### **DISCOVER DAYS TO** REMEMBER WHEN **YOU TRAVEL BY TRAIN**

#### GEORGE ELIOT STATUE AND NUNEATON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

George Eliot, was born in Nuneaton and was one of the leading writers of the Victorian era with novels including Mill on the Floss and Middlemarch. Visit her statue today in Nuneaton. Nuneaton Museum and Art Gallery has permanent exhibitions related to Local History, Fine Art and the local writer George Eliot. There are plenty of activities for children to do. Come and take a look. Have a snack in our tearoom and browse around the Museum shop.

#### THE JAM HOUSE

Located in the heart of the Jewellery Quarter of Birmingham, the Jam House is located within a traditional and historic Georgian building looking out on to the picturesque St Paul's Square. The Jam House is a landmark, long standing, award-winning venue offering an intimate atmosphere for live music, favouring the 'unplugged' feel with more contact between artists and members of the public providing a live entertainment experience.

SIR EDWARD ELGAR TRAIL This is a gentle stroll through the streets which Elgar knew from childhood. With brief stops to admire each of the significant landmarks, the approximate distance is a little over one mile. While you are there you can also visit Music City, striving to meet the needs of musicians, it's a one stop shop for all things musical.

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#### **BIRMINGHAM TOWN HALL** AND SYMPHONY HALL AND LIBRARY OF BIRMINGHAM

Widely considered one of the finest concert halls in the world, Symphony Hall hosts the best jazz, world music, folk, rock, pop and stand-up comedy. For more than 180 years Town Hall has been a hub of civic and cultural life in Birmingham. The Library of Birmingham provides a showcase for Birmingham's internationally important collections of archives, photography and rare books. Facilities include a state-ofthe-art gallery space, opening up public access to the collections.

#### THE BLACK COUNTRY ARMS

A friendly and welcoming pub steeped in local history, situated on Walsall High Street, the Black Country Arms is renowned for a fantastic range of hand-pulled real ales and ciders. The venue frequently hosts live music nights.

#### PUNJABI ROOTS LTD

An Indian music shop based in Smethwick selling all things Punjabi music! Ranging from Bhangra equipment to traditional dhols and tablas. Fancy some Bhangra music? Browse through the collection of Bhangra cd's, vinyl's and books on offer.

#### SCRUFFY MURPHY'S

Scruffy Murphy's is a quirky, independent rock venue with a long history of live music. Weekends are often rammed with a truck load of heavy metal, so it's no wonder that Scruffy's is known as Birmingham's number 1 Metal Bar!

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#### THE RIVER ROOMS

The River Rooms is a totally unique live music venue with a modern and contemporary look, based in Stourbridge. There's something for all tastes from new bands to tribute acts.

#### PEAKY BLINDERS TOUR

Starting at the Old Crown on Deritend High Street, the guide will bring to life the real gangs that terrorised the racecourses of England in the 1920s and the real gang leaders. You will be taken back to the 1890s and early 1900s, recounting the story of the real Peaky Blinder gangs, taking in the Rainbow Pub close to where the term "Peaky Blinder" was first penned. The walking element of the tour lasts around 45 minutes to one hour.



#### MARY WEBB TRAIL

Mary Webb was an English romantic novelist and poet of the early 20th century, whose work is set chiefly in the Shropshire countryside. This trail takes you to Meole Brace, an historic village on the outskirts of Shrewsbury where Mary Webb lived with her family between 1902 and 1912, and onto Lyth Hill where she lived with her husband from 1917 to 1927.



COLLECTORS ASSEMBLE This is a sanctuary for the comic fan who can discover a new comic to fall in love with, a place for the film fan to find cool clothing to wear and a place where one can find nostalgic comics, figures and statues to transport you back to childhood.



#### SAREHOLE MILL

Explore this 250-year-old watermill famous for its association with author J.R.R Tolkien, author of The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings trilogy. J.R.R Tolkien lived across the road from the mill and, later in life, he stated how the mill and rural surroundings inspired his writings of Middleearth. As well as taking in the history of the site, there is also a charming tea room to enjoy.

#### SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE 2x1

Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace to walk in Shakespeare's footsteps and explore the house where he was born and grew up. Hear tales of Shakespeare's family life, enjoy live theatre on demand and get up close to rare artefacts from the Trust's world class collections and discover how the extraordinary William Shakespeare continues to shape our lives today.



#### SAMUEL JOHNSON BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

This biographical museum and bookshop is located in the centre of the city of Lichfield. The museum opened in 1901 and is dedicated to the life and works of the author and lexicographer Samuel Johnson who wrote the first authoritative Dictionary of the English Language.



THE JAM NOUSE

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