

Take a stroll through history, enjoy award winning fine dining and contemporary cuisine, indulge yourself in some serious retail therapy or simply slow down and take in the peaceful atmosphere. Bury St Edmunds is a jewel in the crown of Suffolk and the perfect getaway.

With gorgeous Medieval architecture, beautiful Georgian squares, the stunning St Edmundsbury Cathedral (the only cathedral in Suffolk), the ruins of an 11th Century Benedictine monastery, once a place of pilgrimage and one of the most important monasteries in medieval Europe, Bury St Edmunds has more than 1,000 years of history to explore.

Discover the story of St Edmund, England's original patron saint, the town's role in the Magna Carta and how Bury St Edmunds came to be the final resting place of a French Queen. There's a plethora of scandals, ghostly tales and incredible stories from the past.

**AWARD-WINNING ABBEY GARDENS**

Created in 1831, the Abbey Gardens was originally a botanic garden in the same style as the Royal Botanic Gardens in Brussels. The perfect spot to watch the world go by.

**ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL**

For over 1,000 years, the site of Suffolk's Cathedral has been one of worship and pilgrimage. St James' Church was built within the precincts of the Abbey, becoming a Cathedral in 1914. The cathedral's Millennium Tower was completed in 2005.



Abbey Gate



Abbey Gardens

St Edmund

**BURY ST EDMUNDS ABBEY RUINS**

The Abbey of St Edmund, built from 1020, was once one of the richest and most powerful Benedictine monasteries in England. The death of Edmund, King of the East Angles, at the hands of the Danes in 869 led to the building of the abbey to house his remains and his shrine became a place of pilgrimage. Extensive remains survive and include the complete 14th century Great Gate and Norman Tower, as well as the impressive ruins and altered west front of the immense church.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH**

St Mary's is the final resting place of Mary Tudor, Queen of France, Duchess of Suffolk and favourite sister of Henry VIII (after whom the Mary Rose was named). Built between 1290 and 1490 as part of the abbey complex, St Mary's is thought to be one of the largest parish churches in England. It has a unique hammer beam 'angel' roof.

**ATHENAEUM**

This stunning Grade I listed building is where such literary greats as Charles Dickens, Rev Charles Kingsley and W M Thackeray gave readings of their works in the 1800s. Originally assembly rooms, it is now a beautiful venue with an ornate Georgian Ballroom, chandeliered ceiling and grand décor reminiscent of the era of Pride and Prejudice.

**BURY ST EDMUNDS GUILDHALL**

The stories of 800 years of Bury St Edmunds heritage are woven into the very fabric of The Guildhall - the oldest civic building in Britain. Through the Court Room, Banqueting Hall, the RAF's WWII Royal Observer Corps Operations Centre Headquarters room, the Tudor Kitchen, and open gardens we take you on a journey through time.

**SUFFOLK REGIMENT MUSEUM**

The museum tells the story of the regiment from its foundation in 1685 to amalgamation with the Royal Norfolk Regiment in 1959 through medals, uniforms, photographs, weapons, equipment and personal memorabilia.



Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds



Moyses' Hall Museum



Greene King Brewery Tour



The arc Shopping Centre



The Apex

**MOYSE'S HALL MUSEUM**

This beautiful museum is housed in one of the last surviving Norman houses in Britain and offers a fascinating view into the past. Find out about the creation and dissolution of the Abbey of St Edmund, Bury St Edmunds prison, the notorious Red Barn Murder, plus fascinating insights into local superstitions and witchcraft. It has a world class collection of clocks and timepieces from Frederic Gershom-Parkington plus fine art.

**THE NUTSHELL**

One of the town's biggest attractions ... or rather its smallest. Proud record holder of Britain's smallest pub, from a mummified cat and currency notes on the ceiling to historical photos, there is much to view and talk about while you enjoy a drink.

**GREENE KING BEER CAFÉ AND BREWERY TOUR**

Greene King has been brewing in Bury St Edmunds since 1799. Friendly guides will take you on a tour around the beautiful and historic working brew house and show you the views of Bury St Edmunds from their roof. Your tour will end with a tutored tasting in the Beer Café.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

From the award-winning entertainment venue The Apex to the Theatre Royal, one of the most beautiful, intimate and historic theatres in the world, Bury St Edmunds has fantastic intimate venues to enjoy the arts. The Apex, known for its excellent acoustics, is home to a diverse programme and regularly features big names, and the Theatre Royal is the last surviving Regency playhouse in the country.

**AWARD WINNING FOOD AND DRINK**

If you're a foodie then there is a mouthwatering selection of restaurants and cafes to cater to all tastes both in the town and the surrounding picturesque villages and you will not be leaving Bury St Edmunds hungry! Known as Suffolk's Foodie Capital, many of the restaurants have awards to their name and use fresh local produce.

**SHOPPING AND MARKETS**

While away a day exploring more than 200 independent shops and boutiques and High Street brands plus weekly open-air street markets which are as old as the Abbey itself. From small boutiques that line the picturesque medieval streets and elegant Georgian squares to the futuristic arc shopping centre.

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The Suffolk Coast

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EXPLORE BEYOND WITH A GREAT  
CHOICE OF DAYS OUT!**

Newmarket

The Wool Towns

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