

Welcome to Bakewell

In a beautiful setting on the banks of the river Wye, Bakewell is an historic market town at the heart of the Peak District National Park. Its mellow stone buildings, medieval arched bridge and little courtyards combine to create an atmosphere of great charm, with pleasant gardens and riverside walks all adding to the scene.

A thriving and popular town, the wide variety of high quality shops and wealth of cafés and restaurants attract local people and visitors alike throughout the year. Surrounded by the spectacular countryside of the Derbyshire Dales, with excellent transport links, it is an ideal base for exploring the surrounding area.



Enjoyable Shopping...

Personal service is the essence of shopping in Bakewell – whether it be in one of the many independent shops or at a stall on the busy Monday market. As the only town in the Peak District National Park, Bakewell is the focus of shopping - with a wide range of speciality shops and mouthwatering delis.



Specialities of the town (apart from the Bakewell Pudding!) include locally reared meats, handmade chocolates and fine jewellery. Take time to meander round the tiny courtyards and passages to discover high quality antiques shops, an Aladdin's cave of rare whiskies and several lovely shops filled with gifts for the home. There is also a wide range of outdoor clothing outlets to get you equipped for a walk in the surrounding hills.

For beer fans a walk to the Thornbridge brewery is a must, whilst in the other direction there are further retail units and places to eat over the river from the town centre. The Visitor Centre in the old market hall is also worth a visit for guidebooks and souvenirs of your visit to Bakewell.

Great Hospitality...

Take home a Bakewell pudding!

The origins of the Bakewell Pudding may go back centuries but it was the hotel cook at the Rutland Arms who is credited with 'inventing' the recipe in about 1860. The story goes that she misunderstood her instructions - instead of stirring the egg mixture into the pastry, she spread it on top of the jam – creating a local delicacy which is much loved and widely available around the town today.



With several traditional pubs serving food plus award-winning restaurants and a wide choice of cafés, take-aways and bistros, Bakewell offers a good choice of places to eat and drink.

Don't Miss...



Bakewell Markets

Bakewell has held markets every Monday for at least 700 years. The thriving stall market attracts locals and visitors alike to the bustling streets of the town. Up until the late 1990s sheep and cattle were also sold in the town centre, but now farmers from a wide area head to Bakewell to its modern livestock market across the river in the Agricultural Business Centre. On Mondays and most Wednesdays, visitors can watch the sales in the theatre-like auction ring. Here too is one of Britain's best Farmer's Markets where you can buy a wide range of locally produced foods direct from the farmer.

Bakewell Market

Mondays throughout the year
www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Farmers Market

Last Saturday of the month
www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Bakewell Carnival

First Saturday in July
(at end of Carnival Week)
www.bakewellcarnival.co.uk

Bakewell Arts Festival

August www.bakewellfestival.com

Christmas festivities

www.bakewellonline.co.uk

Well dressings

Last week in June
www.bakewellonline.co.uk

Peak District Walking Festival

April – May
www.visitpeakdistrict.com

Bakewell Show

The town is famous for its annual agricultural and horticultural show – one of the oldest in the country - held on the first Wednesday and Thursday in August. Staged on its own 32-acre ground close to the town centre, the show has a spectacular programme of events and displays, making it the perfect day out for everyone.



The two day show includes hundreds of classes for cattle, horses, sheep, dogs and other animals and birds, horticulture and crafts. For horse lovers the equestrian classes include heavy horses, carriage driving and show jumping. Other attractions include fairground rides, bands, centre ring entertainment, a food hall and lots of trade stands selling specialist food, clothing and crafts.

www.bakewellshow.org



Bakewell – Heart of the Peak District...

Bakewell is situated at the heart of the Peak District (Britain's first national park) and is the ideal base for exploring the delightful countryside, picturesque villages and many attractions of the area



Set amidst the limestone hills and dales of the 'White Peak' and close to the high moorland and gritstone edges of the 'Dark Peak', Bakewell is surrounded by unrivalled scenery. Lovely dales such as Lathkill Dale and riverside paths by the Wye and Derwent offer gentle rambles whilst walks across high heather moorland are rewarded with far-reaching views.




Get Active...

The Monsal Trail

Bakewell's old railway station, once a busy stop of the Midland Railway line between Manchester and London, lies just outside the town centre. Today the line (now known as the Monsal Trail) provides a haven for wildlife and a traffic-free and almost level route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The track northwards, towards Buxton, includes four newly-opened tunnels and the iconic Monsal Head viaduct.



Cycle hire is available at Hassop Station and there are cycle racks at several locations in the town (see  on map). Easy access to the Monsal Trail is available at Bakewell station (up Station Road) and there is also access at Coombs Viaduct (along Coombs Road). Walkers and cyclists are advised to park at the pay and display car park at the Agricultural Business Centre and access Coombs Road via the footpath at the back of the centre.

Bakewell also boasts a modern leisure centre (with swimming pool and gym), two public tennis courts and cricket and football pitches at the recreation ground, a nine-hole/eighteen tee golf club (visitors welcome) plus a bowling club in Bath Gardens.



For more information see www.visitpeakdistrict.com/activepeak

Around Bakewell...

Bakewell is very close to some major attractions, all of which can be reached by bus from the town centre.

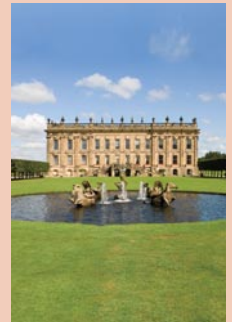
Haddon Hall

A romantic medieval and Tudor manor house overlooking the River Wye near Bakewell, with a magnificent long gallery, oak panelled rooms, beautiful tapestries and lovely terraced gardens. Amazingly unspoilt and unaltered over the centuries the house is sought after by film makers and has recently featured in a number of period dramas including 'The Other Boleyn Girl' and 'Jane Eyre'. www.haddonhall.co.uk



Chatsworth

Chatsworth sits in extensive parkland, its magnificent rooms filled with treasures collected over five centuries by the Dukes of Devonshire. With over 100 acres of landscaped gardens, parkland, a children's farmyard and adventure playground, restaurant and gift shops this is understandably one of Britain's best loved stately homes. An award-winning farm shop and restaurant is situated nearby on the road from Bakewell. www.chatsworth.org



Caudwells Mill

A unique, water-powered working flour mill on the River Wye at Rowsley, with a small courtyard of craftspeople (e.g. a glassblower and blacksmith), gift shop and café. www.caudwellsmill.co.uk



Peak Village

A rural shopping village (all on one level) at Rowsley, with over 20 retailers offering a mix of fashion, sportswear, food, homewares and gifts - many at discounted prices. www.peakvillage.co.uk

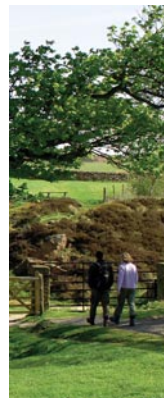


Peak Rail

Enjoy a ride on a working steam train which runs between Rowsley and Matlock. Special events throughout the year including 'Santa Specials' and 1940s weekends. www.peakrail.co.uk



Visiting Bakewell?
Great value holiday leisure passes for pool and gym available!
Bakewell Leisure Centre
Off Granby Road, Bakewell
Derbyshire DE45 1ES
Tel: 01629 814 205
derbyshiredales.gov.uk/leisurecentres



Hassop Station & **Monsal Trail**
CAFE & CYCLE HIRE
Cafe, cycle hire, bookshop & gifts on the scenic Monsal Trail, 1 mile north of Bakewell.



WWW.HASSOPSTATION.CO.UK Tel: 01629 815 668
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This information is available in electronic, audio, Braille, large print and other language versions on request.

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Take a Stroll...

Follow the suggested walking routes on the map to explore the town, its riverside setting and hidden gems.



Find out more...

Don't miss the Visitor Centre for comprehensive information on the Peak District, booking accommodation, events and public transport information as well as a great range of maps, guidebooks, souvenirs and gifts. The Centre is housed in an historic building, once the old market hall, in the centre of the town.



Bakewell Visitor Centre

The Old Market Hall, Bridge Street, Bakewell, DE45 1DS
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www.visitpeakdistrict.com or www.peakdistrict.gov.uk



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A Rich Heritage...

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The fine stone buildings of Bakewell create a timeless atmosphere, reflecting the town's long history – from the Anglo Saxon period to the present day. Mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 as 'Badequella', the town had a 'motte and bailey' castle in Norman times and became an important crossing point on the river Wye,

later resulting in the building of its lovely five-arched medieval bridge. Georgian and Victorian improvements changed the face of the town (aided by the coming of the Midland Railway in 1861) and redevelopment in recent years was possible when the agricultural market moved across the river.

Map points of interest...

1 Holme Hall

A privately owned 17th century manor house with mullioned windows and castellated parapets, this grand country house enjoys an enviable position looking across riverside meadows to the town. A bridleway next to the house leads over the hill to join up with the Monsal Trail, passing by Holme Bank chert mine.

2 Packhorse Bridge

3 Victoria Mill

4 Arkwright Square

Dating from the late 18th century the cottages in Arkwright Square were provided by Sir Richard Arkwright for the workers at his cotton spinning factory at nearby Lumford Mill. Unfortunately the mill itself burnt down in 1868 leaving just the housing as a reminder of the time when as many as 350 people worked at the mill.

5 Bagshaw Hall

An impressive 17th century hall built out of both gritstone and limestone in the Derbyshire vernacular style for Thomas Bagshaw, a wealthy solicitor. The hall, now holiday apartments, enjoys birds-eye views over the town and Wye valley.

6 Old House Museum

A beautifully preserved 16th century house originally built for the collection of tithes and later converted into housing for Sir Richard Arkwright's mill workers. The building was fortunately saved from demolition and restored by the Bakewell and District Historical Society and now houses a museum in ten beamed rooms with wattle and daub walls. The fascinating collection of furniture, tools, costumes and much more depict the history of Bakewell and the surrounding area over 500 years. For more information and opening times see www.oldhousemuseum.org.uk



7 All Saints Church

8 Almshouses

This pretty line of former almshouses were founded by Sir John Manners about 300 years ago as the Almshouses of St John's Hospital and funded by charitable donation "to give shelter to destitute townfolk". Recently renovated and modernised to provide local affordable housing.



9 Old Town Hall

Built in 1709 this attractive building was originally the civic centre for Bakewell. Despite its chequered history - amongst others as a buttermarket, courtroom and the original Lady Manners Grammar School - it retains much of its style and original dignity as a shop selling country clothing and accessories.

10 Rutland Arms Hotel

Built in 1804 by the Duke of Rutland (owner of Haddon Hall), this fine Regency inn and the extensive stabling yard opposite were designed to cater for the dramatic rise in coach travel. It is thought that Jane Austen stayed here and based the big house of 'Pemberley' in *Pride and Prejudice* on nearby Chatsworth.

11 Bath House

Dating from the late 18th century when the Duke of Rutland tried to establish Bakewell as a spa town like Buxton and Matlock, this was the site of an elaborate bathhouse with a pool fed by warm thermal springs. He did not achieve his ambition mainly because the temperature of Bakewell's water (15°C) was much colder than its rivals.

12 Castle Street

A quiet residential street of fine buildings. The Castle Inn on the corner had extensive stables and was the venue for a regular horse market for over 100 years. The street name (and that of Castle Hill across the river) are reminders that Bakewell was once a fortified town.



13 Old Market Hall

14 Bakewell Bridge

Built over 700 years ago on the site of one of the Roman crossing points on the River Wye, Bakewell's five-arch bridge is one of the oldest bridges in the country. From here you have the choice of two short river walks, upstream through meadowland known as Scots Garden or downstream towards the recreation ground.



15 Agricultural Business Centre

A modern centre with conference facilities and popular café, there are events here throughout the year, including a Monday livestock market and a farmers market on the last Saturday of the month.



Please use the Cycle Racks situated around the town



Getting around...

The nearest railway stations are Matlock (Derby line), Buxton (Manchester line) and Grindleford (on the Hope Valley line between Manchester and Sheffield).

The town is a transport hub with regular buses to the surrounding towns and cities (including Chesterfield, Sheffield, Matlock, Derby, Manchester and Nottingham). Services also run to many of the surrounding villages.

www.traveline.org.uk

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/buses

