

VERY BURY ST EDMUNDS

Your guide to Bury St Edmunds



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Welcome to Bury St Edmunds!

This picturesque market town has the perfect combination of great shopping, popular weekly markets, a breathtaking cathedral, fascinating Abbey ruins, interesting monuments, galleries and museums, plus a huge range of places to eat, entertainment to enjoy and its newest addition, arc, a brand new shopping area for the town.

Bury St Edmunds is a first choice shopping destination and with arc's opening the town has even more to offer. Housing a truly eye-catching Debenhams department store as well as popular fashion and international retail brands such as Hobbs, Swarovski, Crew Clothing, H&M, Fat Face, Wallis and much more...

The town centre itself offers fantastic choice for the discerning shopper. Elegant streets house an array of local specialist businesses, delightful independent shops and boutiques as well as a wide range of popular eateries and restaurants that cater to every taste.

BURY FESTIVAL

Come and join the fun!

The Bury Festival fills the town with performers and music for 17 days in 2009. From the 8th to the 24th May, thousands of visitors will be enjoying street theatre, classical music, cinema, poetry and great jazz. And then, to top it all, there's three fantastic nights in the Abbey Gardens including a 70s & 80s party night, a night of folk & world music and a classical proms with fireworks finale.

For more info visit www.buryfestival.co.uk

MORE TO ENJOY!

Whatever your age or interest there's lots to keep you busy in Bury St Edmunds. It is a town steeped in history, rich in culture, and full of things to see and do. Visitors enjoy strolling around the historic town with its echoes of the past going back to Norman times when the grid pattern of streets was originally laid out – a pattern shared with the stunning architectural panels of arc's Debenhams store. There are streets of independent shops selling everything from original pictures and second-hand books (Churchgate Street) to Australian hats and top notch kitchenware (St John's Street). And everywhere you'll find refreshment stops, whether it's for a simple coffee or home-cooked meal with all the trimmings.

Head for Angel Hill and the award-winning Abbey Gardens – a stunning park full of flowers, but with so much more to enjoy than simply beautiful blooms. There's a wonderful playground where children can let off steam, plus ducks on the river, tennis, bowls and strolls among the fascinating ruins of the massive medieval abbey, a place of pilgrimage to St Edmund for centuries.

A short stroll leads to the historic cathedral – until recently the only incomplete cathedral in the country. Now it's crowned with a magnificent tower, a new feature on Bury's skyline. A few yards away is St Mary's church with its unique hammer-beam 'angel' roof and tomb of Henry VIII's sister, Mary Tudor.

While in this area of town there's the Georgian Athenaeum with its Adams-style ballroom and another Georgian gem, the Theatre Royal, is not only one of Britain's oldest, but is also the only Regency Theatre in the UK. Opposite is Greene King's 1930s brewery and museum.

As a change from shopping try popping into the Robert Adams-designed Art Gallery (it's free) or Moyses's Hall, a museum in a Norman building full of intriguing local artefacts. And just on the edge of the town is the Malthouse Project – the last remaining maltings in Bury, now converted to a unique café, heritage and training centre.



And then there are the smallest pub in the country (The Nutshell), the guided walking tours highlighting hidden stories... and so much more. Contact the Tourist Information Centre on 01284 764667, tic@stedsbc.gov.uk

FAMOUS FOR ITS MARKETS

Markets have been at the centre of life in Bury St Edmunds for almost 1000 years. Trades and industries have come and gone over the years, but the vibrant twice-weekly street market – the largest of its kind in the eastern region – is still thriving.

Every Wednesday and Saturday the streets are packed when the country crowds and visitors pour in, as they have done for centuries, to join the townsfolk on a tour to track down a huge range of bargains. From cabbages to cakes, sausages to slippers, puzzles to pullovers... there's something here for everyone.

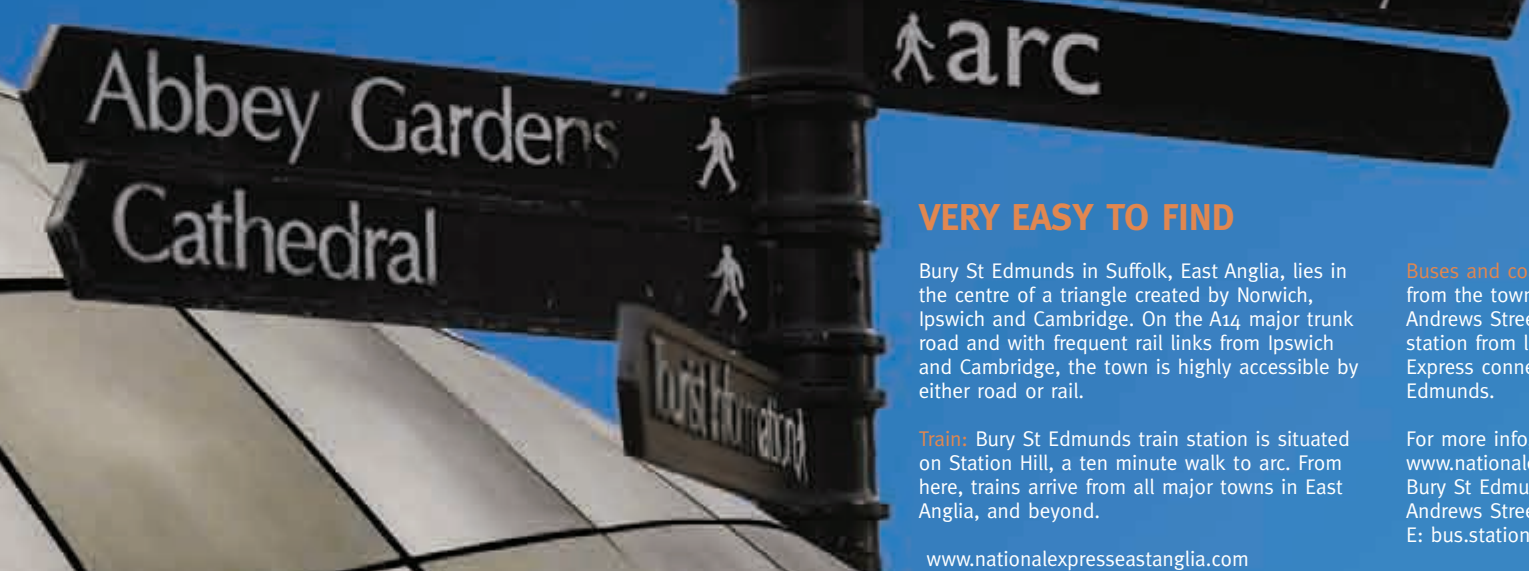


Primarily a provisions market, the range of goods on sale changes from year to year, as it has done for centuries, to reflect the tastes and fashions of the times. The Bury market is a top destination for traders because they know it's so popular with residents and tourists alike. And when times are tough, a thriving market is a great place for bargain-hunting.

Various craft stalls sell their wares on the street alongside the colourful fruit and vegetables, and there's also an indoor craft market every Wednesday in the imposing Victorian Corn Exchange.

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www.arc-burystedmunds.com


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VERY EASY TO FIND

Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, East Anglia, lies in the centre of a triangle created by Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. On the A14 major trunk road and with frequent rail links from Ipswich and Cambridge, the town is highly accessible by either road or rail.

Train: Bury St Edmunds train station is situated on Station Hill, a ten minute walk to arc. From here, trains arrive from all major towns in East Anglia, and beyond.

www.nationalexpresseastanglia.com
www.thetrainline.com
Railway Station, Station Hill,
National rail enquiries:
08457 484950

Buses and coaches: arc is a two minute walk from the town's main bus station, situated on St Andrews Street North. Buses arrive at this station from local services, and also National Express connecting nationally to Bury St Edmunds.

For more info, visit: www.suffolkonboard.com
www.nationalexpress.com
Bury St Edmunds Bus and Coach Station St Andrews Street North T: 01284 702020
E: bus.station@stedsbc.gov.uk

Town, county, national and European bus timetables, tour coach information. Also train timetables, tourist information, concessionary bus passes and bookings for local and national concerts. National and local public transport information line: 0870 6082608
Local travel: www.travelineeastanglia.org.uk

Car: Bury St Edmunds is situated on the A14 at junction 42, 43 and 44. arc is close to the main through route, Parkway South.

Bury St Edmunds is approximately 25 miles from Ipswich and Cambridge, around 43 miles from Norwich and is just 75 miles from London.

The Cattle Market/arc Car Park has 850 spaces, with a further 870 spaces available in a neighbouring multi-storey car park.

Cycle routes: Bury St Edmunds has an extensive network of cycle routes. Free maps of these routes are available from the Tourist Information Centre, libraries, and council offices. T: 01284 757328 E: engserv@stedsbc.gov.uk

Shopmobility: Manual and powered wheelchairs, and electric buggies, are available from the Tourist Information Centre, Angel Hill, for anyone with mobility problems. Booking is advisable. Free parking. T: 01284 757175

Dial a ride: Free registration, door-to-door service for people who are elderly or disabled and cannot use public transport. T: 01284 724545

Taxis: Taxi ranks are by the Corn Exchange, Cornhill; behind Woolworths, St Andrews Street South; outside the Railway Station and on Station Hill.

