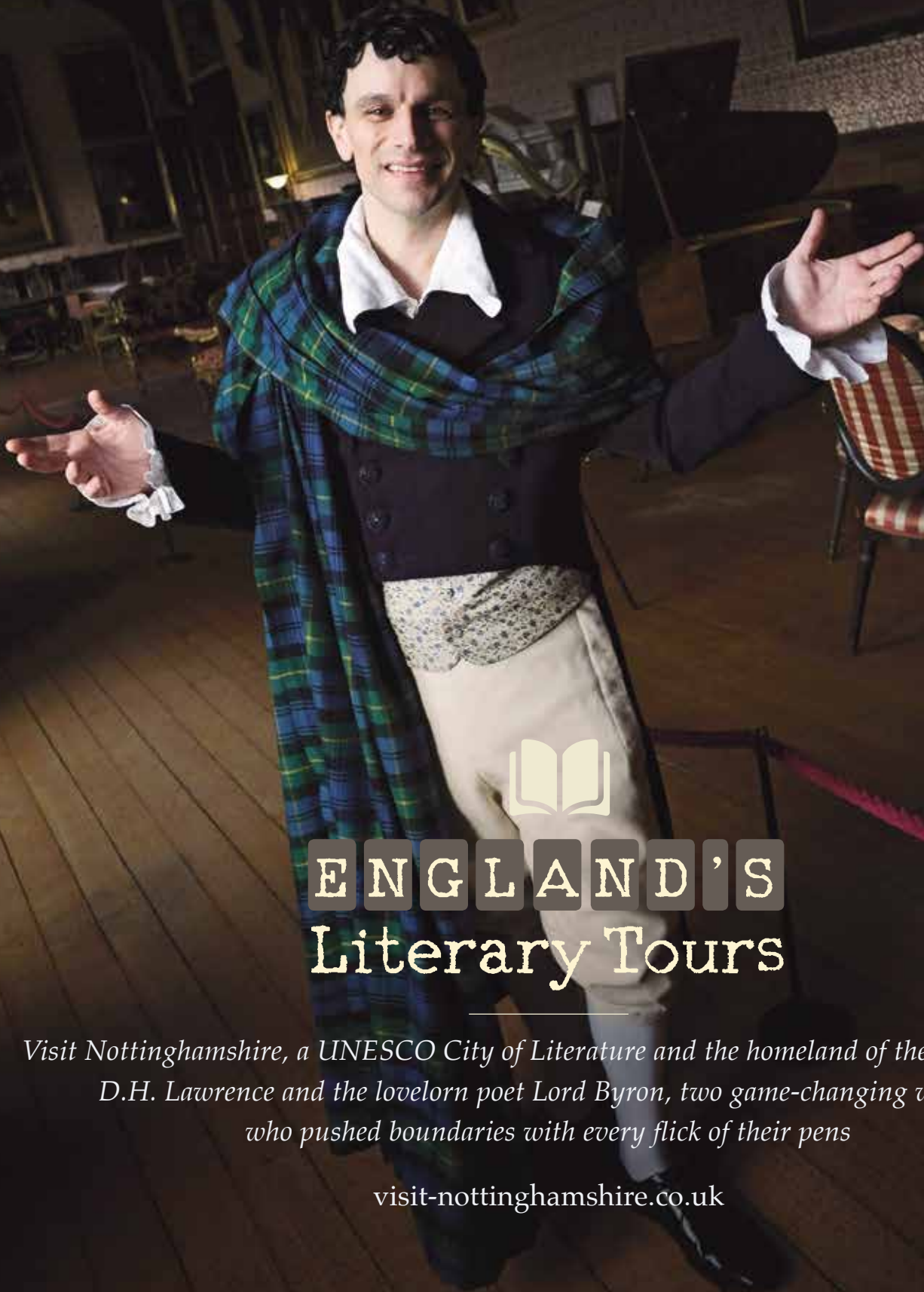


# Nottinghamshire

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## ENGLAND'S Literary Tours

*Visit Nottinghamshire, a UNESCO City of Literature and the homeland of the rebel author  
D.H. Lawrence and the lovelorn poet Lord Byron, two game-changing writers  
who pushed boundaries with every flick of their pens*

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Day One



### Information & Guides

visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk  
newsteadabbey.org.uk  
nottinghamcastle.org.uk



### Accommodation

Colwick Hall Hotel  
Harts Hotel  
Hilton Nottingham

*If ever there was a place that has a story to tell, Nottinghamshire is it. There are the legendary tales of Robin Hood – the folklore hero whose spirit is still very much alive here. Visit Nottinghamshire and explore the homes Lord Byron and D.H. Lawrence lived in, absorb the cobbled streets they walked on and the sights that inspired them.*



Newstead Abbey

### Newstead Abbey

Start with a visit to Lord Byron's old digs - **Newstead Abbey** and its gardens and parklands. Built in the 12th century as a monastery, it later became the home of the Byron family including the 6th Lord Byron. Mad, bad and dangerous to know, the romantic poet is famous the world over as a passionate lover, a political revolutionary and a man who inspired the Greeks to victory over Turkish rule. The grand Abbey subsequently passed through many hands and now houses a museum containing Byron memorabilia including many personal items. Pre-booked groups can enjoy a tour of the house with an eccentric costumed Lord Byron guide who will tell tales of Boatswain – Lord Byron's dog, and also his wild parties that entertained the great and good of the 1800s.

### St. Mary Magdalene Church

From **Newstead Abbey** it is only a short journey to visit the church where Lord Byron is buried. Visitors from around the world make pilgrimages here to see Byron's last resting place and learn about his life and works.



The Robin Hood Statue, Nottingham Castle

### Nottingham Castle

A 30-minute journey south of Newstead Abbey is the infamous **Nottingham Castle**.

Built high upon **Castle Rock** towering above the city centre, the Castle was originally built in the 11th century and was famously occupied by supporters of Prince John during the Crusades, the Sheriff of Nottingham and Robin Hood. During the Civil War in the 1600s and following the execution of King Charles I, it was razed to the ground.

The Castle was rebuilt and is set to go through a further transformation as it closes in spring 2018 to be transformed into a world-class visitor attraction. A total of £29.4 million is being invested to redevelop the site, including the Ducal Palace and Grounds, Brewhouse Yard and the sprawling cave network hidden within the Castle rock. Reopening during spring 2020, now is the perfect time to plan a future trip.



Day Two



### Information & Guides

ezezialbone.com  
goldstarguides.com  
bromleyhouse.org  
brackenburysbritain.co.uk  
lleisure.co.uk/d-h-lawrence-birthplace-museum



### Accommodation

Colwick Hall Hotel  
Eastwood Hall

### Guided Walking Tours of Nottingham City Centre and beyond

Experience the city or the surrounding areas with an expert guide. Families can enjoy a 90-minute long 'Reading the City' walk with Robin Hood provided by **Ezekial Bone Tours**.



Reading the City - Ezekial Bone Tours

The literary specialist **Gold Star Guides** provide a 2-hour walking tour through the city centre, and the cultural specialist **Brackenbury's Britain** offers personalised tours which could include a visit to the home of Lord Byron.



Home of Lord Byron, Southwell - Brackenbury's Britain



Bromley House Library

**Bromley House Library** - Hidden away in the heart of Nottingham city centre is a beautiful 200-year old library with around 40,000 books spread over three floors of a Grade II listed Georgian Townhouse. Open to the public on selected days of the week, groups can pre-book a private tour or get in touch to find out when the library is open for visitors.



D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum

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The final stop of the day is in the nearby town of Eastwood where you can visit the authentically recreated miner's cottage and birthplace of the world-renowned Nottinghamshire author, D.H. Lawrence. Learn about life in the mining community which shaped Lawrence's childhood and writing, see rooms where the family lived and view personal items and some of Lawrence's original watercolour paintings.

## In the area you will also find

### Wollaton Hall & Deer Park

A spectacular Grade I listed Elizabethan Mansion set in 500 acres of spectacular gardens and parkland, famous for being the setting of Wayne Manor in the 2012 Batman film, *Dark Knight Rises*

### Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve & Visitor Centre

The park and nature reserve covers 450 acres and is the home of the ancient Major Oak, famous for being Robin Hood's hideout.

## Places to stay

### Colwick Hall Hotel

A Georgian country mansion, once the ancestral home of Lord Byron before he moved to Newstead Abbey. With 16 individually designed rooms and a fine dining restaurant; Byron's Brasserie.

### Eastwood Hall

A beautifully restored period property with 150 rooms located in the historic home town of D.H. Lawrence.

### Hart's Hotel

A contemporary, privately owned luxury boutique hotel with its own garden and car park. A short stroll from the bustling Nottingham city centre

### Hilton Nottingham

In the heart of Nottingham city centre in a beautiful Victorian building with contemporary décor and a 60-foot indoor heated pool with whirlpool.

## Places to eat and drink

### Fox and Hounds

An up-to-date version of the traditional English country pub close to Newstead Abbey with plenty of parking and a warm welcome for groups.



### Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem

A visit is not complete without a drink in England's oldest inn built into the rocks that Nottingham Castle is built upon.

### The Larder on Goosegate

Set in the original Boots apothecary store in a beautiful Grade II listed building and listed in the Michelin, Harden's and Good Food Guides serving great British cuisine, afternoon teas and Sunday roasts.

### Mulberry Tree Café

Set in the old stables of Strelley Hall, you will find the Mulberry Tree Café. Open daily for lunch and afternoon teas combined with tours of the beautiful hall.

## Getting to Nottinghamshire

Travelling by train is fast, direct and frequent



### By Train

London to Nottingham - 1hr 49min  
Birmingham to Nottingham - 58min  
Manchester to Nottingham - 1hr 44min



### By Road

London to Nottingham - 2hr (approx)  
Stratford-upon-Avon to Nottingham - 1hr 20min  
Winchester to Nottingham - 2hr 48min  
Birmingham to Nottingham - 1hr 10min



### Nearest Airports

Birmingham Airport (BHX) - 1hr 5min  
East Midlands Airport (EMA) - 30min



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