

EXETER CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS GUIDE

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Exeter is a historically fascinating city. Close to the World Heritage Jurassic Coast and surrounded by green space – Dartmoor National Park is on the horizon – it offers a refreshing alternative for your business event.

It is also easily accessible from the rest of the UK. Just 2 hours from London by rail, and even quicker by air from London City Airport, Exeter is a well-connected city that is forward-thinking and innovative – it is home to the Met Office and one of the top universities in the world.

Major investment in recent years has seen the city centre regenerated, with modern developments such as the Princesshay shopping quarter and Queen St Dining providing a wonderful contrast with the city's 2,000 years of history, which is in evidence around every corner.

There is a wide range of conference venues here, from large purpose-built centres to more unusual, character venues – why not give your business event some creative flair by holding it in a castle, cathedral or museum?

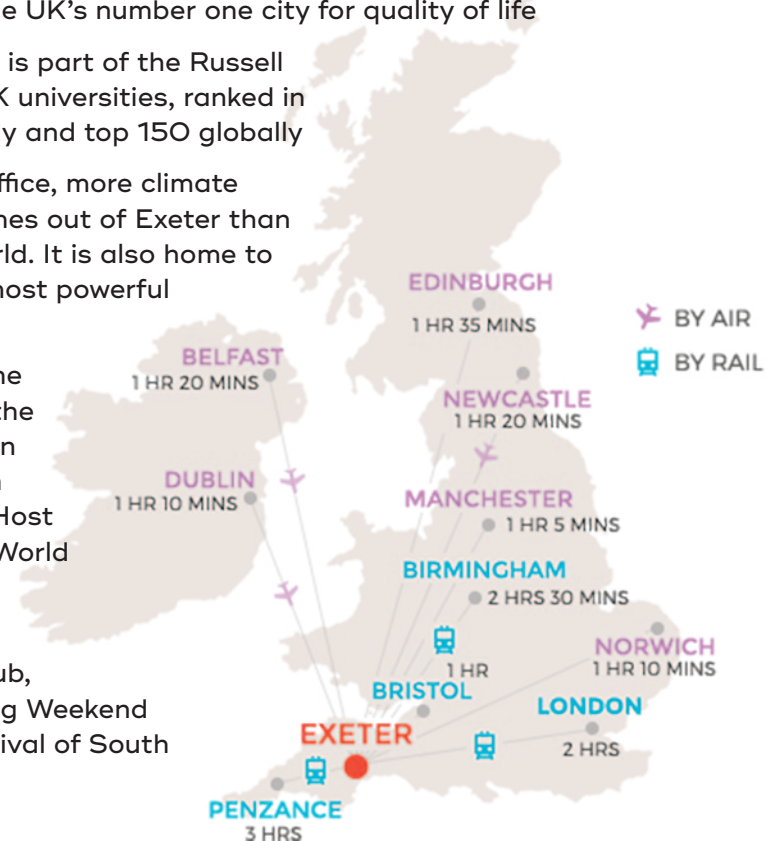
If you haven't yet considered Exeter for your business event, now is the time!



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facts & highlights

- According to the *Which* Good Food Guide Exeter is one of the top places to eat out in the UK. It is also one of the UK's top retail destinations.
- Exeter is officially the UK's number one city for quality of life
- University of Exeter is part of the Russell Group of leading UK universities, ranked in the top 10 nationally and top 150 globally
- Home to the Met Office, more climate change science comes out of Exeter than anywhere in the world. It is also home to one of the world's most powerful computers
- Exeter is officially the most active city in the south west. It has an excellent reputation for sport, and was Host City for the Rugby World Cup 2015
- Exeter is a well-regarded cultural hub, hosting Radio 1's Big Weekend and the Exeter Festival of South West Food & Drink.



Exeter has a great choice of conference and event venues, with large, purpose-built venues that can host up to 5,000 people, such as Westpoint Arena, and sporting venues such as Sandy Park – home to the Exeter Chiefs rugby team, and Exeter Racecourse, where you can hold your event with panoramic views of the UK's highest racecourse. Exeter Golf & Country Club offers event space in a Georgian manor house overlooking the 18-hole golf course.

Event Exeter has some great spaces across 250 acres of the University of Exeter's campus, with meeting, seminar, function and exhibition rooms, and lecture theatres able to accommodate up to 1,400 people, and over 1,000 bedrooms available for residential conferences. The city's hotels can offer deluxe space for residential events, from the large Mercure Southgate and Rougemont Hotels to boutique hotels such as the City Gate Hotel or Southernhay House situated in Exeter's leafy business quarter.

conference venues





Exeter Golf & Country Club



Exeter Racecourse



Sandy Park



Crealy



Donkey Sanctuary



RAMM



experience some

Exeter has some unique and exciting spaces – and with a 2,000 year long history it's no surprise there are plenty of historic venues in which to inspire your delegates. Hold a hosted dinner in the nave of the magnificent Exeter Cathedral, amongst ancient artefacts at RAMM, or at Powderham Castle, the 600 year old family home of the Earl and Countess of Devon.

Set sail on the Exe Estuary or out to sea, with an event aboard a Stuart Line Cruise, or on a floating barge in the middle of the Estuary at the River Exe Café. Not far from the sea, the Kitchen at the Donkey Sanctuary provides a tranquil atmosphere, with views out to the donkeys and the rolling Devon hills.

Mix business with pleasure with an event at Crealy, giving you free access to one of Devon's top theme parks.

thing different

With arguably the best part of Devon on Exeter's doorstep – Dartmoor National Park lies to the west and the World Heritage Jurassic Coast and two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty stretch to the east – this is the ultimate natural playground for outdoor activities and team-building.

Allow your team to thrive together, build communication and problem solving skills – whilst getting muddy! – at the Bear Trail, or for something a little drier, take part in an Apprentice-style challenge, or competitive cooking at the Exeter Cookery School.

Exeter is renowned for its excellent quality food and drink, with outlying farmland and vineyards providing the freshest produce in many of the city's cafes and restaurants. Why not incorporate a vineyard or brewery tour and tasting within your corporate event.

Mix business with the excitement of match day at Exeter Chiefs, with pitch-view hospitality and a pre-match Q&A with the players.

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Bear Trail



Exeter Chiefs



Land Rover Experience Westcountry

Take a break from work to explore this beautiful part of England.

As a famously historic city, there are plenty of visitor attractions which have stood in Exeter for hundreds of years, such as Exeter Cathedral, the Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Exeter's Underground Passages to name just a few.

Exeter is also known for its thriving independent arts scene and spectacularly atmospheric concert venues, such as Exeter Cathedral and the Great Hall.

Exeter is officially the South West's most active city, so why not get involved and try something new. Its riverside location lends itself perfectly to a wide range of watersports, from canoeing to paddle-boarding. Hire a bicycle to explore Exeter's flat riverside paths, which lead to two waterside pubs for much-needed refreshment stops. Exeter is also home to the south-west's largest indoor climbing wall and Powerfan - a 20 metre free-fall descent!

Exeter's location in the heart of Devon means it is well placed for easy access to the coast and Dartmoor National Park - the ultimate playground for adrenalin junkies.



relax & unwind



Quay Climbing Centre



The Terrace



Live Music in Exeter Cathedral



getting here



Exeter is conveniently located at the end of the M5 motorway, providing easy access by road to the rest of the UK.

Exeter Airport offers flights to destinations across the UK and Europe with Flybe, Europe's largest independent regional airline. London City Airport is just one hour away with daily flights to Exeter. Major low cost airline Ryanair also operates European flight links to Exeter Airport, from April 2019.

If you prefer to sit back and watch the scenic countryside go by, travel by train with GWR. Operating journeys to Exeter from over 270 destinations, special conference fares are available from most stations on the network, and the on board Wi-Fi means you can make the most of your travel time.

We understand your time is precious, and we know Exeter. Take advantage of our excellent local knowledge and let us help with finding a venue to suit your needs. Use our online enquiry form at www.conferenceexeter.com to let us know your requirements, and we will do the rest – completely free of charge.

We can also offer help and advice on planning your event with travel, accommodation and itinerary suggestions. We can also create bespoke itineraries, and make group bookings for Exeter's main attractions.

Visit our website for further help with planning your event in Exeter.



how we can help



Venue	Bedrooms	Theatre Capacity	Boardroom Capacity	Cabaret Capacity
City Gate Hotel		60	20	30
Crealy Great Adventure Park		150		250
Deer Park Country House	31	220	50	90
Escot House		80	30	
Event Exeter at The University of Exeter	2000	1438	55	348
Exeter Brewery		55	40	55
Exeter Cathedral		80		40
Exeter City Football Club		250	14	140
Exeter Cookery School		70		40
Exeter Corn Exchange		500	18	280
Exeter Golf and Country Club		200	50	180
Exeter Library		90	35	45
Exeter Phoenix		270		120
Exeter Racecourse		300	30	150
Express by Holiday Inn	149	30	20	
Fresha Conferencing		40	22	25
Gipsy Hill Hotel	37	200	50	80
Hotel Du Vin	59		16	50
Innovation Centre			30	
Jurys Inn Exeter	170	70	34	35
Land Rover Experience Westcountry	2	30	20	
Langstone Cliff Hotel	64	400	80	350
Mercure Rougemont Hotel	98	250	85	200
Mercure Southgate Hotel	154	150	60	100
Pebblebed Winery			30	
Powderham Castle	9	140	25	70
Queens Court	19	70	30	40
Reed Hall		120	34	45
Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery		140	16	80
Sandy Park Conference and Events Centre		825	120	487
Southernhay House			14	
St Martin's Church				60
Stuart Line Cruises		100		100
The Devon Hotel	60	160		70
The Donkey Sanctuary		100		100
The Globe Hotel	19	60	36	50
The Matford Centre		50	24	30
The X Centre		60	24	
Westpoint Arena		5000	50	2000
Woodbury Park Hotel and Golf Club	56	250	40	130

conference venues at a glance



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