

Loughborough

A market town in the heart of the East Midlands, Loughborough is situated between Leicester and Nottingham. Students can get a short bus or train to both of these cities.

It's only a 75-minute train ride away from London with trains down to the capital leaving a couple of times per day. Loughborough offers easy access to it's surrounding cities and the rest of the UK as well as Europe, via London, too.

The busy town provides everything that a student needs within a safe and welcoming community. The youthful population created by the university is diverse and gives the town a lively atmosphere.



The beautiful countryside is not far away. The Peak District National Park, Sherwood Forest and Charnwood Forest are right next door to Loughborough. All can easily be reached by bus.



If you like comedy and music then the Town Hall will be your favourite place. It has great events and shows on throughout the week including dance shows, music gigs and more traditional theatre performances.

Great choices for shopping

The town centre has plenty of independently owned boutiques as well as popular national chains such as Next, Topshop and Boots.

For groceries there is a wide choice of supermarkets to suit all budgets and tastes, including Tesco, Sainsbury's, Marks and Spencer Food, Iceland and Morrisons.

There is speciality shops in the town such as an Asian grocery store and a halal butchers.







Living Costs Loughborough vs London

Studying on a budget is important to many students. Without compromising the quality of experience and standard of education, **ON**CAMPUS Loughborough offers students the opportunity to gain a world-class education at a much cheaper living cost than cities in the UK such as London.

Below is a comparison of how the cost of studying living in Loughborough compares to the cost of living and studying in London.



Cinema ticket



Loughborough £4.99

Bus ticket



Loughborough £2.00 per journey
London £2.50 per journey

Sandwich



Loughborough £3.00 London £3.95

Help with the cost of living from the university

Reduced cost breakfasts: £1 hot cooked breakfasts at Cayley Dining Hall every morning, including sausage, egg, baked beans, and toast.

Free cereal, fresh fruit and hot drinks in the mornings every day at three locations across campus.

Free to attend money management sessions and seminars.

Increased out of hours study spaces across campus so students can save on electricity at home.

Expanded hardships funds for international students as well as free advice and support for anyone who be worrying about money.

Nottingham

Nottingham is the largest urban area in the East Midlands and is a lively, cosmopolitan city.

As a university city it's built around students, Nottingham University and Nottingham Trent University are both located within the city.

There is 60,000 students living in the city!

There are hundreds of things to do in and around the city from bowling, the cinema, escape rooms, restaurants, theatres, large concert buildings, crazy golf - there's even a cave system to explore under the city if you feel like it!



A bus from Loughborough to Nottingham city centre will cost around £5 and take around 30 minutes



A versatile city

Nottingham isn't a huge city but it packs friendliness and fun into every corner. It has one of the youngest populations of any major UK city. Whether you are looking for shopping, night-life, fun attractions, culture, professional sports, green space or just a good coffee, you'll find it on the streets of Nottingham.

Sports to watch Cuisines to try

- Football
- Cricket
- Ice Hockey
- Rugby
- Boxing
- Tennis
- Netball
- Darts

British

Indian

Asian

- French
- German
- Japanese
- Turkish
- & many more!

Nottingham is ranked as the 9th best city in the UK for students and 53rd in the world

QS Best Student Cities in 2022

Leicester



Leicester is one of the most culturally diverse places in the UK. It's a brilliant place where international students can experience the culture and food from their homes.

Leicester hosts the biggest Diwali festival in the world outside of India.

Leicester is home to two universities - the University of Leicester and De Montfort University. This means that it is full of stA bus from Loughborough to Leicester costs around £3.50 and will take around 30 minutes.

Cheapest university city in the UK

UniFresher.co.uk, 2023





Once in a lifetime attractions....

National Space Centre

The award-winning National Space Centre is the UK's most prominent museum and educational hub on the fields of space science and astronomy.

The Centre houses many exhibits of modern day space exploration including six interactive galleries, the UK's largest planetarium and a 42m high rocket tower. It has many upright rockets on show - some of which have been to space!

It's a great place to visit for the day for a unique experience and is only £9.33 + VAT for a student ticket.

King Richard III Visitor Centre

The King Richard III Visitor Centre tells the incredible story of the king under the car park, King Richard III.

Using beautiful story-telling techniques and cutting-edge interactive displays, here you can learn about Richard III's life and death, a huge part of British history.

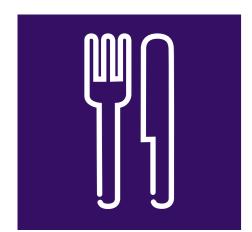
Tickets are £10 for an annual pass meaning you can visit as many times as you want!

Having fun in the area

Cuisines on offer in Loughborough include Indian, Chinese, Australian, Mexican, Thai, Italian, English and Malaysian. You'll also find independently owned pubs, cafés, deli's, global coffee chains, fast food places and other budget friendly restaurants. The town centre is only a 15-minute stroll from the university

Using buses and trains - tickets for both available with discounted student pricing - you can be in Nottingham or Leicester within half an hour. These cities are great place to go on the weekends, and both very affordable.

Places to eat



Street Taste Co

On London Road in Leicester city centre you have the chance to enjoy authentic street food from all over the world. Made with fresh produce imported from more than 10 different countries a week.

The Basin (Loughborough) An amazing blend of Chinese, Thai and Japanese flavours set in beautiful traditional restaurant.



The Golden Mile

Leicester is famous for its Indian restaurants and shops, and you can find tons of places to buy authentic food, spices, clothing and other goods along the Golden Mile.



Heavenly Desserts

If you have a sweet tooth or just fancy a treat you need to head to Heavenly Desserts in Loughborough. The well known dessert bar serves up waffles, ice cream and a huge list of other desserts. It's a great place to hang



Peter Pizzeria (Loughborough) Serves up authentic Italian taste with a modern twist. A casual and chilled place to hang out with



Things to do

Over

stalls selling food, drinks, clothes, jewellery and many other items can be found at Market Place in the centre of town twice a week



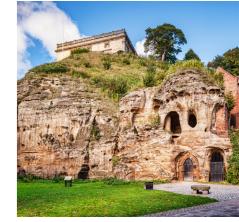
City of Caves

Nottingham has the UK's biggest network of caves! Over 800 caves and tunnels are hidden below the streets throughout the city. Students can spend an afternoon exploring them for £7.65.



Break Escape

Loughborough's best escape room gives you the chance to solve the puzzle and escape with your team of friends. Pick your team wisely! This is a great place to test yourselves and see if you can cope under pressure! The escape room costs £20 per





the town both offering student prices for the latest blockbusters





Victoria Shopping Centre

This shopping centre at the heart of Nottingham with over 120 global stores and brand. You'll find high-street clothes retailers and high end designer stores too. You'll be able to buy as much as you can carry on the bus!



The Climbing Station

Head to this bouldering centre in Loughborough for a great indoor climbing experience. If you have never climbed before you can join a lesson or get some coaching but if you have you can head straight to the walls and aim for the top!



