

University of Manchester 2026 Summer Programme

Welcome to Manchester! Our revamped 2026 programme has been designed to ensure that you have the most enjoyable, memorable experience possible. You'll spend time exploring, learning and creating with students from all over the world, and our team of tour guides and activity leaders are there to make your summer unforgettable!

	Breakfast	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Dinner	Evening
		Arrival			Packed	Room allocation
Day 1	08:00-09:00	Placement Test & Class	13:00-14:00	Manchester Walking Tour & Induction	18:00-19:00	Welcome Party
Day 2	08:00-09:00	Class (from CEFR A1 to C1)	13:00-14:00	Manchester Natural History Museum	18:00-19:00	
Day 3	08:00-09:00	Class (from CEFR A1 to C1)	13:00-14:00	Sports or Arndale City Centre Shopping	18:00-19:00	
Day 4	08:00-09:00	Full Day Excursion: Liverpool Walking Tour by train with city tour, Albert Docks and Liverpool Museum (packed lunch)			18:00-19:00	Free Time
Day 5	08:00-09:00	Full Day Excursion: North Wales by coach with Official Guide, Llandudno Beach, Conwy Castle, Snowdonia National Park Walk (Packed Lunch)			18:00-19:00	Free Time
Day 6	08:00-09:00	Class (from CEFR A1 to C1)	13:00-14:00	Manchester Cathedral & John Rylands Library	18:00-19:00	On Campus Activities
Day 7	08:00-09:00	Class (from CEFR A1 to C1)	13:00-14:00	MBN Trafford Centre Shopping with Dinner & Bowling		
Day 8	08:00-09:00	Sports or Whitworth Art Gallery & Park	13:00-14:00	Class (from CEFR A1 to C1)	18:00-19:00	On Campus Activities
Day 9	08:00-09:00	Science & Industry Museum	13:00-14:00	Class (from CEFR A1 to C1)	18:00-19:00	On-campus Activities
Day 10	08:00-09:00	Manchester City FC Stadium Tour (Ticket Included)	13:00-14:00	Class (from CEFR A1 to C1)	18:00-19:00	On-campus Activities
Day 11	08:00-09:00	Full Day Excursion: Chester Walking Tour by train with Historical City Tour including Chester Cathedral and City Walls (packed lunch)			18:00-19:00	Free Time
Day 12	08:00-09:00	Full Day Excursion: Leeds train with Royal Armouries Museum & Shopping (packed lunch)			18:00-19:00	Free Time
Day 13	08:00-09:00	Imperial War Museum North & Salford Quays	13:00-14:00	Class & Graduation Ceremony	18:00-19:00	Leaving Party
		Departure				

Half day tours

Manchester Walking Tour

Familiarise yourself with the layout of the North’s most vibrant city as you explore key districts of Manchester including China Town, the Northern Quarter, the Shopping District and more!

Manchester Natural History Museum

The beautiful neo-gothic building houses more than 4.5 million historical objects and is one of the largest Natural History museums in the country. The museum’s collections include significant archaeological finds, extensive zoological specimens, dinosaurs, and a renowned Egyptology collection.

Sports

Show off your football skills, try your hand at volleyball, or shoot for the hoop on the basketball courts of these state-of-the-art on-campus sports facilities. A range of sports across both indoor and outdoor pitches and courts are available.

Manchester Cathedral & John Rylands Library

Renowned for its striking architecture the John Rylands library will make you feel like you’re at Hogwarts! It houses treasures like the St. John Fragment - the earliest known New Testament text - alongside and vast collection of rare books, manuscripts, and archives. Then it’s on to the stunning 600-year-old Manchester Cathedral with intricate medieval woodwork, beautiful stained glass, and impressive stone architecture. The cathedral is a vibrant hub for worship, music, and community events, reflecting centuries of history and culture.

Science and Industry Museum

Discover Manchester’s rich industrial heritage. Housed in historic buildings, the museum offers fascinating exhibits on science, technology, and innovation, including steam engines, early computers, and space exploration. Learn about Manchester’s pivotal role in shaping the modern world.

Manchester City FC Stadium Tour

Immerse yourself in the City Story on the Manchester City Stadium Tour. Visit areas of the Stadium not usually available to the public, interact with Pep Guardiola in the press room, walk out of the glass players’ tunnel, sit in the seats in the dug outs and soak up the views of the stadium from pitch side!

This excursion includes ticketed entry to Manchester City Stadium

Imperial War Museum North & Salford Quays

Explore the impact of British conflict around the world, from the First World War to present day through audiovisual presentations and exhibits, then stretch your legs on a scenic walk of Salford Quays waterways and media district, home to the BBC and much more.



Full day tours

Full Day Excursion: Liverpool

Spend a full day exploring Liverpool, taking in the famous Albert Dock, the Beatles statues, and learn all about the city home to the most famous band in the world. You'll get a tour of the city, time for some light shopping and lunch, and a trip into the iconic Museum of Liverpool.

Full Day Excursion: North Wales

Embark on an incredible journey incorporating stunning coastline, seaside resorts, ancient history and towering mountains – all in one day! This full day trip starts with a stroll down the pier in the pretty seaside town of Llandudno and a walk around the impressive medieval walls of Conwy and Conwy Castle. You'll the head into the mountains, climbing into Snowdonia National Park and driving through the stunning valleys and mountain roads, stopping for a short hike to a mountain lake, and incredible views! All led by private tour experts, this excursion is specifically designed for juniors.

Full Day Excursion: Chester

Spend a full day discovering the charming walled city of Chester, known for its rich Roman history and medieval architecture. Tour highlights include the ancient city walls, Chester Cathedral, and the unique Tudor-style "Rows" shops. With picturesque streets, historic landmarks, and a scenic riverside, it offers a perfect blend of heritage and beauty.

Full Day Excursion: Leeds

Journey across the Pennines to Leeds and spend the day exploring this modern, bustling city. You'll start with a trip to the Royal Armouries Museum, home to an extensive collection of weapons, from medieval swords to modern firearms. With interactive exhibits, live combat demonstrations, and engaging displays, it offers an immersive experience guaranteed. Then it is time to head into the city centre for a chance to shop, eat and explore!

Full Day Excursion: York

Venture further north for a full day trip to one of the country's oldest cities, known for its stunning architecture, historical significance, and vibrant atmosphere. Our team will take you on a sightseeing tour of the fascinating and ancient city walls, York Minster, and the charming Shambles – a district that will make you feel like you have gone back in time. This trip is a favourite for its beauty, quirky shopping and history – bring a camera!

PREMIUM UPGRADES

Full Day Excursion: London Sightseeing Walking Tour

Soak up the sights of the nation's capital on this guided walking tour. Our tour begins in leafy Green Park before arriving at the gates of Buckingham Palace, the King's official residence, where you'll get time for some great photos. You'll stroll through the picturesque St. James's Park on the way to Westminster to see Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, and Westminster Abbey. From there you'll pass Downing Street, the home of the Prime Minister, and the Cenotaph before reaching the bustling Trafalgar Square. You'll then visit one of our London centres for dinner. By the end of the day, you'll have ticked off all the major tourist sites from your London Bucket list, before heading back to Manchester late evening.

For an even better view of the city, add on the London Eye experience. Full 360-degree views of the city from right on the River Thames gives you a chance for some incredible memories and photos.

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Full Day Excursion: Alton Towers Theme Park

Spend the day at Britain's largest theme park where you'll get unlimited access to thrilling rollercoasters, wild river rapid rides and spooky haunted houses! This full day excursion is all about having fun, and there really is no better place for it. The theme park is set in 500 acres of forest and grounds surrounding Alton Castle and with over 40 rides and attractions you'll be sure to find something you'll enjoy!

This excursion includes ticketed entry to Alton Towers

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Evening Activities

Manchester By Night: Trafford Centre

A true wonder of the shopping world, the Trafford Centre is a sight to behold. With a stunning architectural design, it features over 200 shops, a variety of restaurants, and entertainment options, including a cinema and bowling alley. The perfect evening trip to pick up some souvenirs for friends and family, or simply to walk around and admire the starry ceilings, marble statues, and two-storey water fountains. This excursion takes you out for the afternoon and into the evening, with dinner at the Trafford Centre. A student favourite every year!

Campus Activities

Our programme of evening activities ensures you'll never be bored on campus! Our campus team host a wide range of events, games and parties ranging from quiz nights to karaoke. Want a chilled night watching a movie with a pizza? No problem! Perhaps you prefer to put your hands to work painting or turning trash into the latest fashion! Whatever you enjoy, we've got you covered. Depending on the location, your evening activities could include any of the following: Trash Fashion Show, Quiz Night, Movie Night, Karaoke, Arts & Crafts, Bingo, Murder Mystery, Sports, Outdoor games.

No matter your location, you'll always get a Welcome night where you'll get to meet your fellow students, and a Last Night Masquerade Party to end your summer on a high!

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