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Welcome to St Albans

Welcome to the beautiful District of St Albans, just 20 miles from central London. This is a place of extraordinary significance in the development of religion and culture in Britain. 2,000 years of fascinating, visible history are within easy, walkable reach.

Step back into Roman times, marvel at the spectacular Cathedral and the shrine of Britain’s first Saint, and wander streets of medieval architecture.

Explore the historic City to discover independent shops and boutiques, browse the 500 year old Charter Market, and experience the hospitality of quaint pubs and chic restaurants.

St Albans Museum + Gallery, a centre for arts and culture, sits in the very heart of the City. Soak up the atmosphere of this grand 19th Century building, with regularly changing exhibitions and a vibrant programme of events.

This summer sees the opening of the Cathedral’s new Welcome Centre, new exhibition area and improved visitor facilities, launching on 22nd June with the Alban Pilgrimage and a City wide Roman Festival.

We look forward to welcoming you; see page 50 for practical information on getting here. To help you plan the timing of your visit, see pages 24 and 25 for some of the special events that are taking place throughout the year.

enjoystalbans.com
Even if you’ve only got a day, there’s lots to enjoy and explore in St Albans. Here is our handy guide to help you have the best day out in history.

Start at St Albans Museum + Gallery (page 7 and 11) in the 19th Century Town Hall which has been restored beyond its former glory. An orientation point for visitors, it showcases the City’s history and culture with cutting edge art and historical exhibitions which change regularly.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays the vibrant Charter Market (page 12) takes place on St Peter’s Street. It’s the busiest and best in the region.

A few yards away is St Albans Clock Tower (page 12) - the only medieval town belfry in England. At weekends in spring and summer, negotiating a fascinating and uneven winding staircase to enjoy the magnificent views from the top.

Follow Waxhouse Gate (where medieval pilgrims bought their candles) down to the ancient Cathedral (page 11), built on the site of the martyrdom of Britain’s first saint, using bricks from the Roman City of Verulamium. Pop inside (it’s free) to see the longest nave in England, a rare ‘watching loft’, and the finest collection of medieval wall paintings in the country.

Linger in the Cathedral Quarter (page 30) where you will find independent shops and historic inns, amid evidence of the City’s past as an important stop on the coach routes into and out of London.

The adjacent imposing 14th Century Abbey Gateway has been a monastery, prison, and home to the third printing press in England during its colourful history.
A stroll through the Abbey Orchard will take you to Verulamium Park (page 10), where you can see original Roman town walls. Roman Verulamium, once the third biggest city in Roman Britain, is brought to life in Verulamium Museum (page 10) which displays some stunning mosaics and relics. Close by is Britain’s only staged Roman theatre, built in 140AD.

Making your way back, unwind with a well-earned drink in one of the City’s historic pubs; in the City where the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) was started, there’s a fantastic selection, including Ye Olde Fighting Cocks (page 13), the UK’s oldest pub.

**Make a weekend – or longer – of it**

If you have more than one day to spend, there are some quirky little gems out there to discover. St Albans Organ Theatre celebrates mechanical musical instruments and dance organs, and you can visit a fully preserved Signal Box next to a mainline railway. Turn to pages 14 and 15 to find out more.

The pretty villages in the District are themselves home to some fascinating attractions such as Redbourn Village Museum (page 17), and the working flourmill at Redbournbury Mill (page 17).

There is also beautiful countryside which makes for wonderful country walks. Some of these, such as the Wheathampstead Heritage Trail (page 18), will delight history buffs, while nature lovers will enjoy the combination of ancient and new woodland at Heartwood Forest (page 18).

Younger visitors may enjoy a day at Willows Activity Farm (page 19) in London Colney, which is also home to the de Havilland Aircraft Museum (page 19).

Whether you’ve lived here all your life or you’re a first time visitor, there is plenty in the District to spark your interest, open your eyes and feed your imagination.
With something new to see each time you visit, come and enjoy regularly changing exhibitions and cutting edge art installations, take part in the vibrant programme of events, and explore the fascinating histories of the Town Hall, its Assembly Room, Courtroom and Cells.
Café
Start your day with a barista-made coffee and pastry or enjoy freshly made hot and cold lunch options in the Courtroom. Made with locally sourced ingredients, the café offers tempting cakes, freshly baked scones and a selection of speciality teas throughout the day.

Locally sourced treasures
Pick up a souvenir in the museum shop after a visit to St Albans Museum + Gallery. Inspired by our city, our collections, our exhibitions, and great art, you’ll find a unique selection of must-buy gifts, books and souvenirs. The museum gift shop also specialises in locally sourced products and unique hand-made gifts by home-grown artisans so no matter what you pick up, you know it’ll be one of a kind.

A unique and historic venue for your special event in St Albans
Built in 1831 and lovingly restored to its former glory, this magnificent Georgian landmark could be the perfect venue for your next event. From the timeless elegance of the Georgian Assembly Room, with its ornate chandeliers and lustrous gold leaf, to the sleek, white styling of the modern galleries, these versatile and impressive spaces provide a stunning backdrop for any occasion – from conferences, seminars and exhibitions to fundraising dinners, parties, drinks receptions, and even weddings of up to 150 people.

Email stalbans@leafi.co.uk for more info.
Verulamium Museum
St Michael's Street, St Albans AL3 4SW
This award-winning museum displays beautiful objects from Verulamium, the third largest City of Roman Britain. See some of the finest Roman mosaics and wall plasters outside the Mediterranean, and discover the life and times of a major Roman city.
10am-5:30pm Mon-Sat, 2-5:30pm Sun.
Last admission 5pm.
Admission charges apply, see website. Joint admission with Roman Theatre available
T: 01727 751810
W: stalbansmuseums.org.uk

Roman Theatre
Bluehouse Hill, St Albans AL3 6AD
Just a short walk from Verulamium Museum are the remains of a Roman theatre with a stage rather than an Amphitheatre – the only example of its kind in Britain. Close by are the foundations of a Roman town house, a sacred shrine and Roman shops.
10am - 5pm daily (10am - 4pm in winter)
T: 01727 835035
W: gorhamburyestate.co.uk

The Roman Mosaic and Hypocaust
Verulamium Park, St Albans AL3 4SW
Part of a suite of rooms in a large town house built around AD200. Beneath a fine mosaic a hypocaust, a precursor of modern central heating, can be seen.
April to Sept: Mon-Sat 10am - 4:30pm, Sun 2pm - 4:30pm
Oct to March: Mon-Sat 10am - 3:45pm, Sun 2pm - 3:45pm
T: 01727 751810  W: stalbansmuseums.org.uk

Verulamium Park
St Albans AL3 4SW
Over 100 acres of parkland in the City centre, named after the Roman City of Verulamium on which it stands. The River Ver that flows through the park is a rare chalk stream, which feeds the ornamental lakes, home to a wealth of waterfowl.
You can see parts of the Roman wall which surrounded the City. The park also has a café, playground, splash park and many sports facilities.
W: enjoystalbans.com
St Albans Cathedral
Sumpter Yard, Holywell Hill, St Albans AL1 1BY
St Albans Cathedral stands over the place where Alban, Britain’s first saint, was buried over 1,700 years ago. Surrounded by beautiful parkland, the Cathedral is a treasure trove of history with tours, events and activities for all ages. It is home to the Shrine of St Alban, the longest nave in England, stunning medieval wall paintings and architecture that spans a millennium.

New for summer 2019: Come and enjoy the Cathedral’s brand new Welcome Centre and Exhibition, revealing the many treasures and fascinating stories the Cathedral has to share, plus a packed programme of summer events!

FREE entry (donations welcomed).
8:30am – 5:45pm daily
T: 01727 890210  W: stalbanscathedral.org

St Albans Museum + Gallery
Town Hall, St Peter’s Street, St Albans, AL1 3DH
A world-class centre for arts and culture at the heart of one of Britain’s most historic cities. Set over three floors, state-of-the-art gallery spaces showcase over 2,000 years of priceless heritage and display contemporary artworks – sharing local, national and world treasures with visitors.

Enjoy regularly changing exhibitions. Take part in the vibrant programme of events, and explore the fascinating histories of the Georgian Grade II* listed Town Hall, its Assembly Room, Courtroom and Cells. Meet with friends, enjoy barista made coffee with a delicious pastry or indulge in a special lunch in the atmospheric court room. Shop, learn, experience art and discover history all under one roof. Free general admission.

Monday to Saturday: 10am–5pm, Sunday: 11am–5pm
T: 01727 864511  W: stalbansmuseums.org.uk

St Michael’s Village
St Michael’s Street, St Albans AL3 4SP
Nestling at the west end of Verulamium Park, the village is home to St Michael’s church, built on the site of Verulamium’s basilica and the most extant Anglo-Saxon building in Hertfordshire. Kingsbury Watermill, a working 16th century watermill overlooking the River Ver, is home to The Waffle House. The historic village pubs are a welcome spot to rest after a visit to the park or Verulamium Museum.
Charter Market
St Peter’s Street, St Albans AL3 5DJ
Established over 1,000 years ago, the colourful market is one of the largest in the South East. Discover an enormous variety of wares from foodstuffs, flowers, gifts and clothes, to crafts and more unusual items. On the second Sunday of each month, there is also a Farmers’ Market on St Peter’s Street from 8am - 2pm.
8:30am - 5:30pm every Weds and Sat
T: 01727 819227  W: enjoystalbans.com

Clock Tower
High Street, St Albans AL3 4EL
Built between 1403 and 1412, the Clock Tower is the only medieval town belfry in England. Today, you can climb the 93 steps to the top of the Tower and enjoy magnificent views of the city and Cathedral. Visitors are warned that the spiral staircase is steep and narrow.
10:30am - 5pm Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays from Easter to end Sept
T: 01727 751810  W: stalbansmuseums.org.uk

Westminster Lodge and Verulamium Spa
Holywell Hill, St Albans AL1 2DL
State of the art leisure centre, with two pools and a water confidence area for little ones. Climbers of all ages and abilities can enjoy the indoor climbing wall. There’s also a crèche, soft play area, and a café.
Verulamium Spa has five luxurious treatment rooms, including a couple’s suite, as well as a beautiful heat and water oasis.
W: everyoneactive.com  W: verulamiumspa.com

Walking tours
St Albans City Tour Guides have a programme of walks throughout the year around the City and District. Walks include ‘Historic St Albans – A City Revealed’, ‘Fishpool Street - Rags and Riches’, and ‘Ghosts and Ghouls’. Group bookings can also be accommodated by prior arrangement.
See website for walk dates and details.
W: stalbanstourguides.co.uk
Historic pubs

St Albans was a day’s ride from London by horse and carriage, so many inns opened to satisfy demand for a night’s lodging and refreshments. There are still dozens of pubs around the City, many offering real ales (as you’d expect in the home of CAMRA) and delicious food - including Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, the oldest pub in the UK.

The pubs are also the bedrock of a vibrant live music scene, with bands playing somewhere almost every day of the week. See lemonrock.com for music listings.

Arts and entertainment

St Albans offers a vibrant and varied range of arts and entertainment. Take in a show at one of the theatres, and make a night of it by sampling the hospitality of our pubs and clubs.

The Odyssey Cinema
166 London Road, St Albans AL1 1PQ
A glorious, recently restored independent Art Deco cinema. It shows a wide selection of titles each month, including new releases, foreign language films, cult films and classics. The cinema boasts two fully stocked bars. Enjoy films on the big screen with a glass of wine and a cheeseboard.

T: 01727 453088  W: odysseypictures.co.uk

Alban Arena - the biggest entertainment venue in the District, with a busy programme of national touring shows.
Civic Centre, St Albans AL1 3LD  W: albanyarena.co.uk

The Horn - award-winning venue dedicated to live music of all genres. Victoria Street, St Albans AL1 3TE  W: thehorn.co.uk

Club Batchwood - St Albans most exclusive nightclub, with three music rooms, VIP tables and invitation only VIP Suite.
Batchwood Drive, St Albans AL5 3XA  W: clubbatchwood.com

Abbey Theatre - member-run venue providing high-quality, affordable theatre for nearly 50 years. Westminster Lodge, Holywell Hill, St Albans AL1 2DL  W: abbeytheatre.org.uk

For details of more venues around St Albans, visit enjoystalbans.com.
St Albans South Signal Box
Ridgmont Road, next to St Albans City Station
The largest preserved Midland Railway signal box and one of the few preserved boxes that’s open to the public and on a mainline railway. Built in 1892, this signal box contains a 44 lever frame dating from 1904 or before.
2pm - 5pm on 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. April to October (2nd Sunday only Nov-Mar) plus other dates. See website W: sigbox.co.uk

St Albans Organ Theatre
320 Camp Road, St Albans AL1 5PE
A permanent playing collection of rare mechanical musical instruments, café dance organs, player pianos and theatre pipe organs. Live performances are given together with a commentary.
2:15pm - 4:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Monthly Saturday concerts, see website for details.
T: Information and booking line 0300 365 6565
W: stalbansorgantheatre.org.uk

Gorhambury House
Off Bluehouse Hill, St Albans AL3 6AE
The seat of the Earl of Verulam, Gorhambury was built in the late 18th Century and replaced old Gorhambury House, the home of Francis Bacon, the philosopher and writer. The ruins of old Gorhambury House stand nearby.
Due to ongoing refurbishment, there will be limited opening in 2019. See website gorhamburyestate.co.uk for details

Old Gorhambury House
Gorhambury Estate, St Albans AL3 6AH
Built by Sir Nicholas Bacon and visited by Queen Elizabeth I in 1572. The house passed to Sir Nicholas’ son, philosopher and statesman Francis Bacon.
The ruins can be accessed via a two mile walk through scenic Gorhambury Estate. The path is a permissive route, accessible (subject to any closure of the Drive) on foot or on bicycle daily from 8am to 6pm.
W: gorhamburyestate.co.uk
Home of the Ryder Cup
Samuel Ryder, best remembered as the founder of the Ryder Cup, was also one of St Albans’ most notable citizens as a successful businessman, churchman and local politician. You can follow in his footsteps by walking the Samuel Ryder Trail [enjoystalbans.com], and if you’re inspired to pick up your clubs, you can play golf at:

Verulam Golf Club - home of the Ryder Cup, where Samuel Ryder was once a member 226 London Road, St Albans AL1 1JG
W: verulamgolf.co.uk

Batchwood Golf Course - challenging 18 hole municipal course
Batchwood Drive, St Albans AL3 5XA W: 1life.co.uk

Abbey View Golf & Track: Holywell Hill, St Albans AL1 2DL
W: 1life.co.uk

Centurion Club: Hemel Hempstead Road, St Albans HP3 8LA
W: centurionclub.co.uk

Sopwell Nunnery
Cottonmill Lane, St Albans AL1 2BY
Visit the ruins of Sir Richard Lee’s Tudor country house, built on the site of a 12th Century nunnery. The site is an ideal spot for a family picnic, with adjacent wildlife meadow and the River Ver rare chalk stream.

Site is open access
W: stalbansmuseums.org.uk

Clarence Park
Clarence Road, St Albans AL1 4NF
A classic Victorian park donated to the City in 1894 by Sir John Blundell. The park has some original features, including rose and flower beds, Aberdeen granite drinking fountain and the park-keeper’s lodge. The major building in the park is the impressive Cricket Pavilion. There is also a sensory garden and a recreation ground with sports facilities.
W: enjoystalbans.com
The Great Outdoors

The countryside around St Albans is wonderfully diverse. Thousands of years of human occupation have left us with a layered landscape that is full of hidden surprises waiting for you to discover. Historic Bronze Age routes lie alongside Roman roads and modern motorways. Areas of ancient woodland meet the more planned landscape of the 18th Century. Great mansions stand within picturesque parkland, and if you look carefully, you can find trees up to 1,000 years old. This is a landscape that is crying out to be explored!

In the City, Verulamium Park (page 10) houses 100 acres of beautiful parkland close to the City centre and is a popular attraction throughout the year with a wide range of facilities. The Park is named after the Roman City of Verulamium on which it stands. The City walls and outline of the London Gate can still be seen on the slopes, alongside a running track, play area and splash park.

Never more than a short bus or cycle ride from the centre of St Albans there are many footpaths, bridleways, byways and quiet country lanes, providing lots of opportunities to get active in and around St Albans. For walkers and cyclists there are paths and cycle routes criss-crossing the district. The Alban Way and the Nickey Line are disused railway lines now converted into popular pedestrian and cycle paths, part of the National Cycle Network. Redbourn (page 17) and Wheathampstead (page 18) are great bases for cyclists and walkers, with routes of various distances available at enjoystalbans.com.

For a walk on the wilder side, Nomansland Common, Heartwood Forest and Bricket Wood Common (pages 18-19) provide a haven for dog walkers, kite flyers and tree climbers with a range of pubs within handy walking distance, too!
Harpden
A vibrant town to the north of St Albans, Harpenden has a fine high street and an array of interesting shops and independent restaurants. A Farmers’ Market every month, walking and cycling paths as well as Rothamsted Park make for a relaxing rural feel, while the Public Halls and excellent leisure facilities create entertainment opportunities galore.

Rothamsted Park
Amenbury Lane, Harpenden AL5 2EF
Explore the park’s wide open spaces or stroll along the avenue of lime trees. The 56 acre park also has a children’s play area, skateboard park and swimming pool. During the summer the park hosts the Harpenden Carnival and the Highland Gathering (see p24-25).

Harpden Leisure Centre
Leyton Rd, Rothamsted Park, Harpenden, AL5 2HU  W: 1life.co.uk

Harpden Public Halls
Southdown Rd, Harpenden AL5 1TE  W: harpendenpublichalls.co.uk

Redbourn
Picturesque Redbourn, shortlisted for Channel 4’s Village of the Year 2018, has been settled at least since Saxon times and is recorded in the Domesday Book. The Common was the site of Hertfordshire’s first recorded cricket match in 1666, and the village has a number of quaint cafes and shops. A hub for cyclists and walkers, take a break at the watermill or village museum before exploring the surrounding countryside.

Redbournbury Watermill
Redbournbury Lane, Redbourn Road AL3 6RS
A fully restored 18th Century working watermill and bakery on the River Ver just north of St Albans. The river and surrounding countryside are a haven for wildlife and the mill is an ideal stop for walkers and cyclists.

Mill and Bakery 9am - 1pm Sat; Mill only 2:30-5pm Sun (4pm in winter). See website for other special open days
T: 01582 792874  W: redbournburymill.co.uk

Redbourn Village Museum
Silk Mill House, The Common, Redbourn AL3 7NB
Three galleries in the former steam-powered silk mill consider the history, industry and community of Redbourn through permanent displays and changing exhibitions.

2-5pm Sat & Sun from February to November
T: 01582 793397  W: redbournvillage.org.uk

Redbourn Leisure Centre
75 Dunstable Road, Redbourn AL3 7PP  W: everyoneactive.com
Wheatheampstead

Wheatheampstead Village is sometimes known as “The First Capital” and has an amazing history going back 10,000 years. Take a detour to the impressive Devil’s Dyke, an example of Celtic earthworks that is in places 32 feet deep and 100 feet across. Rows of pretty cottages, a picture-perfect parish church and the grassy banks of the River Lea make this perhaps the archetypal English village. The Wheatheampstead Heritage Trail will help you discover it in all its idyllic glory.

Wheatheampstead Heritage Trail
Wheatheampstead Village

The Heritage Trail includes 21 historical properties all within easy walking distance of each other. There is no prescribed route to follow for this self-guided trail. You can start at any point, visiting as many or as few of the sites as you wish.

W: wheatheampsteadheritage.org.uk

Wheatheampstead Old Railway Station
Jct of Lower Luton Road/Codicote Road and Lamer Lane/Station Road

Partially restored platform and railbed with Victorian and later features, now used as a picnic site and part of the Village Heritage Trail. The station was on the Hatfield to Luton & Dunstable Line, now a cycle route and walkway. The site is open access.

Sandridge

Sandridge Village is between St Albans and Wheatheampstead with St Leonard’s Church at its heart. Pubs and a tea room (as well as a thriving village store) provide refreshment for hikers and dogwalkers on nearby Nomansland Common and in Heartwood Forest.

Heartwood Forest
Near Sandridge just north of St Albans.

The largest new native forest in the country with more than half a million trees now planted in this ambitious Woodland Trust project. It offers an array of habitats with pockets of ancient woodland, wildflower meadows, an arboretum, a community orchard and fantastic wildlife spotting. Go wild in the great outdoors, enjoy some fantastic walks and really get back to nature.

W: heartwood.woodlandtrust.org.uk

Nomansland Common
Between Wheatheampstead and Sandridge

Discover the Common’s heathland, wildflower meadows and woods on a one mile trail. The Common is a haven for wildlife and the heathland supports a wealth of rare plants and animals.
London Colney

London Colney to the south of the City lies on the old coaching route from London. The historic centre of the village is along the River Colne, which passes under the seven-arched bridge built by James Hill and Francis Carrack in 1775. The church and village green provide a peaceful setting in contrast to the nearby Colney Fields shopping centre.

Willows Activity Farm
Coursers Rd, London Colney, St Albans
AL4 0PF

An all-inclusive family day out. Meet the farmyard animals and enjoy a seasonal programme of events and activities including funfair rides, children’s shows and acres of adventure play. And if the sun decides to have a day off there’s plenty of undercover play too!

Open daily 10am - 5:30pm (last entry 4:30pm)
T: 0333 3312060  W: willowsactivityfarm.com

de Havilland Aircraft Museum
Salisbury Hall, London Colney, St Albans
AL2 1BU

Incorporating the Mosquito Museum, there is a variety of de Havilland aircraft, aero-engines, propellers, missiles, rockets and memorabilia on display.

10:30am – 5pm (last entry at 4pm) Tues – Sun and Bank Holidays from mid-Feb to first Sunday in November
T: 01727 826400  W: dehavillandmuseum.co.uk

Colney Fields Retail Park
London Colney M25, Junction 22

Cotlandswick Leisure Centre
341 High Street, London Colney AL2 1EB  W: 1life.co.uk

Bricket Wood
Bricket Wood Common

Bricket Wood, two miles south of St Albans

This common, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), consists of diverse habitats including ancient semi-natural woodland; hornbeam coppice woodland; wet lowland heath/acid grassland; and ponds and seasonal streams. The Common supports an array of wildlife including great crested newts, butterflies, heather, fungi, bluebells and Heath Spotted Orchids.
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VISITORS@HATFIELD-HOUSE.CO.UK
WELCOME TO YOUR THEATRE

The resident Company of Ten stages top quality productions and provides a venue for a variety of visiting companies and events throughout the season. We'd love to invite you to join us, either by getting involved in our activities or by coming to see one of our shows.

MEMBERSHIP

Anyone can join the Company of Ten to take part in our shows, either onstage, backstage or front of house. Members receive a monthly bulletin and discounts on tickets. Contact: membership@abbeytheatre.org.uk

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GET INVOLVED

Anyone can audition, but there are plenty of other ways to get involved in our sociable community. Whatever your interest, there will be something to suit you, from selling tickets and programmes to painting sets or making props.

Abbey Theatre, Westminster Lodge, Holywell Hill, St Albans AL1 2DL
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<td>Folk music and dance in the historic St Michael’s village setting.</td>
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<td>Featuring piping, highland dancing and highland games.</td>
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<td>Britain’s biggest mid-week classic car show, with more than 1,000 vehicles.</td>
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UK’s Strongest Man
The 16 strongest men in the country battle it out for the title. W: ultimatestrongman.tv

Meraki Festival
3 days of live music featuring globally renowned, emerging and local artists. W: merakifestival.com

Redbourn Classics
Classic Vehicle Show plus Village Fete in aid of local charities. W: facebook.com/Redbournclassics

Pub in the Park
A celebration of the best food and music the country has to offer. W: pubintheparkuk.com

Heritage Open Days
Once-a-year chance to explore buildings normally closed to the public. W: heritageopendays.org.uk

Time Turn
Vintage festival featuring themed streets throughout the city with a variety of activities. W: enjoystalbans.com

St Albans Food & Drink Festival
Showcasing the fantastic range of local food, including an exciting street festival. W: enjoystalbans.com

CAMRA St Albans Beer & Cider Festival
Up to 300 different British real ales, real lagers, fruit beers, ciders and more. W: stalbansbeerfestival.org.uk

Hertfordshire Open Studios
Artists open their doors for the biggest county-wide art event. W: hvaf.org.uk/Open-Studios

George Street Gin & Jazz
A boutique evening with music, food and of course, gin, in the picturesque Cathedral Quarter. W: enjoystalbans.com

St Albans Cathedral Fireworks Spectacular
The annual Firework Spectacular in Verulamium Park. W: stalbanscathedr al.org

St Albans Christmas Lights Switch On
An afternoon of festive fun, full of music and entertainment. W: enjoystalbans.com

Harpenden Christmas Carnival
A spectacular carnival procession and turning on of the Christmas lights. W: harpenden.gov.uk

Christmas in St Albans
Enjoy the festive atmosphere with events, markets and Christmas shows! W: enjoystalbans.com

Redbourn Christmas Market
Visit the pretty historic village of Redbourn for its annual winter festival. W: redbournchristmasmarket.com

Carols on the Hour
Take a break from Christmas shopping and enjoy this special Cathedral event. W: stalbanscathedr al.org

St Albans Mummers perform George & the Dragon
Unique adaptation performed in various locations around the City Centre. W: stalbansmummers.org.uk

* Provisional dates. Every effort has been made to confirm event dates prior to publishing. Please check before travelling.
St Albans for Families

There are plenty of fun activities for children and families around the district, many of them free to enjoy. There are also hundreds of events, small and large, taking place around the year: search by date on the website enjoystalbans.com before planning your visit. Both St Albans Museum + Gallery (page 11) and Verulamium Museum (page 10) offer free trail sheets to explore the museums and local area as well as family focussed activities and workshops throughout the year (entry charges may apply).

Verulamium Park (page 10) has a large children’s play area and family friendly café open all year round, and a toddler splash park to cool off on warm summer days (open May to early September). The London 2012 Olympic Legacy is clear to see with a beach volleyball court and the adiZone outdoor multi-gym facility, suitable for all ages.

If the weather is against you, there are a number of soft play centres in the District, the Pioneer skate park (pioneerclub.co.uk) for teens and swimming pools too. Willows Farm Village (page 19) offers a wonderful family day out with a fun packed programme of farmyard animals, adventure play, fun fair rides, children’s shows, falconry displays and tractor rides as well as the newly opened Peter Rabbit Adventure Playground. If muddy wellies or wheels is more your thing, check out our ‘Great Outdoors Guide’ on page 16 for more.
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**Main Shopping Areas:**

**Christopher Place** - shopping centre for luxury brands, with courtyard restaurants and independent boutiques

**The Maltings** - high street favourites and established local independents

**The Cathedral Quarter** - historic inns, medieval architecture and high quality independent boutiques
St Peter’s Street - the main artery of the City centre with flagship stores and key transport links
Market Place - independents, key brands and a twice weekly market
Catherine Street - local suppliers of quality household goods alongside cafés, pubs and niche independents

See enjoystalbans.com for full details.
Shopping as it should be
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Eating and Drinking

St Albans is an historic innkeeping City with modern fine dining, thriving café culture, chic cocktail bars and traditional pubs too. St Albans embraces good food and drink, with a host of eateries offering food from every corner of the globe.

With over 100 restaurants, bistrots, coffee shops and a huge selection of pubs and inns within the City centre, daytime shoppers and night-time revellers will be spoilt for choice.

As well as the bi-weekly Charter Market (page 12) with a dedicated street food area, there are monthly Farmers’ Markets around the District which showcase the excellent local produce available.

St Albans hosts a range of independent food and drink shops where specialist knowledge, and hard to find products abound, ready to join you in your own kitchen.

The Guinness Book of Records has formally confirmed that St Albans houses the Oldest Pub in England at Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, between the Cathedral and Verulamium Park.

St Albans has the most pubs per square mile in the country. Indeed, CAMRA even has its headquarters in St Albans, recognition of a hoppy heritage if ever there was one and the reason for the annual beer festival every autumn in the city.

Why so many pubs? St Albans is a day’s ride from London: lots of these pubs were once coaching inns, with the stableyards still visible too.

Visit enjoystalbans.com for more information on food and drink in and around St Albans.

Photos: Stephanie Belton and Ren Behan
St Albans Food & Drink Festival

The annual autumn St Albans Food & Drink Festival also celebrates the vibrant local food scene with a range of events and an outdoor street Feastival.

The St Albans Food & Drink Awards recognise excellence in local food businesses and are hotly contested each year.

The 2018 winners were:

- **Best Bar**: Suckerpunch
- **Best Café**: Hatch
- **Best Local Producer**: Darlish
- **Best Pub**: Ye Olde Fighting Cocks
- **Best Market Stall**: Peddling Pizza
- **Best Food & Drink Shop**: Buongiorno Italia
- **Best Takeaway**: The Ridgeway Fish Bar
- **Best Hot Beverage**: Charlie’s Coffee & Company
- **Best Place to Do Business**: The Beech House
- **Most Family Friendly**: The Prae Wood Arms
- **Best Restaurant for Special Occasion**: Lussmanns
- **Best Restaurant for Everyday Dining**: Per Tutti
- **Best Newcomer**: Heartwood Tea Rooms, Sandridge
- **Kate D’Arcy Award for Customer Service**: Liam Judge, Hatch
- **Food & Drink Champion for Outstanding Achievement**: Christo Tofalli, Ye Olde Fighting Cocks

For details of the 2018 winners, as well as other businesses, producers and places to try, go to [enjoystalbans.com](http://enjoystalbans.com).
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Where to Stay

St Albans offers a fully comprehensive range of accommodation, from small, intimate bed and breakfasts to large hotels. Whether you want elegant luxury or a modest place to stay, St Albans and the surrounding area is sure to meet your needs.

Ratings Made Easy

★ Simple, practical, no frills
★★ Well presented and well run
★★★ Good level of quality and comfort
★★★★ Excellent standard throughout
★★★★★ Exceptional with a degree of luxury

More detailed information on star ratings is available from VisitEngland at visitengland.com or the AA at theAA.com

To confirm a VisitEngland rating please visit visitenglandassessmentservices.com

For AA ratings, visit theAA.com or telephone 01256 844455 or email: customer.services@theAA.com

Awards – Gold, Silver and Red or Yellow Stars

Places that ‘go the extra mile’ will, in the case of VisitEngland, be awarded a Gold or Silver award and, in the case of the AA, be entitled to display red stars for a hotel or yellow for guest accommodation.

Breakfast Award

VisitEngland’s award given to hotels and B&Bs serving exceptional breakfasts.

Rosette

The AA’s rosette scheme is an award, not a classification. It is designed to assess the quality of the food served and is awarded annually on a rising scale of one to five.
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Hemel Hempstead Road, Redbourn, Herts AL3 7AF

T: 01582 792105 W: www.aubreypark.co.uk |
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Tel: 01727 853624 W: www.whiteharthotelstalbans.co.uk |

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| Colney Fox                      | 1 Barnet Road, London Colney AL2 1BL

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By Bus and Coach:
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By Air:
Both London Luton Airport and Gatwick Airport are directly linked to St Albans by rail. Stansted and Heathrow airports are also easily accessible by road, bus and coach.
St Albans Visitor Information

Contact details for the City’s visitor information services are as follows:

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W: enjoystalbans.com

St Albans Cathedral (Open: 8:30-5:45 daily)
Sumpter Yard, St Albans AL1 1BY

Verulamium Museum  
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St Michael’s Street, St Albans AL3 4SW

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