashed avo, alongside cromer crab scrambled eggs or a 340g dry aged sirloin steak and fried duck egg to kick start the day.

Time for Tea

Considered to be the most English of traditions, there's not much that can't be made better with a good cup of tea... and maybe a slice of cake on the side

For a delicious three-tiered afternoon tea with friendly service, head to **Skylark Bakery** in Clarendon Park. This quirky café bakery serves a generous selection of tasty sandwiches and pastries, freshly baked scones with clotted cream and preserves, and a bottomless pot of loose-leaf tea of your choice, or a speciality coffee.





Mrs Bridges Tearooms in the city centre is a popular place with locals and visitors alike, and makes for a timely pit-stop midway through a shopping trip. The Afternoon Tea is affordable but still an indulgent treat comprising a choice of finger sandwiches, scones with Cornish clotted cream and jam, a selection of homemade cakes and a pot of tea. For a lighter option, Cream Tea is also available.

If you're celebrating a special occasion, there are plenty of luxury afternoon tea options. Re-live historic elegance with afternoon tea at **The Belmont Hotel** on New Walk — add on a prosecco upgrade for extra luxury. Across the city at Winstanley House, the Black Iron Restaurant is a picturesque location, where the team have sought out the some of the best loose leaf teas in the country to complement the sweet and savoury treats created by their in-house chefs.

Fancy transporting your afternoon tea tradition to sunnier climes? Get a taste of the Mediterranean at **Veeno Italian**Wine Café on Hotel Street. Sat outside on a sunny afternoon, you could easily believe you are on the continent as you tuck into a traditional scone and jam, accompanied by focaccia filled with Italian meats and cheeses. Cake and cannoli top it off, with your choice of unlimited tea or coffee.

Enjoy a sip of the East at **Chaiiwala**, with five branches throughout the city (Granby Street, Loughborough Road, Nedham Street, East Park Road and Evington Road). Choose from their cinnamon chai, karak chai, mint chai or saffron chai, all sweetened to your taste and best enjoyed with their extensive menu of Indian snacks and street food.

East meets West at **Bobby's** on Belgrave Road, who serve up an Indian inspired afternoon tea featuring spring rolls, Bombay sandwiches, hot scones and Asian desserts, or sample **Café Delhi**'s High Chai menu for a taste of the rich traditions of India's chai culture.

Bubble Tea has been enjoyed by East Asian communities for decades, and its surging popularity on our shores has seen plenty of outlets popping up around the city. This refreshing tea-based drink can be customised with flavours and toppings. Speciality Bubble Tea outlets include Bubble CiTea (Highcross Leicester), Chattime Leicester (High Street), Mooboo (Haymarket Shopping Centre), CUPP Bubble Tea (East Gates), Lay Tea (Silver Street) and Seven Tea (Welford Road).





Grays, located within LCB Depot on Rutland Street, has long been an oasis in the city's Cultural Quarter. The courtyard features plenty of seating with marquee covering, heaters for cooler days and a new outdoor bar. They're open during the daytime throughout the week, bringing fresh, seasonal food with an exciting and ever-changing menu. Enjoy breakfast or lunch in the sun, or stop in for a quality teg or coffee.

Elsewhere in the city centre, Almeida Coffee and Juice Bar on Guildhall Lane is in Leiceter's Old Town, just a stone's throw from Leicester Cathedral. Enjoy an extensive, fresh food menu — including a large selection of gluten free options — in the secret courtyard area for a slice of tranquillity in the city. If you're looking for a coffee catchup or breakfast spot, head over to Esquires at New Walk Place for a combination of outdoor pavement space and a covered marquee area.

The scenic river views at the Riverside Café will add a touch of romance to any coffee-break. Set on the De Montfort University campus, the café serves breakfast, lunch and dinner menus complete with a sweeping vista of the River Soar. A charming walk up the canal will lead you to King's Lock Tearooms in Aylestone. This quaint café is housed in the last Lock Keeper's cottage in Leicester, serving a range of hot and cold foods. Treat yourself to an ice cream or cake whilst relaxing in their small garden for a peaceful canal-side experience on a sunny day.

Outerspace on Francis Street is a garden centre with courtyard café serving light meals, delicious cakes and hot drinks in beautiful setting. In Evington, Café Portugal serves up authentic Portuguese food and coffee in a huge outdoor area, and don't miss Brown's Café Bistro on Allandale Road for an all-day alfresco brunch.





Coffee and cake with a view — John Lewis The Place to Eat

If you're looking for a place to rest your tired feet after a day of retail therapy in the city, head up to the top floor of John Lewis and relax with a hot drink and a slice of cake in **The Place to Eat**. As well as a choice of light meals, you'll get a close-up look at the iconic lace pattern that adorns the building façade — drawing on the city's history as a textile hub — and sweeping views looking out over the north of the city.



Dog-friendly Leicester

You don't have to leave your pet pooch at home if you're looking for a coffee-break in Leicester

Dog-friendly venues include The Exchange Bar in the Cultural Quarter, where you can enjoy light meals and hot drinks from St Martins Coffee roasters. On Granby Street, Leicester Coffee House Company even has their own resident dog, Tommo! Your pooch can join you in your retail therapy at dog-friendly Highcross Leicester, which is also home to several cafés for when you need to rest your feet... and paws. If you're taking your four-legged companion for a longer walk, head to Abbey Park for wide open spaces, where you'll find Peppercorns Café based within the grounds the perfect stop for refreshments.





Light Bites and Lingering Lunches: Cafés Serving Food

Whether you're after a simple sandwich or something a bit more filling, there's no need to compromise on taste when you're satisfying those midday hunger cravings



For a premium lunch time sandwich or wrap, head to Holly's Coffee Shop and Sandwich Bar in St Martins. Expect thick slices of bread generously filled with a variety of classic and more unusual combinations, guaranteed to add a bit of variety to your lunch time.

If you are seeking an out of office workspace whilst you lunch, the chilled-out vibes and exposed brickwork of **Orso** is just the place. This independent coffee shop is inspired by Australia and Bali, and has a weekly changing food menu, including classic lunch salads, avocado and poached eggs and cheese melts. And free WiFi to keep you productive!

Find a little corner of peace in **Bryter Moon Deli** in Silver Arcade, one of the
city centre's best-kept-secrets when
it comes to licensed delis and cafes.
They serve a delicious fresh menu
including range of cheeses and
antipasti, hot and cold sandwiches,
wraps, salads and sweet treats.

Close by is **Just So Italian**, serving a selection of delicious and authentic Italian sandwiches, platters and coffee. You can also pick up deli items and hampers to take home.

Fingerprints Delicafe on Queens Road offer a range of hot and cold sandwiches, deli food, soups and jacket potatoes in a friendly and sociable setting not far from the green space of Victoria Park. If you want a healthy option, enjoy delicious, Korean-inspired nutrient rich nourish bowls at Grounded Kitchen, or head to Oshen Poke for the fresh, healthy, nutritious flavours of Hawaii.

For a chance to browse unique homewares whilst you wait for your food to arrive, pay a visit to In-Haus on Allandale Road. The venue is a unique mix of a café that also sells gifts for your home, bespoke upholstery and furniture. The food menu is simple but delightful, including a range of toasties and sandwiches.

For a taste of your holidays every day, try La Foret Café on King Street, where you'll find a fusion of patisserie classics and light dishes inspired from around the world. The décor and menu is French-Moroccan in style, with beautifully presented meals including salad bowls freshly made each day.

Over on Queens Road, **The Verandah** offers authentic dishes inspired by Indian cooking. Their lunchtime highlights include Indian-inspired grilled cheese and Kolkata rolls — a tandoor baked naan wrap with your filling of choice.





Grab and Go

Being low on time doesn't mean sacrificing quality when it comes to lunch. Bar Sandwich (St Nicholas Place) offers quality sandwiches with a variety of fillings. For a warming treat, Jack's Baked Potato Bar (Halford Street) is a Leicester institution, serving fluffy potatoes with hot and cold toppings. Vegans have plenty of on-the-go choice, with The Pantry (based in the University of Leicester campus) and Currant Affairs (Loseby Lane) offering fresh plantbased lunches and snacks. When it comes to oozey, melting grilled cheese and toasties, Deliish (Granby Street) has got you covered. Finally, for a touch of the Mediterranean on your lunch break, pick up a gyros from The Olive Greek Street Food (Belvoir Street) or visit Deli Flavour (Allandale Road) for fresh sandwiches with deli cheese, antipasti and cured meats.



Plantbased: Vegetarian and Vegan Cafés

Whilst most cafés are inclusive of meat-free diets with options appearing on nearly every menu in the city, vegetarians and vegans will be pleased to learn there are several speciality plantbased venues in the city



Did you know?



The word vegan was coined right here in Leicester.

Donald Watson, a member of the Leicester Vegetarian Society, called a meeting in 1944 and settled on the term, taking the first and last letters of "vegetarian" to make "veg-an" - because it marked, in Mr Watson's words, "the beginning and end of vegetarian."



Prana Café, on Horsefair Street, serves a menu of entirely vegan food and offers a variety of plant-based milks for hot drinks. Their mission is to serve a wholefood diet to nourish and energise your body and mind. Their varied menu proves that there is an abundance of flavour and excitement in vegan food, with everything from salads to pizzas, curries, and show-stopping cakes available. Don't miss their vegan Afternoon Tea for a special treat, or their colourful lattes made with healing, superfood ingredients and plant-based milk.

Two of the city's hidden gems of veggie and vegan food can be easily missed if you're not in the know. Over on Guildhall Lane, World Peace Café, hidden away inside Leicester's Buddhist Meditation Centre, is run by volunteers and provides a peaceful setting in which to enjoy tasty vegan and vegetarian food. The Good Earth, tucked away on Free Lane, is an independent,

family run vegetarian and vegan restaurant with a traditional vibe.

Healthy Louisa on Belgrave Gate serve a menu of plant-based meals rich in veggies and fruit, which are sugar free and mostly gluten free. Their breakfast menu includes creamy porridge and pancakes, and more substantial lunch options include a variety of loaded salad bowls and smoothies.

Pick up a quick bite from the entirely vegetarian menu at **Desi Street Food** on Pocklington's Walk — an Indian café concept created to reflect the experience of the street markets of India. Of course, the influence of Indian and South Asian cuisine in Leicester has led to an abundance of quality vegetarian and vegan Indian restaurants in the city. Explore the Golden Mile area of Leicester or pick up the Leicester Restaurant Guide for more choices when it comes to meat-free evening meals.



Juice That's Worth the Squeeze

If you're cutting down the caffeine or just looking for a healthy and nutrient-packed refreshment, it's time to try out one of the city's juice bars.

Juuice (Slater Street) offer mouthwatering, cold-pressed juices and smoothies with exotic choices like Coconut Dream and Mango Magic.

The Detox Shack (Market Street) sell juice cleanse packages alongside raw juices, smoothies and salads. Within Highcross Leicester you will find chain juice bar, Boost, with a menu of juices and smoothies featuring fresh fruit to give you that extra hit of goodness.



Creams Café (Granby Place) is a celebration of colourful, fun and delicious desserts of all kinds. Baskin Robbins (London Road) claims to be the world's favourite ice cream shop, serving scoops, sundaes and shakes. Enjoy a luxurious dessert experience at Haute Dolci (Granby Street), with lush interiors that make going for dessert as special as going for dinner. Johnny Custard, with branches on Narborough Road and Evington Road, specialise in recapturing the nostalgic magic of childhood puddings laced with — you guessed it — custard.

Gelato Village is an award-winning gelataria serving a diverse range of flavours, including local specials King Richard III (rose blossom and fruits of the forest) and Alice Hawkins (white chocolate and lavender). Look out for their second branch opening on Queens Road in 2022.

Across the city, **Bru Coffee and Gelato** has exceptional coffee, food and desserts from early morning to late night. Sweet treats include freshly baked waffles and dessert classics like apple pie and custard. Dedicated to preserving coffee shop culture, you'll often find the pavement seating occupied by groups of laughing friends and families long after the sun has set.

Anyone with a fondness for a slice of cake should visit Chloe Gourmet, a French patisserie bringing a taste of Paris to Cank Street — it's the perfect treat after one of their croque—monsieurs. Over in Stoneygate, Baker Street Cakes on Allandale Road is a macaron and cake boutique with an ever–evolving selection of inspiring desserts. And just north of the city on Frog Island, don't miss Bitsy's Emporium of Awesome, whose sweet treats can only be described as edible works of art.

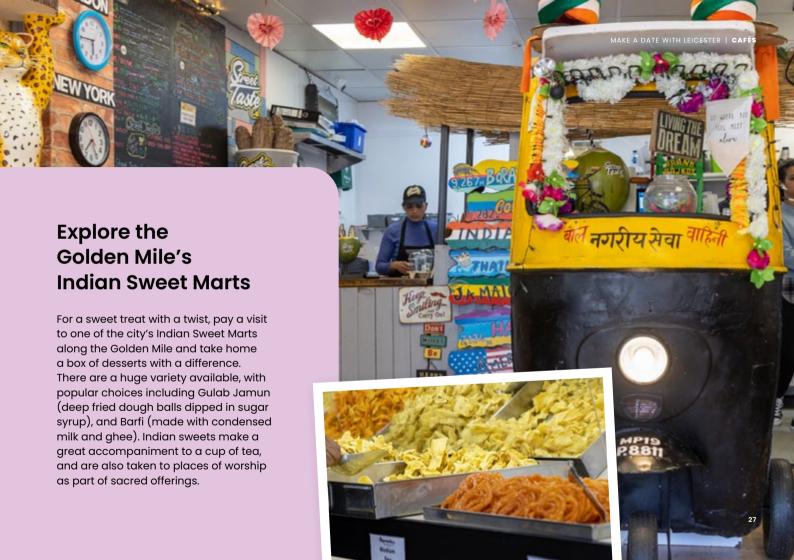
Speciality desserts from across the world include Dutch Pofferties at Mini-Pancake Company (Belarave Gate), Waffle and Scoop's authentic Belgian waffles with a variety of toppings (Belvoir Street) and Port and Nata's authentic Portuguese Pastéis de Nata on Oueens Road. Craze Shakes and Waffles on Allandale Road offer a range of sweet treats, including a 'Keep Me Fit' section of their menu with shakes made with whey protein powder and semi skimmed milk. Speaking of milkshakes, Shakeaway (High Street) offer American-style milkshakes made to order, whilst Welford Shakes Bar serve milkshakes, smoothies and desserts.





Fall in Love with Hot Chocolate

Sometimes only a hot chocolate will do. Sweet, creamy and velvety, it's like a hug in liquid form. Local artisan chocolatier **Cocoa Amore** has been elevating the hot chocolate in Leicester since opening a café in their retail store on Silver Street. The luxury drink includes their handmade chocolate in your flavour of choice stirred into warmed milk — and you can even buy a bag to take home with you.







Please check with individual venues in advance so that you can be confident it meets any accessibility needs.

All information is correct at time of publication.

Venues listed have Food

Venues listed have Food Standards Agency Hygiene Rating of 3 or higher.

*Venues are awaiting Hygiene Rating at time of publication.

Café Directory

CITY CENTRE

AND LONDON ROAD

&KITH

New York inspired café and dry bar.

32 Granby Street, Leicester, LEI 1DE IG: @andkith

6 DEGREES COFFEE HOUSE

A social enterprise coffee house serving delicious tea, coffee and food, and raising funds for Open Hands Charitable Trust.

108 London Road, Leicester, LE2 0QS T: 0116 319 0020

www.6degreescoffeehouse.org.uk

200 DEGREES COFFEE SHOP

A cosy coffee shop in an impressive Art Deco building, offering a range of hot and cold drinks as well as sweet treats and light bites.

10-12 Market Street, Leicester, LE1 6DP

T: 0116 319 2770

www.200degs.com

ALMEIDA COFFEE & JUICE BAR

A range of fine food, coffee and juices, with seating spread over two floors including a peaceful garden.

5 Guildhall Lane, Leicester, LEI 5FQ

T: 0116 261 9086

IG: @almeidacoffee

BAR SANDWICH

Café serving variety of sandwiches.

13 St Nicholas Place, Leicester, LEI 4LD T: 0116 251 9770

BASKIN ROBBINS

Ice cream scoops, sundaes, shakes, desserts and freshly baked crêpes and waffles.

114 London Road, Leicester, LE2 0QS

T: 0116 254 0797

www.baskinrobbins.co.uk

BITSY'S EMPORIUM OF AWESOME

Baked goods that amaze both your mouth and eyes, along with a menu of grilled cheeses.

North Mills, Graffwerk Mill, Unit 4 Frog Island, Leicester, LE3 5DL

www.bitsysemporium.com

BOOST JUICE BAR

Chain juice and smoothie bar.

Unitu SU33a, Highcross Leicester, LE1 4RQ

T: 0116 251 7400

www.boostjuicebars.co.uk

BREAD & HONEY

All-day coffee, smoothies, soups, salads, sandwiches and cakes.

15 King Street, Leicester, LEI 6RN

T: 0116 254 3779

www.breadnhoneycoffee.com

BRU COFFEE & GELATO

Exceptional coffee and desserts from early morning to late night.

20–22 Granby Street, Leicester, LEI 1DE T: 0116 251 9667

www.brucoffee.co.uk

BRYTER MOON DELI

Delicatessen, café and takeaway with delicious food and cosy vibes.

Unit 1, Silver Arcade, Leicester, LE1 5FA T: 0116 251 7786

www.brytermoon.co.uk



BUBBLE CITEA HIGHCROSS

Serving Taiwanese beverage, Bubble Tea.

Highcross Leicester, 5 Shires Lane, Leicester, LEI 4AN

T: 0116 456 0168

www.bubblecitea.com

CAFÉ BOCCA

A family run coffee bar serving smooth Italian style coffee and a selection of sandwiches, toasties and delicious homemade cakes.

Market Place South, Leicester, LEI 5HQ FB: @Cafeboccaleicester

CAFÉ DIDO

A friendly place to stop for breakfast, lunch or just a quick break and a drink.

12 Loseby Lane, Leicester, LEI 5DR

T: 0116 225 0446

IG: @café.dido

CAFÉ MBRIKI

An independent coffee shop with a Cypriot twist, offering a selection of hot drinks and Mediterranean style menu.

10 Carts Lane, Leicester, LEI 5FL

T: 0116 253 6213

www.cafembriki.co.uk

CAFÉ NO. 7*

Coffee that helps people experiencing homelessness, as well as Fairtrade teas, sandwiches, cakes and pastries.

Peacock Lane (next to Leicester Cathedral), Leicester, LEI 5LB

T: 0116 261 5200

CAFÉ RIALTO

A family run business and open for over 55 years, Café Rialto offers English breakfasts, homemade cakes and more.

19 Malcolm Arcade, Silver Street, Leicester, LEI 5FT

T: 0116 251 7983

FB: @CafeRialtoLeicester

CHAIIWALA GRANBY STREET

Chaii and urban desi-style street food.

78 Granby Street, Leicester, LEI 6FB T: 0116 296 6725

www.chaiiwala.co.uk

CHATIME LEICESTER

Serving Taiwanese beverage, Bubble Tea.

22 High Street, Leicester, LEI 5YN IG: @chatime.leicester

CHLOE GOURMET

French patisserie and café.

10–12 Cank Street, Leicester, LEI 5GW T: 0116 319 6477

www.chloegourmet.co.uk

COCOA AMORE

Chocolatier and café.

34 Silver Street, Leicester, LEI 5ET T: 0116 262 3278

www.cocoa-amore.co.uk

CREAMS CAFÉ LEICESTER

Dessert parlour serving a range of sweet treats.

4-8 Granby Place, Leicester, LEI 1JA

T: 0116 262 5283

www.creamscafe.com

CUPP BUBBLE TEA*

Serving Taiwanese beverage, Bubble Tea.

5 East Gates, Leicester, LEI 5YA

T: 0116 262 1972

www.cuppbubbletea.co.uk

CURRANT AFFAIRS

Savoury and sweet vegan food for takeaway.

9a Loseby Lane, Leicester, LE1 5DR

T: 0116 251 0887

www.currantaffairs.co.uk

DELIISH SANDWICH BAR

Sandwiches, wraps and toasties with small seating area.

6-8 Rutland Street, Leicester, LEI 1RA

T: 0116 262 8674

www.deli-ish.co.uk

DESI STREET FOOD

Indian street café concept.

8 Pocklingtons Walk, Leicester, LEI 6BU

T: 0116 319 5880

www.desisf.co.uk

DOUGHNOTTS

Handmade luxury doughnuts.

3 Silver Arcade, Leicester, LE1 5FA

www.doughnottsofficial.com

ESQUIRES COFFEE — NEW WALK*

Artisan café serving speciality Fairtrade and organic coffees and teas as well as delicious food.

The Circle, 5 New Walk, Leicester, LEI 6RU T: 0116 296 9009

www.esquirescoffee.co.uk

ESQUIRES COFFEE — THE WULLCOMB

Artisan café serving speciality Fairtrade and organic coffees and teas as well as delicious food.

The Wullcomb, 83 Vaughan Way, Leicester, LEI 4SG

T: 0116 482 3551

www.esquirescoffee.co.uk

GELATO VILLAGE

Popular, modern spot featuring cones and waffles with artisan gelato, along with choice coffee.

2 St Martins Square, Leicester, LEI 5DF

T: 0116 319 2252

www.gelatovillage.co.uk

GRAYS COFFEE SHOP & KITCHEN

Café with a fresh menu each week, using seasonal ingredients to re-create classic breakfast, brunch and lunch dishes.

LCB Depot, 31 Rutland Street, Leicester, LEI 1RE T: 0116 261 6827

www.graysleicester.com

GREAT CENTRAL CAFÉ AND BAR

An independent coffee shop and bar offering coffee and a quirky selection of sandwiches alongside bottled beers and wine.

17 Great Central Street, Leicester, LEI 4JT

T: 0116 431 7483

FB: @gccafebar

HAUTE DOLCI

A range of luxury desserts.

84–86 Granby Street, Leicester, LEI 1DJ

T: 0116 254 2244

www.hautedolci.co.uk

HEALTHY LOUISA CAFÉ DELI

Laid-back vegan outlet offering breakfast, lunch and refreshments.

63 Belgrave Gate, Leicester, LEI 3HR

HEAVENLY DESSERTS

Specialist dessert café with booths, serving waffles, chocolate fondue and ice cream sundaes.

134 London Road, Leicester, LE2 1EB

T: 0116 247 0570

www.heavenlydesserts.co.uk

HOLLY'S COFFEE SHOP & SANDWICH BAR

A cosy café offering hot drinks and a varied menu of breakfasts, sandwiches, wraps and light meals.

13-15 St Martins, Leicester, LEI 5DE

JACKS BAKED POTATO BAR

Jacket potatoes to-go.

la Halford Street, Leicester, LEI IJA T: 0116 262 2232

JAMES' CAFÉ BISTRO

A popular café where you can escape from the hustle and bustle of the city and relax with great music and even better food.

5 East Bond Street, Leicester, LEI 4SX

T: 0116 251 3323

www.jamescafebistro.wordpress.com

JUST SO ITALIAN

Traditional Italian deli serving authentic coffee and a mouth-watering range of Italian delicacies.

14 St Martins Square, Leicester, LEI 5DF

T: 0116 319 1390

www.justsoitalian.co.uk

KAI KITCHEN

Classic brunch fare and coffee in a cosy space.

4 St Martins Square, Leicester, LEI 5DF T: 0116 262 1400

www.kai.kitchen

KNIGHT AND GARTER

Gastro pub serving bottomless brunch.

14 Hotel Street, Leicester, LEI 5AW T: 0116 303 3310

www.knightandgarter.co.uk

LA FORET CAFÉ*

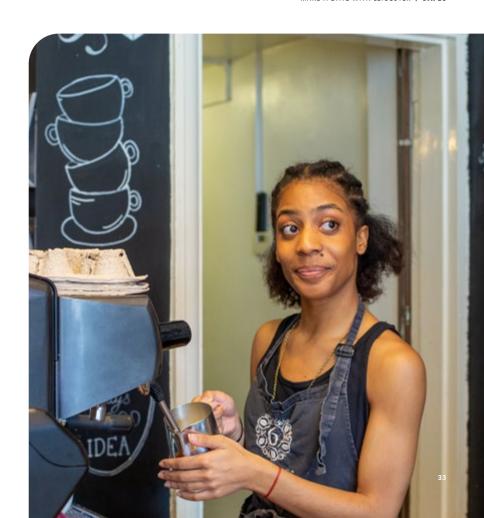
A fusion of patisserie classics and light dishes inspired by world cuisine.

11 King Street, Leicester, LE1 6RH FB: @laforetcafeuk

LAY TEA BUBBLE TEA

Bubble Tea in a variety of flavours.

11 Silver Street, Leicester, LEI 5ET T: 0116 248 9530 IG: @laytea_leicester



LEICESTER COFFEE HOUSE COMPANY

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www.bardoshermanos.co.uk

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