Durham food and drink guide

Your essential guide to food and drink in Durham City, the Durham Dales, Vale of Durham and Durham Coast.
How to use this guide

This handy guide will provide you with the ingredients for a tasty time in Durham. It’s divided into easy-to-follow sections for attractions, cafés, pubs, restaurants, producers and events.

The location of individual entries is identified using coloured locators:

CITY   VALE   DALES   COAST

To find out more about these areas, see the county map or visit: thisisdurham.com/explore

If you want to make the most of your time in our amazing county, pick up a copy of the Durham Pocket Guide for visitor information on attractions and activities, getting around and maps.

Key to symbols

The following symbols are featured throughout the guide. We hope this will help you to choose the most suitable venues for your visit to Durham.

- Shop
- Babychange facilities
- Car parking
- No dogs (except guide dogs)
- Dogs welcome
- Visitor Information Point
- Accessible parking
- Accessible toilets
- Wheelchair access to all areas
- Facilities for visually impaired people
- Facilities for hearing impaired people

Welcome to Excellence

VAGAS The Visitor Attraction Quality Assurance Scheme

Fairtrade products available

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Average cost of a main dish:

£ Less than £5
££ £5-£10
£££ £10-£15
£££+ More than £15

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A visit to Durham is certain to tempt your taste buds.

Whether it’s dining out, calling into a cosy pub, lounging in a café or stocking up at a farm shop or market, you’ll find a wealth of options to cater for every taste. Durham was the birthplace of English mustard, invented by Mrs Clements and first ground at a mill in Saddler Street in the city in the 18th Century, and the county is still the home of innovative local producers from award-winning cheese makers to artisan bakers and charcuteries. Their produce is readily available at one of Durham’s many farm shops and regular farmers’ markets.

Taste Durham 2014

If you’re in search of a cosy pub for a great lunch, looking for a fine-dining experience or simply want to refuel after a busy day sightseeing, let the Taste Durham mark guide you. The food quality mark, proudly displayed by more than 60 food and drink businesses across the county, assures you of a warm welcome and the finest fare. Graded to a national standard, the Taste Durham accreditation is given in recognition of consistently good service, comfort, cleanliness, quality of food and in addition, championing of local produce.

Whether it’s Highest Quality Assured, Quality Assured, plus Local Produce Champion, wherever you see the Taste Durham mark you can rest assured you are choosing an establishment of excellence.

Find out more about Taste Durham and the award winners, visit: tastedurham.co.uk

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
Best Bar None is a nationally recognised award scheme, supported by the Home Office and aimed at promoting responsible management and operation of alcohol licensed premises.

When you’re planning a night out in Durham City watch out for the Best Bar None Accreditation standard. Premises displaying the Best Bar None accreditation have undertaken a gruelling assessment carried out by Durham Constabulary and Durham County Council and have demonstrated how well they have met the objectives of the 2003 Licensing Act: prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; prevention of public nuisance; protection of children from harm.

In partnership with Durham County Council, Durham Constabulary and the University of Durham, Durham City centre licensees strive to reduce the risk of alcohol-related harm, disorder and crime, to provide you with the best possible experience when in Durham City.

When visiting Best Bar None accredited venues, you can be assured that these operators have put customer safety at the forefront of their business practices.

Find out more about Best Bar None, visit: countydurhambestbarnone.co.uk

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Botanic Garden

Durham University, Hollingside Lane, South Road, Durham City DH1 3TN
Tel: 0191 334 5518  www.dur.ac.uk/botanic.garden

The Botanic Garden Café offers a seasonal menu using ingredients that are sourced from the local area. Our coffee is Fairtrade, Organic and Rainforest Alliance certified and our friendly staff are on hand to make you a delicious hot drink, sandwich or slice of cake to help you on your way.

Opening times: November to February 10am–4pm.
March to October 10am–5pm.
Closed Christmas and New Year.

The Undercroft Restaurant

Durham Cathedral, Durham City  DH1 3EQ
Tel: 0191 386 3721

Tasty home cooked food using local produce wherever possible. Wholesome soup, sandwiches, quiche, vegetarian options and a traditional meal served every day, along with delicious home-made cakes, desserts and scones. Sunday carvery with choice of two meats and vegetarian option. Call for details of our free hire for corporate and private functions.

Opening times: 10am–4.30pm every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Good Friday.

Beamish Tearooms

Beamish Museum, Beamish, County Durham DH9 0RG
Tel: 0191 370 4000  www.beamish.org.uk

Pies, stews and jacket potatoes, made with locally sourced ingredients and produce are among the delicious dishes on offer in the Tearooms. Also available are hot and cold beverages and snacks. Normal admission charges to Beamish apply to access eating venue.

Opening times: Open all year. Apr to Oct daily, Nov to Mar, closed Mon to Fri and Christmas Day. Please see website for details.

Davy’s Fried Fish and Chip Potato Restaurant

Beamish Museum, Beamish, County Durham DH9 0RG
Tel: 0191 370 4000  www.beamish.org.uk

Cooked the traditional way, the Beamish fish and chips are fried in coal-fired ranges, in real beef dripping, then wrapped in specially printed newspaper. Choose from fish and chips, dab and chips or just a portion of chips. Normal admission charges to Beamish apply to access eating venue.

Opening times: Open all year. Apr to Oct daily, Nov to Mar, closed Mon to Fri and Christmas Day. Please see website for details.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
### Sedgefield Racecourse

**Racecourse Road, Sedgefield, Stockton on Tees**

**TS21 2HW**

**Tel: 01740 621 925**

**www.sedgefield-racecourse.co.uk**

**SedgefieldRacecourse**  
**@SedgefieldRace**

Choose from the tradition of Hoops Restaurant, the winning post views of Silks Restaurant or the luxury of our private boxes and marquees. Our award-winning caterers will provide delicious food and drink to accompany the thrilling action.

**Opening times:** Office Monday to Friday 8.30am–5.30pm. Racedays and Events vary. See website for details.

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### Smokin Burritos

**Planet Leisure, 7–8 Maple Way, Aycliffe Business Park**

**DL5 6BF**

**Tel: 01325 310 989**

Our brand new Tex Mex restaurant has been a massive success. Whether it's a burger or burrito after a game of bowling, or a relaxed meal in our welcoming Mexican-themed restaurant. Try from the mouth watering sizzlers, enchiladas or take on the Juan and ole burger challenge, and you could see your face on our wall of flame.

**Opening times:** Monday to Friday 4pm–9pm. Saturday and Sunday 12noon–10pm. Closed 25, 26 December and 1 January.

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### Café Bowes

**The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle**

**DL12 8NP**

**Tel: 01833 690 606**

**www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk**

**The-Bowes-Museum**  
**TheBowesMuseum**

Sit back, relax and enjoy delicious refreshments while taking in the wonderful views from Café Bowes, where head chef Davey Babooram uses high quality ingredients from local producers to create appetising lunches, scrumptious afternoon teas and tasty snacks.

**Opening times:** Open daily 10am–4.30pm. Closed only 25, 26 December and 1 January.

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### Attractions

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Claypath Delicatessen

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An independent family run café with local food at its heart. A mix of continental, local and homegrown ingredients make up their unique and delicious menu. After a successful first year of growing their own fruit, vegetables and edible flowers, they have an abundance of produce waiting to mature in their polytunnels and deli garden waiting to be picked and enjoyed.

Opening times: Tuesday to Saturday 11am–4pm.

Tealicious Tearoom

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Tealicious Tearoom is a small quaint tearoom serving our unique blends of loose leaf tea in fine bone china. We serve fresh homemade cakes and scones. Homemade soup and freshly made sandwiches. We also serve traditional afternoon tea in our tea parlour, this must be booked 48 hours in advance.

Opening times: Tuesdays to Saturdays 10am–4pm. Sundays 12noon–4pm.

Dropswell Farm Shop and the Farmyard Cafe

VALE

A traditional butchers shop and cafe situated on a real working farm. Offering the very best home produced and locally sourced food. We pride ourselves on the knowledge we have as ‘Butchers, Bakers and Charcuterers.’

Opening times: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8am–4.30pm, Sunday 10am–4pm.

Haswells Homer Hill Farm Shop

VALE

With 90 years experience in farming and butchery our own reared beef is sold in the farm shop along with locally sourced products including jams, honey, dairy, beer and bread. The coffee shop offers excellent homemade food and very popular Sunday lunches.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9am–5pm. Sunday 10am–4pm. Closed 25–26 December and 1 January.

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**Knitsley Farm Shop and Granary Café**

East Grange Farm, Knitsley, Consett, County Durham DH8 9EW  
Tel: 01207 592 059  www.knitsleyfarmshop.co.uk  
@KnitsleyFarm

A cosy and inviting farm shop and café offering home and locally produced meals and goods. On site bakery. Café/Restaurant serving freshly prepared home cooked food.

**Opening times:** Open all year. Tuesdays to Saturdays 10am–5pm. Sunday 10am–4pm. Closed Mondays.

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**Sweethart Coffee and Cake**

10 Derwent Street, Blackhill, Consett, County Durham DH8 8LU  
Tel: 01207 501 100  www.sweethart-cakes.co.uk

Sweethart coffee and cake is an award winning coffee shop and bakery. Fresh bread is baked here every day for your sandwiches or for you just to pop in and buy your daily loaf, we also provide everything from lattes, cappuccinos, speciality teas, hot chocolates and hot and cold food.

**Opening times:** Monday to Saturday 9am–4.30pm, except Wednesday 9am–3.30pm. Closed Sundays.

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**The Tower Café**

Hardwick Park Visitor Centre, Sedgefield TS21 2DN  
Tel: 01740 621 505  www.durham.gov.uk/hardwickpark  
@Hardwick-Park

The Tower Café is open daily offering a wonderful selection of home made soups, sandwiches, scones, pies and cakes. Whether it is for lunch or just a hot drink after a walk, a warm and friendly welcome awaits you.

**Opening times:** Daily 10am–4pm. Closed 25 December and 1 January.

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Find out more at: [thisisdurham.com](http://thisisdurham.com)
Bradley Burn Farm Shop and Café

Bradley Burn, Wolsingham, Weardale DL13 3JH
Tel: 01388 529 488  www.bradleyburn.co.uk

Located on the clifftops in Seaham, Tonia’s is the perfect place to relax with a drink or a bite to eat while enjoying a sea view. Fully accessible, family friendly and situated in a large free car park.

Opening times: Summer Clocks 7 days 9am–5pm.
Winter Clocks Monday to Saturday 9am–4pm.

Durham Dales Centre Tearoom

Castle Gardens, Stanhope, Bishop Auckland DL13 2FJ
Tel: 01388 527 650  www.durhamdalescentre@durham.gov.uk

A warm welcome awaits at our 75 seated, accessible for all licensed tearoom, providing an extensive menu of homemade hot and cold meals, speciality coffees, teas and irresistible home baking in a relaxed environment.

Opening times: April to October 9am–5pm.
November to March 9am–4pm.
Open 7 days a week.

The Lookout

Unit 11-12, The Waterside, Seaham Harbour Marina, Seaham SR7 7EE
Tel: 0191 581 4087  www.thelookout-seaham.co.uk

Our modern, nautical themed café situated in Seaham Marina boasts unrivalled views of the Durham Coast from our outside seating area. We offer a wide selection of homemade scones, cakes, hot snacks and drinks all served with a friendly smile.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9am–6pm.

Tonia’s Café

Seaham Hall Car Park, North Road, Seaham, County Durham SR7 7AG
Tel: 0191 513 1515  www.toniascafe.co.uk

Located on the clifftops in Seaham, Tonia’s is the perfect place to relax with a drink or a bite to eat while enjoying a sea view. Fully accessible, family friendly and situated in a large free car park.

Opening times: April to October 9am–6pm.
November to March 9am–4pm. Closed 25 December.
The Angel Inn

53 Crossgate, Durham City DH1 4PR
Tel: 0191 374 1114  www.angelpubdurham.co.uk
TheAngelDurham  @AngelDurham

Selling itself as Durham’s ‘number one live music pub’.
The Angel is an independently owned ‘real pub’ with a
great sense of community. Friendly people bringing a
great atmosphere. Also known as Durham’s premier ‘Rock’ venue, it features live
music every Saturday evening and a quiz night on Thursdays.

Opening times: Sunday to Thursday 12noon–11pm.
Friday and Saturday 12noon–12midnight.

The Bishop Langley

Framwellgate Bridge, Durham City DH1 4PW
Tel: 0191 386 4779  www.bishoplangleydurham.com
BishopLangley  @BishopLangley

We are an independent contemporary British pub that serves freshly prepared
food alongside an extensive range of drinks in Durham city centre. And
for something extra special we have our garden roof
terrace with unrivalled picturesque views of Durham Cathedral.

Opening times: Spring/Summer 10am–late. Autumn/Winter 12noon–late.

The Bishop’s Mill

Unit 1-2 Walkergate, Durham City DH1 3NB
Tel: 0191 370 8510  www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk/home/pubs/the-bishops-mill
TheBishopsMill  @TheBishopsMill

This Wetherspoon pub takes its name from the historic
mill which stood for centuries adjacent to this site. Facilities
include: broadcast live news, cask marque accredited, licensed outside area, music in the evening, TV screens. Please note: actual opening hours are subject to change. For confirmation, please contact the pub.

Opening times: Bar: Everyday 8am–2am.
Food: 8am–11pm.

The Boathouse

Riverside, Durham City DH1 3AF
Tel: 0191 386 6210  www.boathousedurham.co.uk
BoathouseDurham  @BoathouseDurham

At The Boathouse customers can indulge in quality
service, excellent bar, grill food and premium drinks,
with panoramic views of medieval Elvet Bridge and
the traditional City of Durham.

Opening times: Bar: Everyday 11am–2am.
Food: Everyday 11am–6pm.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
Pubs

Court Inn

Court Lane, Durham City DH1 3AW
Tel: 0191 384 7350  www.courtinn.co.uk
A traditional pub in the heart of Durham City with a restaurant and bar. The venue stocks various real ales, single malts, fine wines, spirits and cocktails. In the restaurant customers are served generous portions of ‘honest food at sensible prices’, including many homemade dishes based on seasonal local produce.

The Fighting Cocks

4 South Street, Durham City DH1 4PP
Tel: 0191 383 6970
The Fighting Cocks, is a pleasant stop for a quick drink and a bar meal in a location that’s been home to a pub for over three hundred years. The venue also serves freshly home–cooked food, as well as having a weekly resident DJ and late–night discos every Friday and Saturday.
Opening times: Bar: Monday to Thursday 11am–11pm. Friday and Saturday 11am–2am. Sunday 12noon–11pm. Food: Monday to Saturday 11am–6pm. Sunday 12noon–6pm.

The Head of Steam

Reform Place, Durham City DH1 4RZ
Tel: 0191 3832173  www.theheadofsteam.co.uk/durham-about-us/
The venue offers a fine selection of up to 300 bottled beers, ales and spirits from around the world, mixed with good tunes and comfortable surroundings. The large outdoor seating area is popular throughout the seasons.
Opening times: Bar: Sunday to Thursday 12noon–11pm, Friday 12noon–1am, Saturday 12noon–1am. Food: Mon–Thurs 12noon–8pm, Fri and Sat 12noon–7pm, Sun 12noon–4pm.

The John Duck

91–91a Claypath, Durham City DH1 1RG
Tel: 0191 374 1114
The John Duck is a large city centre pub located on Claypath, which is cosy and relaxed through the week and lively and bustling on Friday and Saturday evenings. A live band plays every Friday night and a beer terrace is available to the rear of the building.
Opening times: Sunday to Thursday 12noon–11pm, Friday and Saturday 12noon–12midnight.
Lambton Hounds Inn

62-63 Front Street, Pity Me, Durham DH1 5DE
Tel: 0191 386 4742  www.lambtonhounds.com

A family-run, 250 year old traditional coaching inn offering delicious homemade food, cask ales and a friendly pub atmosphere. Specialising in griddled steaks, grills, pizzas and traditional Sunday Lunch. All meat is sourced from an award-winning local supplier, providing unbeatable value for money.

Opening times: Monday to Thursday 4pm–11pm, Friday and Saturday 2pm–12am, Sunday 12noon–11pm.

Loveshack

Unit 3, Walkergate, Durham City DH1 1WA
Tel: 0191 384 5757

Loveshack is a fun and funky nightclub situated in the Walkergate Complex. We have a live DJ, dancers and breakdancers and also live PA's on a regular basis. We boast a wide selection of cocktails and a VW campervan, making Loveshack the number 1 destination in Durham.

Opening times: Wednesday 10pm–2am, Friday 9.30pm–2am, Saturday 9pm–2am.

The Market Tavern

27 Market Place, Durham City DH1 3NJ
Tel: 0191 386 2069  www.taylor-walker.co.uk/pub/market-tavern-durham

The Market Tavern is a traditional pub situated in the centre of Durham on the picturesque Market Square. The venue has a good range of ales and also serves food, including Sunday Lunch.


The Slug and Lettuce

Unit 7 Walkergate, Durham City DH1 1SQ
Tel: 0191 384 3564  www.slugandlettuce.co.uk/slug-durham

The Slug and Lettuce is a bar that serves food, table service is available, as is a children's menu (until 8pm). The venue has two outside terraces. The bar boasts an extensive drinks range and 2 for 1 cocktails are available. There's something for everyone.

Opening times: Bar: Sun to Wed 10am–11pm. Thurs 10am–12midnight, Fri and Sat 10am–2am.
Food: Everyday 10am–9pm.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
**The Water House**

65 North Road, Durham City DH1 4SQ
Tel: 0191 370 6540  www.jdwesternspoons.co.uk/home/pubs/the-water-house

The Water House is a traditional JD Wetherspoon pub with a welcoming atmosphere. The award winning menu offers a large variety of meals and snacks. Real ales, lagers and ciders and good coffee are on offer at great prices.

**Opening times:** Bar: Sunday to Thursdays 8am-11.30pm, Friday and Saturday 8am-12midnight.
Food: Everyday 8am-11pm.

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**Whisky River**

Whisky River, Durham City DH1 3UJ
Tel: 0191 384 9511  www.whiskyriver.co.uk

Whisky River cocktail bar and cafe in Durham City is the place to be seen. Located on the riverside next to Browns Boathouse, overlooking the rowing boats and Elvet Bridge, this venue is the obvious choice for after-work drinks, parties, celebrations and late night soirees.

**Opening times:** Bar: Monday to Sundays 10am-12midnight. Food: Monday to Sundays 10am-6pm.

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**Yates’s**

80-83 North Road, Durham City DH1 4SQ
Tel: 0191 384 1775  www.weareyates.co.uk/durham

Yates Durham is on North Road close to both bus and rail stations in the heart of the City. Something for everyone of all ages and needs. Yates offers a plush but easy-going atmosphere with a vibrant award-winning food menu.

**Opening times:** Bar: Monday to Thursdays 10am-11pm. Friday 10am-12midnight. Saturday 10am-1am. Sunday 12noon-11pm. Food: Monday to Thursday 10am-9pm. Friday and Saturday 10am-7pm. Sunday 12noon-7pm.

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Ye Old Elm Tree

12 Crossgate, Durham City DH1 4PS
Tel: 0191 386 4621
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Ye Old Elm Tree serves good home–cooked food, real ales and beers. The venue has a relaxed atmosphere and welcomes a mix of young and old and families are also welcome. There is a large beer garden to the rear of the building.

Opening times: Bar: Sunday to Thursday 12noon–11pm, Friday and Saturday 12noon–12midnight.

Food: Monday to Saturday 12noon–4pm.

The Green Tree 1727

41 Tudhoe Village, Durham DL16 6LE
Tel: 01388 815 679 www.thegreenree.co.uk

@GreenTree1727
A best kept secret, the family run Green Tree Country Pub & Restaurant is a beautiful 280 year old dalestone inn at picturesque Tudhoe Village, 4 miles from Durham City. Traditional Sunday Lunches served with a choice of roasts, home–made yorkshires, 4 vegetables, roast, mashed potatoes and real gravy in our 60 seated restaurant. However, our extensive menus offer plenty to tempt you.

Opening times: Daily noon till 11.30pm.

The Crown at Mickleton

Mickleton, Barnard Castle DL12 0JZ
Tel: 01833 640 381
www.thecrownatmickleton.co.uk
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Nestled in the North Pennines rolling landscapes the offer is simple, great food, cask ales and a relaxed calm ambiance. Real fires in winter, idyllic beer garden for sunny days, it’s as good as it gets for a village pub.

Opening times: Open from 10am. Everyday.

The Three Horseshoes Hotel

5–7 Galgate, Barnard Castle DL12 8EQ
Tel: 01833 631 777 www.three-horse-shoes.co.uk
The-Three-Horseshoes-Hotel
The recently renovated Three Horseshoes Hotel is an AA 4 Star Gold Inn situated in the heart of historical Barnard Castle. Guests can relax in the inviting ambience of our dining room/lounge whilst enjoying delicious locally sourced food, real cask ales and world class wines.

Opening times: Open all year. Food Monday to Saturday 11.30am–3pm and 5.30pm–9pm, Sunday 12noon–4pm. Drink: Monday to Thursday and Sunday 12noon–11pm, Friday and Saturday 11.30am–12midnight.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
Bells Fish Restaurant

11 Market Place, Durham City DH1 3NE
Tel: 0191 384 8974  www.bellsfishshop.co.uk
In only two years, Bell’s Fish Restaurant is now the place to enjoy wonderful fish and chips in our historic city. Enjoying a prime location in our ancient Market Place, Bell’s is a visitor’s joy and everyone is warmly welcomed.


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Highest Quality Assured and Local Produce Champion

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Bistro 21

Aykley Heads House, Durham City DH1 5TS
Tel: 0191 384 4354  www.bistro21.co.uk

Bistro–style dishes served in simple surroundings with just the right amount of chic. Flavours come from fuss–free presentation, the most seasonal of ingredients and best quality of produce. It’s got it all for the perfect lunch or satisfying supper.

Opening times: Lunch: Monday to Saturday 12noon–2pm Evenings: Monday to Saturday 5.30pm–10pm Sunday Lunch: 12noon–3.30pm.

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Highest Quality Assured and Local Produce Champion

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Central Thai Restaurant

19 The Gates Shopping Centre, Durham City DH1 4SL Tel: 0191 597 8774  www.centralthairestaurant.co.uk

The most authentic Thai taste in Durham with a sublime picture postcard view of the Castle and Cathedral. Unlike other Thai restaurants in Durham, we have various Thai traditional foods such as papaya salad, Thai style lobster and seafood menus.

Opening times: Every day. Lunch 12noon–2.30pm. Dinner 5.30pm–10.30pm.

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El Coto Spanish Restaurant

17 Hallgarth, Durham City DH1 3AT
Tel: 0191 384 4007  www.elcoto.co.uk

Spanish restaurant specialising in delicious, authentic, home-cooked Spanish tapas within rustic, intimate surroundings. Dining is over two floors and there is a bar area to enjoy a drink before and after your meal.

Opening times: Sunday to Thursday 5pm until late. Friday and Saturday 12noon until late.

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**The Fat Buddha**
Unit 6b-6c Walkergate, Durham City DH1 1SQ
Tel: 0191 383 1390  www.fatbuddharestaurant.com

The design, food and service of this Asian Fusion restaurant allows customers to enjoy a unique dining experience. The ingredients, flavours and preparation methods are combined to give a fresh twist on East Asian cuisine. The Bar is perfect for quiet midweek cocktails but is also a cornerstone of Durham’s lively weekend bar circuit.

**Opening times:** Bar: Everyday 12noon–late. Food: Monday to Friday 12noon–2.30pm 5pm–late, Saturday and Sunday 12noon–late.

**Finbarr’s Restaurant**
Waddington Street, Flass Vale, Durham City DH1 4BG
Tel: 0191 370 9999 www.finbarsrestaurant.co.uk

Finbarr’s aim is to provide a quality restaurant in a chic, contemporary setting. A superbly managed kitchen provides classic to innovative dishes, with locally sourced ingredients and a high quality wine list to ensure a dining experience to surpass all expectations.

**Opening times:** Monday to Saturday Lunch 12noon–2.30pm, Dinner 6pm–9.30pm, Sunday 12noon–3pm and 5pm–9pm serving à la carte and Sunday lunch.

**Inshanghai**
Framwellgate Waterside, Durham City DH1 4SL
Tel: 0191 375 7333  www.inshanghai.co.uk

Inshanghai lounge bar and grand buffet restaurant offers the finest Chinese cuisine in a relaxing riverside venue with panoramic views of ancient buildings. Inshanghai takes the popular ‘Chinese Buffet’ style of dining to another level with a huge selection of mouth-watering dishes and stylish bar offering many delicious cocktails.

**Opening times:** Sunday to Thursday 11.30am–10pm, Friday and Saturday 11.30am–10.30pm.

**Oldfields**
18 Claypath, Durham City DH1 1RH
Tel: 0191 370 9995  www.oldfieldseatinghouse.com

At Oldfields customers can expect real British food, cooked properly and simply, without flashy sauces, so the quality ingredients speak for themselves. The products, including meat and cheese, which go into the kitchen at Oldfields come from local farms and suppliers, vegetables are from local markets and the recipes are based on British dishes within our heritage.

**Opening times:** Monday to Saturday 12noon–10pm.

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Oro at The Pumphouse

The Pumphouse, Farm Road, Houghall, Durham DH1 3P
Tel: 0191 384 0832 www.orothepumphouse.com
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Oro, authentic award-winning Italian Restaurant, situated in an historic building with beautiful surroundings – Alfresco dining in an ideal setting, our mouth watering dishes are prepared using the finest local and international ingredients.

Opening times: Lunch Dinner: Tues to Sat 12noon–2.30pm, 6pm–9.30pm. Sun 12noon–3pm. Closed Sunday pm, all day Monday.

Pizza Express

64 Saddler Street, Durham City DH1 3PG
Tel: 0191 383 2661 www.pizzaexpress.com/visit-a-restaurant/restaurant/durham
Pizza Express first began in 1965, and to this day still follows the same fantastic recipes. Pizza Express makes great pizza, freshly prepared from the moment you order, including low calorie pizzas and salads and gluten free options. The venue is ideal for relaxed, intimate dining.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 11:30am–11pm, Sunday 12noon–11pm.

Radisson Blu Durham
Filini Restaurant

Frankland Lane, Durham City DH1 5TA
Tel: 0191 372 7200 www.radissonblu.co.uk/hotel-durham
RadissonDurham RadissonDurham
Enjoy fresh, contemporary Italian dining at Filini located within the Radisson BLU Hotel Durham. Experience straightforward simply cooked Italian à la carte food based on carefully chosen ingredients, complemented by panoramic views of the Old City and Cathedral.

Opening times: Mon to Sat 6pm–10pm, Sun 6pm–9pm for Dinner. Open Mon to Fri 6.30am–10.30pm, Sat to Sun 6.30am–12noon. Christmas times may vary.

Ramside Hall Hotel
The Rib Room

Ramside Hall Hotel, Carrville, Durham DH1 1TD
Tel: 0191 386 5282 www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk
An exceptional eating experience. Succulent Durham steaks are the house special and the Rib Room Steak House and Grill offers an extensive brasserie-style menu.

Opening times: Lunch: Friday and Saturday 12noon–2pm, Sunday 12noon–3pm. Dinner: Monday to Sunday 6pm–10pm.

Visitor Contact Centre: 03000 26 26 26
The Rib Room

The superb Rib Room Steakhouse and Grill is a fantastic dining venue with easy access to Durham, Darlington and Sedgefield. Meat is matured for 28–32 days and can be viewed in the Rib Room meat locker.

Opening times: Open all year from 6pm.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
Restaurants

Holiday Inn Darlington North

Newton Park, Darlington, County Durham DL1 3NL
Tel: 01325 329 600  www.hidarlingtonnorth.co.uk
A unique open plan modern dining area, serving classic British dishes, providing a taste of home comforts.
Opening times: Monday to Sunday 7am–10pm.

The Italian Farmhouse Ristorante and Pizzeria

South Street, West Rainton, Houghton-le-Spring
DH4 6PA
Tel: 0191 584 1022  www.theitalianfarmhouse.co.uk
@ItalianFarm
At the Italian Farmhouse we take the flavours of Italy and combine them with the best produce the North East has to offer to produce dishes that deliver a true taste of Italy but in the heart of County Durham.
Opening times: Monday to Sunday 12noon–10pm (closed between 2.30pm–5pm). Closed 26–27 December and 1 January.

The Lambton Worm

North Road, Chester-le-Street DH3 4AJ
Tel: 0191 387 1162  www.thelambton.com
@TheLambton
A brewery tap for Sonnet 43 Brew House, the Lambton Worm comprises a traditional bar and gastro restaurant. Our menu is a modern take on traditional British cuisine, with dishes paired to the beers for a sensational taste experience.
Opening times: Bar: Mon to Thur 11.30am–11pm, Fri and Sat 11.30am–12midnight. Sun 12noon–10.30pm. Restaurant: Mon to Sat 12noon–2.30pm, 5pm–9pm. Sun 12noon–7pm (Sunday Dinner only).

Lumley Castle Hotel Black Knight Restaurant

Chester le Street, County Durham DH3 4NX
Tel: 0191 389 1111  www.lumleycastle.com
Lumley Castle Hotel has dominated the County Durham landscape for more than 600 years. Set within 9 acres of parkland overlooking the River Wear, it makes the perfect setting for any special occasion, offering accommodation, fine dining, afternoon teas, Elizabethan Banquets, conferences and weddings.
Opening times: The hotel is open all year round with the exclusion of Christmas Day and Boxing Day, it also closes after brunch on New Year’s Day reopening on 3 January. 
South Causey Inn

Beamish Burn Road, Stanley, County Durham

Tel: 01207 235555 www.southcausey.co.uk

South Causey Inn is a friendly welcoming independent hotel situated 1/2 a mile from the world renowned Beamish Museum. We have a menu that will definitely make you ‘put on a pound or two’. Please visit our website for full details and pictures.

Opening times: 7 days a week 8am till 9pm. Meals served from breakfast to evening.

Forresters Hotel and Restaurant

52-53 Market Place, Middleton in Teesdale DL12 0QH

Tel: 01833 641 435 www.forrestersmiddleton.co.uk

At the Forresters French Restaurant all our food is cooked on the premises by our chefs. Ice cream, desserts and chocolates are also made on site by our pastry chef. We use products that are in season and locally sourced to create the best flavours.

Opening times: Monday to Friday 5pm–12midnight. Saturday and Sunday 12noon–12midnight.

Headlam Hall

Headlam, Gainford, County Durham DL2 3HA

Tel: 01325 730 238 www.headlamhall.co.uk

The restaurant at Headlam Hall serves British dishes with a modern twist using the best local ingredients including produce from its own garden and farm. Guests can enjoy eating in the elegant Orangery, intimate Panelled Room or private dining room.

Opening times: Daily for lunch 12noon–2pm, Dinner 7pm–9pm. Closed 24–27 December.

The Morritt Country House Hotel and Spa

Greta Bridge, Barnard Castle DL12 9SE

Tel: 01833 627 232 www.themorritt.co.uk

The Morritt offers warm and traditional values. We use locally sourced or home grown produce whenever possible. Diners can enjoy our contemporary à la carte Gilroy’s Restaurant or bar snacks and real ales in the Dickens Bar and Bistro.

Opening times: Open all year, from 7.30am, serving food until 9pm.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
The Rose and Crown

Romaldkirk, Barnard Castle DL12 9EB
Tel: 01833 650 213  www.rose-and-crown.co.uk

This charming dales inn has a delightful bar with an open fire and a relaxed atmosphere. The kitchen team utilise the best produce to create both imaginative cuisine and classic pub food with a modern twist.

Opening times: All year. Lunch 12noon–2.30pm. Dinner 6.30pm–9.00pm. Closed 24–26 December

The Teesdale Hotel

Market Place, Middleton-in-Teesdale, County Durham DL12 0QG
Tel: 01833 640 264  www.teesdalehotel.co.uk

A warm welcome awaits, whether you’re coming for a stay in one of our lovely en-suite rooms, or for some great home-cooked food, or just a drink or two in our cosy bar. At the Teesdale Hotel we believe in straightforward, friendly hospitality.

Opening times: Open all year. Bar 11.45am–11.30pm. Lunch 12noon–2.30pm. Dinner 6.30pm–8.45pm. Reception 7.30am–11.30pm.

Seaham Hall

Byron Bar and Grill

Seaham Hall, Lord Byrons Walk, Seaham, County Durham SR7 7AG
Tel: 0191 516 1400  www.seaham-hall.co.uk

The Byron Bar and Grill is exactly that, a delicious sea grill, perfect for a scrumptious dinner for two or a convivial place for a group of friends to gather to enjoy great food delivered with warmth and a big dollop of panache.

Opening times: January to December Wednesday to Sunday 6.30pm–9.30pm.

Seaham Hall

Ozone Restaurant

Seaham Hall, Lord Byrons Walk, Seaham, County Durham SR7 7AG
Tel: 0191 516 1400  www.seaham-hall.co.uk

The Ozone is our Blunos–inspired pan Asian restaurant located within the Serenity Spa, offering authentic yet innovative menus for lunch and dinner in an informal atmosphere where you can enjoy wonderful cocktails, great food and fabulous views from the outdoor terrace.

Opening times: January to December. Monday to Sunday 11am–10pm. Closed 25 December.
The Durham Brewery Ltd

Unit 6A, Bowburn North Ind. Est., Bowburn DH6 6PF
Tel: 0191 377 1991 www.durhambrewery.co.uk

Durham’s leading micro brewery. Bottle-conditioned beer and minicasks available in our shop or to sample from our bar. Open Monday to Saturday 10am–4pm. Tours at weekends – booking essential or just pop in for a drink.

How to purchase: Direct, Homer Hill Farm Shop, Dropswell Farm Shop, Knitsley Farm Shop, Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Durham Cathedral at the Undercroft.

IK Fish Ltd

Market Hall, Durham City DH1 3NJ
Tel: 0191 383 1113 www.ikfish.co.uk

We pride ourselves in supplying local fresh day boat fish and seafood. Established in 1986 we have nearly 30 years local knowledge and experience. Retail award winners in 2007.

How to purchase: Durham Market Hall, Monday to Saturday 9am–4.30pm.

Black Paw Brewery

Unit 4, Westgate Road, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 7AX
Tel: 01388 602 144 www.blackpawbrewery.co.uk

Black Paw Brewery produces craft beer in Bishop Auckland, using finest hops and malts, brewing a range of real ales. Supplied in bottles and mini casks direct to the public and in cask to pubs, clubs and bars.

How to purchase: Buy direct from the brewery Monday to Friday 9am–5pm, and also in farmshops around the region. Online coming soon.

Consett Ale Works

The Grey Horse, 115 Herburn Terrace, Consett DH8 6NE
Tel: 01207 591 540 www.theconsettaleworks.co.uk

Brewed at the Grey Horse, one of the region’s oldest pubs, our award-winning ales are inspired by our hometown’s heritage. From the rich, ruby Red Dust to the refreshingly light White Hot, our ales are recognised for quality and taste.

How to purchase: Our ales are found in pubs across the region with bottles and casks ordered direct from Lynn 07730 896 766 or Rufus 01207 591 540.
Gluten Free Food Products Limited

Purpose built strictly gluten free bakery, producing handbaked quiches, pies and other baked products. Trade and wholesale enquiries welcome.

How to purchase: Mail order via our website, farmers markets, foodfairs, cafés, delis, farm shops.

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Distinctive quality, award-winning, hand-made and baked luxury traditional cakes and puddings. From original family recipes using finest ingredients, butter and fresh farm eggs. Also dietary specialities to suite Diabetic, Gluten Free and Low Cholesterol.


Parlourmade

Using the milk from its 120 strong herd of British Holstein Friesians, Parlourmade produces a range of award winning cheeses, lovingly handcrafted using traditional methods in the heart of County Durham.

How to purchase: Buy from local farm shops and delis. Direct to the trade.

Sonnet 43 Brew House

We derived both our name and brewing ethos from the original Sonnet 43, everything we do is ‘for the love of beer’ and every drop is crafted with care and attention to ensure the best flavour.

How to purchase: Bottles, gift packs, minikegs and Sonnet 43 merchandise available from our online shop www.sonnet43.com/shop or for collection from our brewery site (call to check stock availability first, recommended).
34th Durham CAMRA Beer Festival
Durham Student Union, New Elvet, Durham City
www.camradurham.org.uk
CAMRADurham  @CAMRADurham
Durham City beer festival featuring 120 local and national beers, 30 ciders and assorted wines. Open Wednesday 27 August 6pm–11pm, 28 to 30 August 11am–11pm.

How to purchase: All purchases are by token only at venue. £4 entry Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. £1 Saturday.

Durham City Farmers’ Market
Market Place, Durham City DH1 3NJ
Tel: 0191 384 6153
www.durhammarkets.co.uk
Durham Farmers’ Market – the perfect chance to source quality local foods direct from local producers. Offering a wide range of produce including local meats, local beers, seasonal vegetables and much more.

Event times: Every third Thursday of each month 9am–3.30pm.

Sedgefield Game and Country Fair
Racecourse Road, Sedgefield, Stockton on Tees
TS21 2HW  Tel: 01740 621 925
www.sedgefield-racecourse.co.uk
SedgefieldRacecourse  @SedgefieldRace
This two day annual event will see an array of activities and stalls offering a variety of locally sourced food and drink. Afternoon Tea will be available throughout the day in the Silks Restaurant.

Opening times: Friday 11 July for schools and the general public, and Saturday 12 July for families and the general public. Contact the racecourse for further details and ticketing information.

Taste of Teesdale Festival
Raby Castle, Slaindrop, County Durham DL2 3AH
Tel: 01833 660 202
www.tasteofteesdale.co.uk
Taste of Teesdale Festival held in the grounds of the magnificent Raby Castle on Sunday 20 July from 10am–4pm promises to be a great day out for whole family, with lots to see and do, not to mention over 40 stalls offering some of the finest regional food, drink and crafts.

Opening times: Sunday 20 July 10am–4pm. Admission £6 per car.

Find out more at: thisisdurham.com
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