



**Checklist:**

**Number of days:** one/two

**Location:** Leicester

**Transport links:**

**Train:** East Midlands Trains service to Leicester (from London to South Yorkshire)

**Air:** Nearest airport - East Midlands Airport (approx 30 minutes away by car)

**Key dates:** For Curve's programme, please visit [www.curveonline.co.uk](http://www.curveonline.co.uk)

**W**inter 2008 saw the opening of the extraordinary designed Curve theatre and Highcross Leicester - setting a new focus for city eating, shopping and entertainment. Be one of the first to experience the Leicester's momentous multi million pound style renaissance.

Start your discovery of 'new' Leicester at the beautifully-designed Highcross Leicester retail and leisure development. The £350 million shopping heaven is the home to over 120 shops and three department stores including one of the largest John Lewis stores in the country, over 20 new cafés and restaurants set in a stunning 'Convent Garden' style food court, and one of the most luxurious cinemas in the region, Cinema de Lux.

If all that shopping doesn't wear you out, you could also take a walk to the quirky and oh-so-chic Leicester Lanes and St Martin's Square. The area is home to an intriguing variety of independent fashion, interior and gift shops. Walk along this charming part of the city until you get to one of Leicester's most historical areas - New Walk. Visit the 150-year-old New Walk Museum and Art Gallery - the home to some of the most prestigious historical and cultural collections in the region.

A dynamic and would-influenced lunch menu can be found at the lavishly decorated Quarter Restaurant and Bar, set in the heart of Leicester's new Cultural Quarter. A short walk around the area after lunch is a must, with its impressive Art Deco Athena building and the iconic Curve theatre (see below).

Your visit to Leicester would not be complete without a visit to the out-of-this-world and award-winning National Space Centre. The £52 million landmark project is the UK's largest attraction dedicated to space discovery.

Enjoy a delectable evening meal at Maiyango Restaurant and Cocktail Bar - regarded as one of the best dining experiences in the UK. Head Chef Phillip Sharpe's passion and creativity is evident in the menu, with each dish individually created and inspired from his travels around the world. Finish your day in style with an evening show at the Rafael Vinoly- designed Curve theatre. The iconic, state-of-the-art theatre opened in November 2008.

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