



WELCOME TO NOTTINGHAM

A green city with a legendary past, a vibrant culture and a bright future.

A creative city of rebels and pioneers, and the home of Robin Hood.



Welcome to **ROBIN HOOD** County!.

Whether you're looking to visit some of our most **WELL-KNOWN ATTRACTIONS**, want something a little more off the beaten track or need the **LATEST INFORMATION**, the Visit Nottinghamshire team can provide **EVERYTHING YOU NEED**. From history and heritage, weekend breaks, family holidays, food experiences, group leisure or any other travel experiences in Nottinghamshire, the Visit Nottinghamshire team is on hand to make your visit as easy as possible.



It's all **CHANGE** for Nottinghamshire, with a series of high-profile **INVESTMENT** and **REGENERATION** programmes either recently completed or underway, radically transforming the city's architecture and infrastructure. Nottingham Castle has re-opened its doors after a captivating £30 million transformation. It's a stone's throw from **STATE-OF-THE-ART** developments emerging in Southside, Waterside and the Island Quarter.



Nottingham has earned a strong reputation for **LEADING** the way when it comes to style. Once the international centre for delicate lace and hosiery manufacture, then the home of design royalty Sir Paul Smith, our legacy lives on as one of the country's top ten **SHOPPING** destinations. A colourful mix of stylish independent retailers and big brand favourites line the streets, and the Victoria Shopping Centre. The glorious The Exchange, Nottingham's bohemian hotspot, is located in the Creative Quarter and brims with indie shops and creative businesses.

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The city of Nottingham is compact, **MODERN**, beautiful and **DIVERSE**, with surprising architecture around every corner and plenty of attractions to entertain visitors. Of course, Nottingham is much bigger than visitors initially realise. It's famous for its underground **CAVES NETWORK**, with over 800 caves under your feet! The city makes great use of this space – you can do the [City of Caves](#) tour to see how they were used throughout history, and there are plenty of quirky, secret and cosy underground bars for you to explore.



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Known around the world as the home of Robin Hood, Nottinghamshire has **IDYLLIC** rural landscapes with gentle rolling hills, the mighty River Trent and ancient Sherwood Forest.

Located in the Heart of England, the **THRIVING** city of Nottingham is in the south of the county, with **GRAND** Ducal estates and rural countryside in the north. You'll find Robin Hood lives on across the county, from amongst the ancient oaks at [Sherwood Forest](#), to exhibitions and [walking tours](#) celebrating the legend in Nottingham city centre.



Discover a county rich in **LEGEND**, which has inspired storytellers for centuries, including rebellious writers DH Lawrence, Alan Sillitoe and Lord Byron. Nottingham is a **UNESCO** City of Literature; which recognises both the rich past and diverse array of current literary heroes. Uncover the county's bloody history as the start and end point for the English Civil War, to being crowned the lace capital of the world during the Industrial Revolution, you'll be enthralled by the **HERITAGE** of our great county.

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The **VALUE** of tourism to the local Nottinghamshire economy saw a **GROWTH of 4.0% to £1.979** billion in 2019, compared to the previous year.



Nottinghamshire is the perfect place to enjoy sport and soak up some of the **BEST** sporting atmospheres in the UK.

The **HOME** of European champions **Nottingham Forest** and one of the worlds oldest professional football clubs **Notts County**.

Nearby you'll find the **WORLD FAMOUS Trent Bridge** one of crickets iconic grounds – the stage for this **July's showpiece** match, England vs India T20.



Situated at the **HEART** of the UK, the proximity of the M1, A1, A52 and A46 means the county is easily **ACCESIBLE** by car. Nottingham's train station, given a £50m facelift in 2014, is fewer than two hours from London St Pancras International station. Nottinghamshire is also served by the award-winning East Midlands Airport, which **CONNECTS** us to over 80 destinations.

In the future, the Eastern leg of the transformative HS2 line will finish at East Midlands Parkway just South of Nottingham, HS2 trains will then carry on from there, onto the upgraded midland main line to Nottingham.



National Justice Museum

The National Justice Museum is housed in Nottinghamshire's old Shire Hall and County Gaol. The museum uses original courtrooms, dungeons and prison cells, to exhibit collections relating to justice, the law, crime and punishment in a fun and interactive way.

National Ice Centre

Nottingham's National Ice Centre was the first twin Olympic-sized ice rink facility in the UK. Nottingham has a long tradition of ice skating; most well known for the Nottinghamshire couple Jane Torvill and Christopher Dean who went on to dominate the World Olympic Championships.



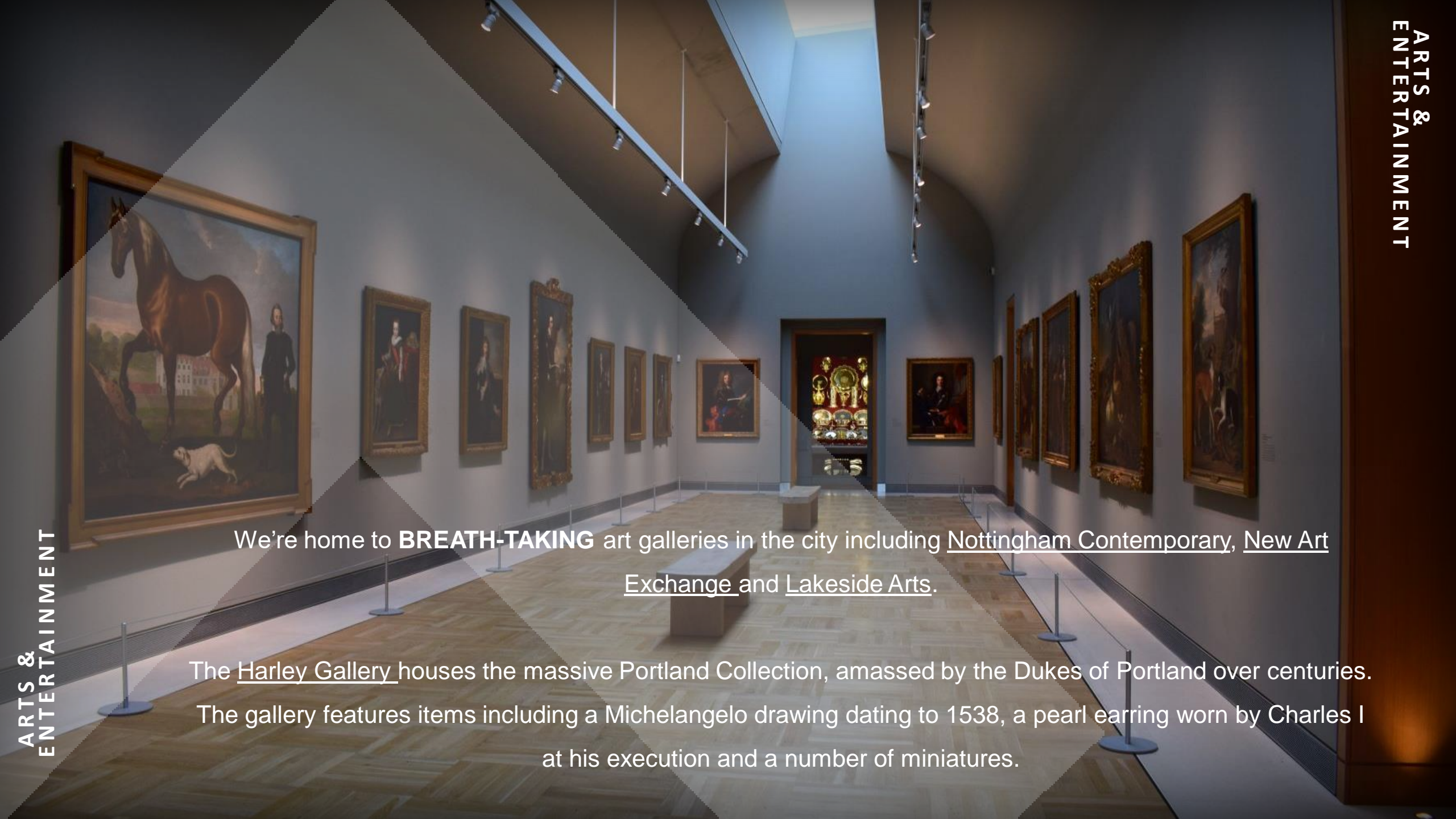
National Civil War Centre

The UK's first ever National Civil War Centre, opened in Newark. The struggle to control Newark, a staunchly Royalist town, was one of the defining events of the Civil War. Explore the deadly battles for power in 17th century Britain during the British Civil Wars.

National Water Sports Centre

Home to world-class water sports facilities, visitors can try adrenalin-filled activities from white water rafting and wakeboarding to land-based activities such as laser tag, a cross-country adventure course or mini golf.





We're home to **BREATH-TAKING** art galleries in the city including [Nottingham Contemporary](#), [New Art Exchange](#) and [Lakeside Arts](#).

The [Harley Gallery](#) houses the massive Portland Collection, amassed by the Dukes of Portland over centuries. The gallery features items including a Michelangelo drawing dating to 1538, a pearl earring worn by Charles I at his execution and a number of miniatures.



Nottingham boasts a thriving music and arts scene. Peggy's Skylight is where the region's jazz and blues musicians call home— it offers regular foot-tapping live music and an incredible atmosphere.

If you're looking for a legendary music venue and club, look no further than Nottingham's Rock City. It has regularly been voted the best live music venue in the UK and hosted some of the greatest bands and artists, such as Nirvana, David Bowie, and Amy Winehouse.



We're also **HOME** to a number of **THEATRE** and **MUSIC** venues, including the Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham Playhouse and Lace Market Theatre which host both home-grown and touring productions.

Annual **FESTIVALS** include Light Night, Splendour, the Mayhem Film Festival, and Dot-to-Dot.



Sherwood Forest and the LEGENDARY Major Oak are arguably Nottinghamshire's calling cards. The hundreds of acres of forest are now in the care of the RSPB, and visitors can EXPLORE the brand new visitor centre to learn more about the flora, fauna and legends of this beautiful, ANCIENT woodlands

But Nottinghamshire is home to many more wonderful green spaces including Wollaton Hall & Deer Park, Thoresby Park and Clumber Park.



Nottinghamshire, recently voted as one of the best family destinations in the world by National Geographic, has some fantastic family-friendly attractions for all ages and in all weathers. Get up close to friendly animals at [White Post Farm](#), [Manor Farm Park & Woodlands](#) or the [Tropical Butterfly House](#), or have a family-packed day out at the all-weather [Robin Hood's Wheelgate Theme Park](#) or [Twinlakes Family Theme Park](#).

Nottingham's [Goose Fair](#) is Europe's largest travelling fair, and with hundreds of attractions, it's fun for all ages and an unmissable October event.





Nottinghamshire has a number of options, from mind-bending escape rooms to mini-golf, trampoline parks, river cruises or [Go Ape](#) and [Adrenalin Jungle](#). There's also the [Museum of Timekeeping](#), [Newark Air Museum](#), [Green's Windmill](#) and the [Great Central Railway](#) (Nottingham).

Nottingham is on a mission to become the **FIRST** carbon neutral city in the UK by the year 2028.

Nottingham is seeing **UNPRECEDENTED** levels of investment in an award-winning, clean and green public transport system, electric vehicles and sustainable energy sources.

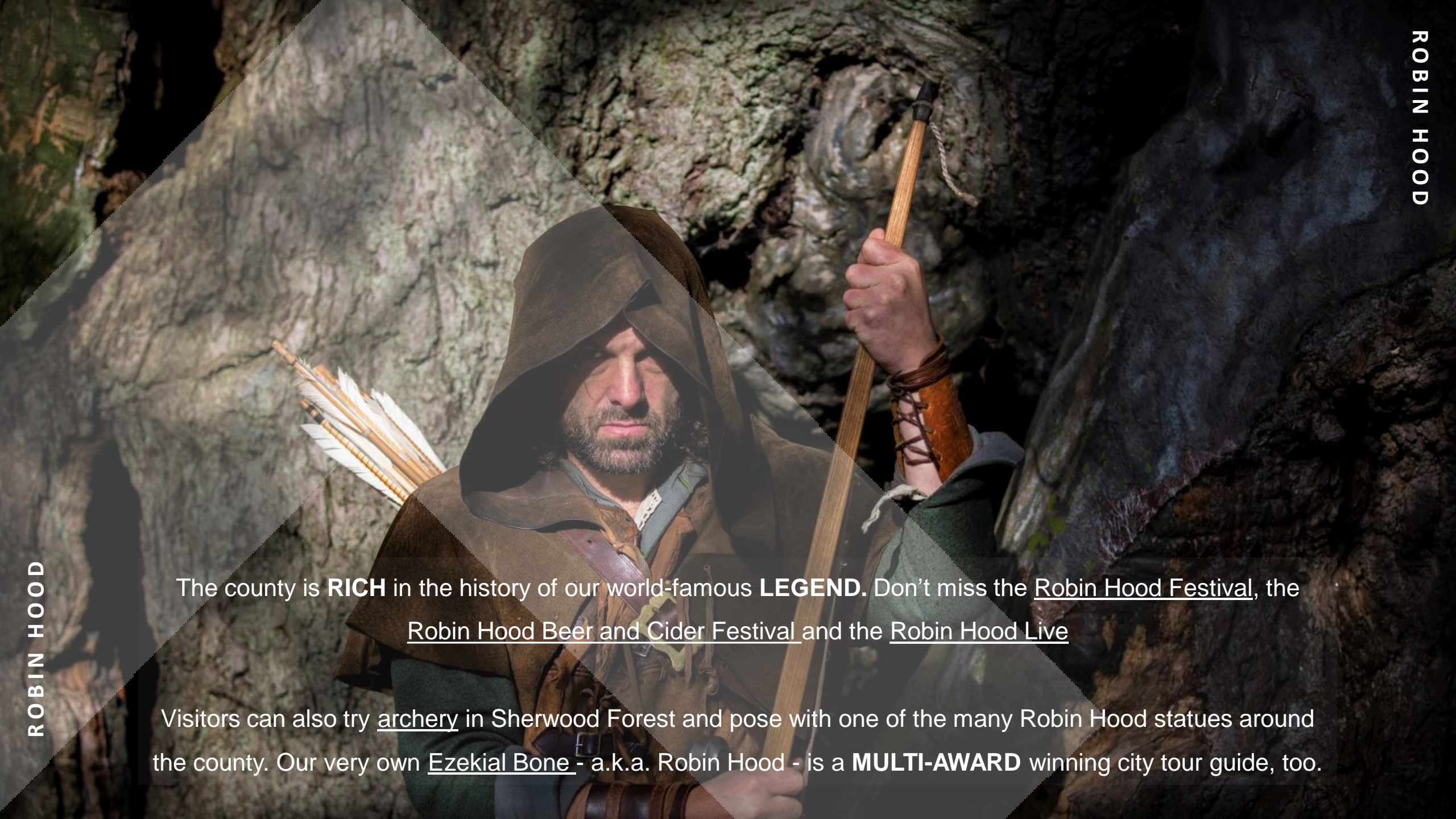


Nottingham is home to two world class universities – pushing the boundaries of innovation, research and scientific discovery.

NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY was named **Modern University of the Year** in the Times Good University Guide in 2018.

The **UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM** is part of the UK's prestigious **Russell Group** of Universities and recently acquired the Castle Meadow Campus giving them a city centre presence.





The county is **RICH** in the history of our world-famous **LEGEND**. Don't miss the [Robin Hood Festival](#), the [Robin Hood Beer and Cider Festival](#) and the [Robin Hood Live](#)

Visitors can also try [archery](#) in Sherwood Forest and pose with one of the many Robin Hood statues around the county. Our very own [Ezekial Bone](#) - a.k.a. Robin Hood - is a **MULTI-AWARD** winning city tour guide, too.



We're also home to many award-winning restaurants, including the Michelin-starred Restaurant [Sat Bains with Rooms](#) and [Alchemilla](#). The city centre has a great reputation for diverse and independent cuisines from all over the world, and there are plenty of cafés and bars to suit all tastes.

Of course, if you're looking for a traditional English pub, then look no further than [Ye Olde Trip To Jerusalem](#), England's oldest inn. But Nottingham also boasts a [pub with a barge](#), a [Victorian Music Hall](#) and several of its own breweries.





Nottinghamshire is one of only three counties which are allowed to produce the award-winning Stilton cheese – well worth a taste when visiting. Nottinghamshire's is also home to the delicious Colwick cheese.

Southwell, a town in the heart of Nottinghamshire, is famous as the home of the Bramley apple and its heritage is celebrated at the annual Bramley Apple Festival in October.

The School of Artisan Food, named *Cookery School of the Year* at the British Cookery School Awards 2014, forges a reputation of renown food courses.

Nottingham is undergoing a '**once in many generations**' transformation, with nearly 60 acres of city centre land primed for regeneration.

Broad Marsh will lead the way in city centre regeneration following the impacts of Covid-19 and online retailing.

The Island Quarter will reimagine 36-acres of brownfield site into a **new city within a city** with hotels, offices, living, restaurants and bars and cultural events, all linked by acres of public access green space.



Nottinghamshire is home to three National Trust sites. Discover the untouched family home of a 1920s grocer at [Mr Straw's House](#) in Worksop, and experience the hard daily life of a Victorian at [The Workhouse](#) in Southwell - the last complete workhouse in existence. Explore the stunning [Clumber Park](#), a Ducal estate home to a Victorian Walled Kitchen Garden, fine dining restaurant, and acres of beautiful parkland.

The historic town of Southwell is famed for its iconic [Minster](#). The late 13th century Chapter House contains the world famous 'Leaves of Southwell' stone carvings.





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The Mayflower Pilgrims were religious separatists who voyaged to America in 1620 from North Nottinghamshire, where their beliefs were shaped.

The Pilgrim Roots trail includes Scrooby, Babworth and other nearby destinations including Gainsborough, Austerfield, Retford and Boston. We recommend a guided tour of these sights to explore the history or even trace your ancestral roots; Brackenbury's Britain and Pilgrims & Prophets all provide tailored and unique tours.

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