

# Top 10 experiences in Newcastle and Gateshead

Once delegates have arrived in Newcastle and Gateshead, there is no shortage of unique and exciting experiences on offer. We've collated just some of the top experiences and landmarks you can suggest when bidding for your next conference.

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## 1. Newcastle and Gateshead Quayside:

Spanned by no fewer than seven bridges including the iconic Tyne and Millennium Bridges, the vibrant NewcastleGateshead Quayside is the perfect backdrop for a stroll or run, or for leisurely eats and drinks in one of its many character-packed cafés, bars and restaurants. It's famous for its historic architecture and cultural attractions too: don't miss Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, and The Glasshouse International Centre for Music, and if you happen to visit on a Sunday, browse the Quayside Market for quirky souvenirs from independent sellers.



## 2. BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art:

Ground-breaking, thought-provoking, never standing still, this former flour mill turned art gallery hosts a diverse and ever-changing programme of contemporary art exhibitions by local and international artists alike. Take the glass lift to the top floor for beautiful panoramic views and the renowned SIX rooftop restaurant, for lunch or dinner with a stunning cityscape setting.

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## 3. The Glasshouse International Centre for Music:

Experience world-class music performances at The Glasshouse ICM, acclaimed for its superb acoustics and diverse programming, this glittering landmark building is the home of the Royal Northern Sinfonia and in summer 2023 was the first venue outside London to host the BBC Proms. Even if you can't make it to a concert, take five to visit the café or bar, which offer a stunning view of the Quayside through the glass walls.

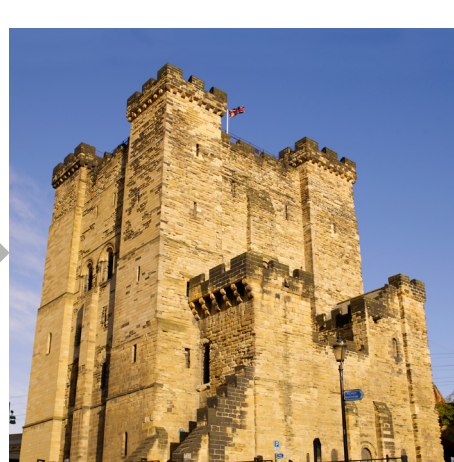
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## 4. Newcastle Castle:

Immerse yourself in our medieval past at the castle which gave the city its name. As well as providing superb photo opportunities, this 940-year-old attraction offers guided tours, exhibitions and panoramic views of Newcastle skyline from the roof. With a packed programme of events from movie nights and live theatre to history talks and medieval music, it's well worth checking the website to see what's on while you're here.

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## 5. Angel of the North:

Standing proud at 20 metres tall, Antony Gormley's iconic sculpture is a symbol of artistic excellence and a must-see landmark for visitors to the North East. The Angel celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2023 and, although you can spot it from a mile away, seeing it up close is an experience not to be missed.

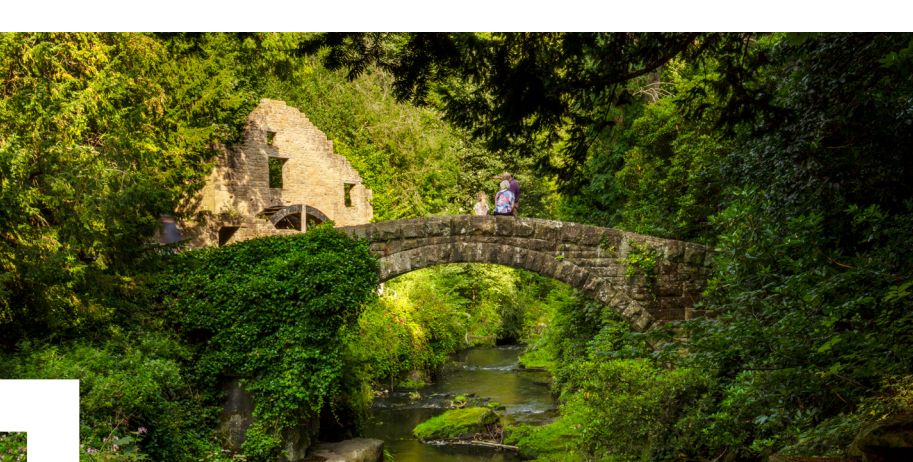
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## 6. Victoria Tunnel Tours:

Descend below the bustling streets of Newcastle right back to the 19th century, when this amazingly preserved tunnel served as a vital artery transporting coal from the region's many mines to the river. Later repurposed as an air-raid shelter during World War II, it still resonates with the fascinating stories of the people who worked and sheltered here.

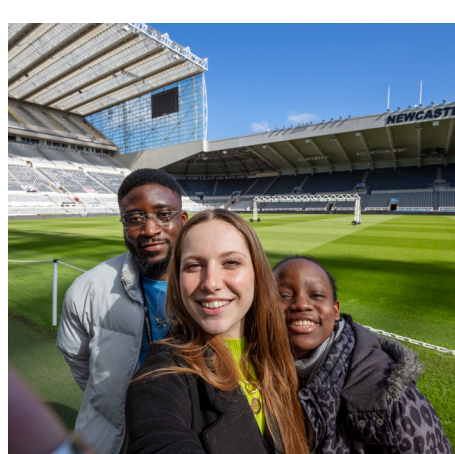
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## 8. Jesmond Dene:

Escape the urban hustle and bustle on a tranquil wander through this beautiful tree-lined valley just a short distance from Newcastle city centre. Take a leisurely walk along the wooded trails, admire the cascading waterfalls and soak up the calm. Hear that snuffling and twittering? That'll be Pet's Corner, a mini farm that's home to alpacas, pot-bellied pigs, goats and sheep, rabbits, birds and more!

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## 9. Grainger Market:

This iconic indoor market in its magnificent Grade I listed building has attracted bargain-hunters and lovers of fine fresh produce since 1835. Wander its twists and turns, and you'll be rewarded with artisan coffee, cheeses and breads, craft supplies, vintage clothing and jewellery, and a host of hugely popular street food stalls selling delicious specialities from around the world.

Why not sample all of the foodie delights with a food tour with local specialists Triple A Food Tours.

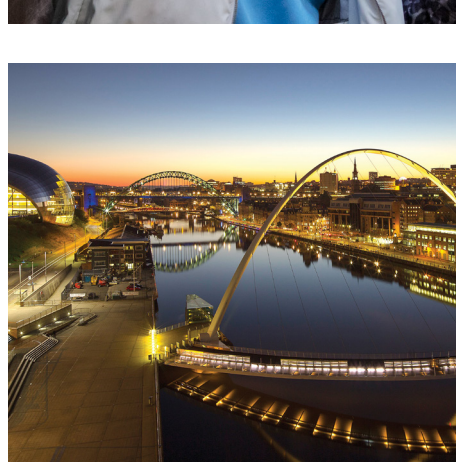
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## 10. Ouseburn Valley:

A short walk from Newcastle city centre brings you to this creative hub of art galleries, studios, craft breweries and live music venues, perfect for those who revel in up-and-coming, independent scenes. Discover gems such as The Biscuit Factory, Seven Stories (the National Centre for Children's Books) and Ouseburn Farm, as well as local pubs The Tyne Bar, The Ship Inn and The Cluny. Want to take it up a level? The Valley Climbing Centre caters for climbers of all abilities.

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