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Milton Keynes City guide, including Milton Keynes Hotels

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Milton Keynes is a city of contrasts. It combines the fun and enjoyment of city life with plenty of scope for leisure and relaxation. Busy and prosperous, its prime location promises business success and offers the sophistication and innovation to rival any other city. Milton Keynes is famous as a new city, so visitors could be forgiven for assuming that it has no history - nothing is further from the truth. When building the new town in the South East of England there was a unique opportunity to study and record the archaeology and landscape history of over 20,000 acres of countryside.

**Places of interest:**

Milton Keynes has a vast array of intriguing modern art. Enjoy a fascinating stroll around one of the largest collections of outdoor public art in England. Most of this art is based in the City Centre, or in Campbell Park. Milton Keynes Gallery is free to enter. It is the city's most successful and imposing gallery and presents between 6 and 8 exhibitions a year. These are of contemporary and modern art.

Gullivers Land provides great family entertainment and is a great day out for the younger family. It is aimed at children between the ages of 3 - 13 years and is great value for money.

Xscape is the ultimate entertainment destination in Milton Keynes. It combines a large indoor 'real snow' ski slope, an indoor rock climbing wall, a multiplex cinema, a family entertainment centre which includes ten pin bowling, health and

fitness centre, bars, restaurants, cafes and lifestyle and fashion retail outlets - all under one roof.

Willen Lakeside Park is the place to go to for a picnic, take part in water sports, jog, attend events or simply sit and watch the world pass by. The City Discovery Centre was set up in 1987 and adopted the heritage site of Bradwell Abbey as its permanent base in 1992. Bradwell Abbey is the site of a 12th century Benedictine Priory.

#### Things to do:

For the visitor whose ideal break includes sporting pursuits Milton Keynes has facilities available throughout the city and surrounding areas. For those whose idea of a good time is shopping there is one of the largest covered shopping complexes in Europe.

The cycling in Milton Keynes is top quality; we have a huge network of cycle paths. These pass through beautiful scenery and guarantee an enjoyable bike ride.

Milton Keynes has over 70 Community Buildings in and around the city. These buildings include Community Centres, Meeting Places, Sports Grounds, a Windmill, Golf Courses and Swimming Pools.

Shopping in the city centre is dominated by the centre: It is a glass construction about a half mile in length and is one of the longest under-cover shopping areas in Europe, incorporating over 230 shops from large national stores to smaller specialist shops. It attracts nearly 30 million visitors a year. Within the shopping building there are a number of specialist barrows selling a wide variety of distinctive goods and four days a week there is an open market alongside the building. Being built on ground level with automatically-opening doors and with ample parking around the building, it is also very popular with visitors with disabilities.

#### Food & Drink:

Milton Keynes is well known for the varying different styles of restaurant. There are American, Chinese, English, French, Greek, Indian, Italian, Mexican, Thai Restaurants, and many more in and around the Theatre District. There are many different places to go out for a drink, either for a night out with the lads, or a quiet evening drink.

Eastern Paradise is in the Wolverton area of Milton Keynes. The contemporary surroundings are pleasant and spacious. You are immediately captured by the bright colours and the art work which has a very east meets west feel, and this

is reflected on the menu.

The Swan Inn is in the picturesque village of Cranfield, a few minutes from Milton Keynes centre. The striking interior gives off an atmosphere of a contemporary minimalism. A small but simple Italian menu means that the food is freshly prepared every day. Vegetarian alternatives are available.

La Tasca, the Spanish restaurant is situated in the heart of the Xscape complex. On entering the restaurant you are immediately met by a traditional Spanish setting. Every detail is Spanish, the wooden Spanish tables, the flowers, beautiful pottery adorns the walls, the colour is rustic and to top the atmosphere lovely Spanish music plays in the background and with subtle lighting in the background. The menu comprises all the traditional Spanish dishes that seem so familiar.

#### Hotels & Accommodation:

Milton Keynes offers the usual variety of accommodation for the visitor in the guise of Hotels, Guest Houses and Bed and Breakfast accommodation. What makes it different from most cities is the amount of accommodation to let on a short term basis, usually a minimum of one week. Some of these fully furnished apartments also offer home office facilities for the business traveller.

Campanile Hotel- Milton Keynes  
Comfort Inn- Milton Keynes, Formerly The Shires Mo  
Best Western Moore Place Hotel  
The Cock  
Parkside Hotel  
Broughton Hotel  
Quality Hotel Milton Keynes  
Express by Holiday Inn Milton Keynes  
Novotel Milton Keynes  
Harben House

#### Entertainment

There is nowhere like Milton Keynes in England. You'll find great entertainment and unlike other cities not all of it is situated in the centre. Milton Keynes theatre building uses the most technically advanced equipment available. It is able to accommodate a vast range of productions, from large-scale West End musicals, to smaller, more intimate drama. In addition to bringing a variety of performances to the city, Milton Keynes Theatre provides a focus for the city's already thriving cultural life.

The National Bowl is UK's premier open-air concert venue with no permanent

seating. It consists of a grass amphitheatre, crescent shaped and gently sloping down to a large flat area in front of the stage allowing excellent viewing of the performance from all parts of the arena.

There are a couple of cinemas in Milton Keynes, which means you always have a choice of venue depending on mood, and there is always something on to see.

Hailed as "Comedy's Unofficial National Theatre", The Comedy Store will present "The Best In Stand Up" from around the globe, showcasing the brightest names in comedy talent. The Comedy Store is showcased at Bistro L!VE The location of Milton Keynes makes it accessible by all forms of transport. With the M1 motorway on its doorstep, and the London to Birmingham train line running through it, Milton Keynes is ideal for the local traveller wanting an enjoyable day out. For the international traveller a regular coach service runs to the centre of the city from Luton Airport.

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