**Museums in Norwich**

**Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery**

Standing proudly atop its historic motte, Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery is a landmark of the city’s skyline and past.

Following a £27.5m redevelopment and opening in summer 2025, Norwich Castle is now the UK’s most accessible castle, fully accessible from basement to battlements. It boasts panoramic views, reinstated medieval floors, rooms and furniture, interactive experiences and sensory elements, and a Gallery of Medieval Life (in partnership with the British Museum).

Elsewhere, the former Victorian prison is home to displays on Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Egyptians, natural and regimental history, as well as decorative arts, contemporary art and a brilliant display from The Norwich School artists. There is often a major exhibition (included in admission), such as Paula Rego or JMW Turner, to visit too.

**Price:** adults from £15.30, children from £13.05, twilight ticket 1 hour before close £2.50. Book in advance online for the best prices.

**Opening Hours:** 10am – 5pm, Monday - Sunday

**Location:** Castle Hill

**Route from The Forum:** From The Forum, make your way east through Norwich Market and across Gentleman’s Walk through the Royal Arcade. Carry on straight, up Arcade Street and cross the road at Castle Meadow into Castle Gardens. On your left will be a lift to Norwich Castle’s entrance and on your right stairs to the drawbridge.

***5 minutes***

<https://www.norwichcastle.norfolk.gov.uk/>

**Museum of Norwich**

The Museum of Norwich tells the city’s story from its early beginnings to now.

Visitors can explore Norwich’s industrial past through ten galleries, featuring engaging, object-rich displays, interactive experiences and captivating people’s stories. Learn about Norwich’s renowned textile and shoemaking trade, industries from celebration crackers to aircraft, chocolate to Colman’s Mustard.

A highlight of the museum is a recreated pharmacist’s shop and restored Jacquard loom. You can also learn about the building’s past as the city’s prison, the Bridewell, its iconic flint wall and join one of our monthly tours of the magnificent undercroft.

**Price:** adults £8.20, children £6.90, twilight ticket 1 hour before close £2.50

**Opening Hours:** 10.30am - 4.30pm, Tuesday - Saturday

**Location:** Bridewell Alley

**Route from The Forum:** From The Forum, walk past City Hall and down Gaol Hill on your right, past the Guildhall. Follow the road to the left down Exchange Street, until Bedford Street is on your right. Walk along Bedford Street and turn left at Bridewell Alley, where you will find the Museum of Norwich on your right halfway down.

***5 minutes***

<https://www.museumofnorwich.norfolk.gov.uk/>

**Strangers’ Hall**

Strangers’ Hall is one of the city’s oldest and most exquisite buildings.

This beautifully preserved 14th-century house is a captivating blend of history, architecture, and charm and offers a fascinating glimpse into the lives of the city’s wealthy merchants and their families.

Wander through its maze of historic rooms, from the Tudor Great Hall to the Georgian Dining Room and the Victorian Nursery. Each space is elegantly adorned with period furnishings, intricate woodwork, and lavish décor, bringing centuries of history to life. Then step outside into the tranquil walled garden.

**Price:** adults £7.10, children £6.20, twilight ticket 1 hour before close £2

**Opening Hours:** 10am - 4pm, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday (Note: Strangers’ Hall closes for its annual deep clean from the end of December to February half-term.)

**Location:** Charing Cross

**Route from The Forum:** Make your way north, past City Hall and down Lower Goat Lane. At St Gregory’s Green, follow the path to the right of St Gregory’s church (St Gregroy’s Back Alley) and turn right onto Charing Cross. After less than 1 minute, Strangers’ Hall will be on your right.

***5 minutes***

<https://www.strangershall.norfolk.gov.uk/>

**Sainsbury Centre**

The Sainsbury Centre is an inspirational art museum in a world-class Norman Foster building.

Home to modern and world art spanning 5,000 years, it’s the first museum in the world to see art as sentient, meaning you can hug Henry Moore’s Mother and Child sculpture (yes, really ), lie beneath an Alberto Giacometti portrait, experience being enclosed in a case and more.

Their biannual seasons tackle the big questions with a series of exhibitions, such as ‘What is the Meaning of Life?’, whilst their free-to-visit Sculpture Park includes works by Henry Moore, Elizabeth Frink and Antony Gormley in the grounds of UEA.

**Price:** pay what you can

**Opening Hours:** 9am – 6pm, Tuesday – Friday & 10am – 5pm, Saturday & Sunday.

**Location:** University of East Anglia

**Route from The Forum:** Driving, from the top of Grapes Hill, make your way west along Earlham Road, straight over both roundabouts on the inner ring road and ring road. Turn left down University Drive, the entrance to UEA, and follow the road before turning right at the mini roundabout onto Chancellors Drive. Follow the road, taking the first exit on the roundabout at the bottom of the road and heading up Norfolk Road. The Sainsbury Centre will be on your right and their car park entrance on the left corner, opposite the Sculpture Park.

If you’re taking the bus, make your way down Rampant Horse Street to Stop BM on Red Lion Street. Take the 25 or 26 bus (a 20-minute journey). Disembark at the main UEA car park on University Drive and follow signs pointing southwest through the campus to the Sainsbury Centre.

If you’re walking, head west along Theatre Street, through Chapelfield Gardens, across the inner ring road and down Unthank Road. Turn right onto Park Lane (opposite Tesco) and follow the road round to Avenue Road and The Avenues. Keep following the road, crossing straight over at the traffic lights on Christchurch Road (ring road). At the end of The Avenues, turn left onto Bluebell Road and, soon after, turn right along Cow Drive onto the UEA campus. At the end of the path, cross the road and turn left, then right down Chancellors Drive. Follow signs south to the Sainsbury Centre opposite Norwich Business School, which will lead you to the entrance.

***15-minute drive, 25-minute bus journey (includes walking to your destination), 1-hour walk***

<https://sainsburycentre.ac.uk/>

**The South Asia Collection**

The South Asia Collection can be found in a former Victorian roller-skating rink, an architectural gem in the heart of Norwich.

Immerse yourself in museum displays showcasing the art and crafts of South and Southeast Asia, from India and Pakistan to Indonesia, Afghanistan, Burma and more. Then browse the beautiful range of handmade rugs, soft furnishings, clothing, furniture and gifts in the museum shop, Country & Eastern.

The South Asia Collection preserves and supports the livelihoods and craftsmanship of these countries and also shares the collection through exhibitions, talks and events.

**Price:** FREE

**Opening Hours:** 9.30am - 5pm, Monday - Saturday

**Location:** Bethel Street

**Route from The Forum:** Head west along Bethel Street, passing the police station and Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form. Immediately on your right will be the entrance to The South Asia Collection.

***2 minutes***

<https://thesouthasiacollection.co.uk/>