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Birmingham, UK

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## The fine taste of Birmingham

The city of Birmingham, in the UK's West Midlands is the most populous British city outside London.

Historically, Birmingham was the powerhouse of the Industrial Revolution in England and was known as "the workshop of the world" or the "city of a thousand trades".

Although Birmingham's industrial importance has declined, it has developed into a national commercial centre and a hub for conferences.

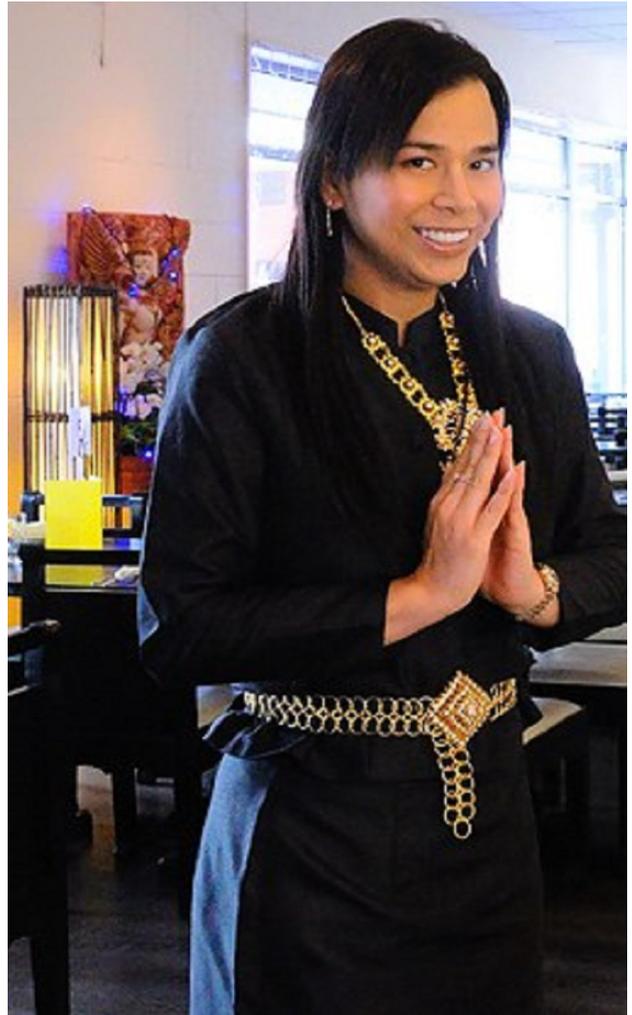
Birmingham also boasts more top ranking restaurants than any UK destination outside of London and its food and drink scene is quickly gaining national and international recognition.

Birmingham has 200 restaurants in the city centre alone serving food from more than 25 different cuisines.

For a taste of the Orient, head to the bustling Chinese Quarter or if you like it spicy, check out Birmingham's renowned Balti Triangle, home to around 50 restaurants and declared by Rough Guide as a 'must-do' UK experience.

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### Three Michelin Starred restaurants



Birmingham has three Michelin Starred restaurants – more than any English city outside London.

Purnells restaurant is owned by chef Glynn Purnell while Richard Turner is chef and owner of Turner's restaurant, on the outskirts of the city in Harborne.

Simpsons, in Edgbaston, has retained its Michelin star for the fifth year in a row.

Run by chef Andreas Antona, Simpsons also offers luxury accommodation and runs a regular cookery school for those who want to steal some top tips for Birmingham's top chefs.

[www.purnellsrestaurant.com](http://www.purnellsrestaurant.com)  
[www.turnersofharborne.com](http://www.turnersofharborne.com)  
[www.simpsonsrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.simpsonsrestaurant.co.uk)

### Edible events



As well as its restaurants and cafés, Birmingham hosts a number of events that celebrate the city's culinary delights with regular markets, the BBC's Good Food Show at the NEC and Taste of Birmingham – the city's annual food festival.

Held outdoors in Cannon Hill Park, Taste of Birmingham gathers the best restaurants, bars, producers and great music in a leafy park setting.

For those who enjoy cooking, the fresh local produce on offer at the Birmingham Farmers' Market comes to New Street every fortnight and to Brindleyplace on the last Friday of every month.

### Pushkar



Pushkar specialises in authentic Punjabi food under the eye of renowned chef Parvinder Multani.

The restaurant delivers a spectacular blend of fine dining and cocktails which has captured the market in Birmingham since its opening in 2009.

The stylish surroundings are supported by first-class food, with special acclaim for its lamb dishes.

[www.pushkardining.com](http://www.pushkardining.com)

### Kinnaree Thai Restaurant



Hidden away is this gem of a restaurant, a little Thailand under the bridge by the canals of Birmingham.

The Kinnaree Features include the 12 foot dragon boat in the centre of the restaurant, alongside the festivals held at the restaurant throughout the year.

Great views onto the canal, a prime spot for romantic diners.

[www.kinnaree.co.uk](http://www.kinnaree.co.uk)

## Hotel du Vin



This city centre hotel is situated in the previously disused Birmingham Eye Hospital, is an early in the old city centre.

The Victorian red brick venue was sympathetically converted to provide 66 bedrooms and suites around a courtyard.

Original features include a magnificent sweeping staircase and granite pillars. The bistro offers a menu rooted in classic European cuisine.

On the menu you will find 'simple classics' that change seasonally, all supporting the philosophy of using the finest and freshest local produce.

The hotel also incorporates a cellar bar; Pub du Vin, and for some important pampering try Health du Vin.

[www.hotelduvin.co.uk/Birmingham](http://www.hotelduvin.co.uk/Birmingham)

## Culinary cookery class at Lasan Eatery

Chefs at the multi-award winning Lasan Eatery show how to create true Indian dishes including curry, biryanis and dosas on one Saturday once a month – with a free lunch as part of their course!

The culinary cookery class last three and includes a demonstration with a detailed explanation of how to prepare and cook variety of healthy and simple Indian meal.

[www.lasaneatery.co.uk](http://www.lasaneatery.co.uk)

## Getting to Birmingham



Birmingham is easily accessible by road, rail and air.

The M5 and M6 motorways converge on the city and the Birmingham International Airport is located to the east of the city.

The city's main railway station, Birmingham New Street, is at the centre of the national railway network with regular Virgin rail services from London taking less than 90 minutes.

[www.virgintrains.co.uk](http://www.virgintrains.co.uk)  
[www.birminghamairport.co.uk](http://www.birminghamairport.co.uk)



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