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Aerial view of our coast



Rising Sun Country Park



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# Our award-winning coast



St. Mary's Island



Family at Longsands Beach

Surf lesson at Longsands Beach



**North Tyneside has a fantastic stretch of coastline with Tynemouth, Whitley Bay and Cullercoats all boasting award-winning beaches. They are used all year round for anything from walking, fitness boot camps and sandcastle building to surf contests, Premier League football training and even filming Hollywood movies!**

Our coast is a hub for water sports. Learning to surf in the North Sea off Tynemouth Longsands beach is very popular and activities like stand-up paddle boarding and kite surfing attract thrill-seekers too. Tynemouth held an International Surf Film Festival in 2010 and hosts the annual UKPSA North East Surf Open. It has also been listed in The Times' top ten places to surf in the UK.

The Coast2Coast cycle route ends in Tynemouth with cyclists traditionally dipping their bicycle's tyres into the water's edge to mark the end of their journey. Our coast is also home to many annual events including the coastal 10k Road Race at Easter, the spectacular Mouth of the Tyne Festival in July and firm family favourites like the Kite Festival, Fireworks Display and Christmas Markets.

Take a trip to North Shields Fish Quay and watch the world go by for a couple of hours while enjoying some fish and chips – you may even catch vessels like the enormous international passenger ferries sailing down the River Tyne.



North Shields Fish Quay

While in Whitley Bay, visit the arcades, treat yourself to an ice cream and enjoy a leisurely walk. Have a stroll past the Spanish City Dome and see how Whitley Bay is changing as it undergoes regeneration. The famous Playhouse has been refurbished, there's a new modern skate park overlooking the sea on the Links, modern leisure facility Waves provides watery fun and there's a great play park too.

St. Mary's Lighthouse, established in 1898, is on an island reached between the tides via a short causeway. Climb the 137 steps inside the tower to the lantern room to enjoy spectacular views along the coast and afterwards go rockpooling to see what wildlife you can discover.



North Tyneside has so many attractions on its doorstep that you may actually struggle to fit them all in. There is a wealth of choice when choosing what to do and with some of North East England's hidden gems within an hour's drivetime, the family are sure to be kept busy.

Take a trip to the Blue Reef Aquarium where you will find over 40 species of aquatic life, a giant ocean tank home to tropical sharks, an amazing purpose-built outdoor seal cove and the Amazing Amazon display housing a colony of adorable miniature monkeys.

Go for a splash at Wet'n'Wild Waterpark or climb all 137 steps to the top of St. Mary's Lighthouse.

Explore Tynemouth Priory and Castle and try to imagine what was taking place on that very spot all of those years ago, while taking in the breathtaking views. Or visit Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum for an insight into the days of the Roman Empire and Hadrian's Wall – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Visit the Playhouse Whitley Bay – a state-of-the-art venue that has a packed programme of top class touring and local productions throughout the year. Alternatively, visit the Priory Theatre in Tynemouth and enjoy productions by local theatrical groups.

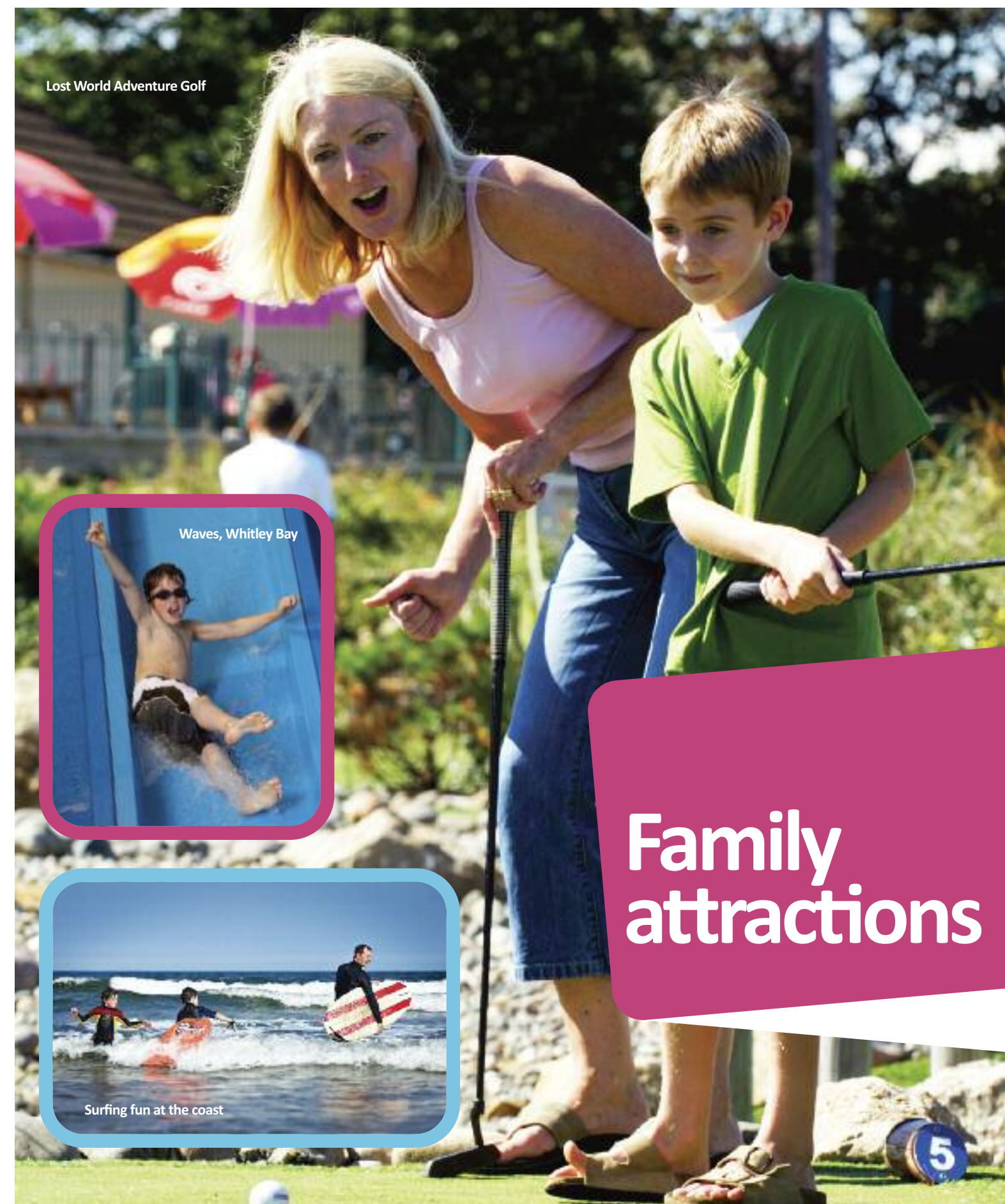
The modern family leisure facility Waves offers sports, fitness and spa facilities with lots of water-based fun including water slides, a wave machine and pirate ship.

If all of that is not enough, there is also the skate park overlooking the sea at Whitley Bay, the 400-acre Rising Sun Country Park, the Childhood Memories Toy Museum, Lost World Adventure Golf, Whitley Bay Mini Golf, the Stephenson Railway Museum and opportunities to ice skate, catch a movie and 10-pin bowl.



Skate Park, Whitley Bay

For those who like to shop until they drop, Metro Centre - Europe's largest shopping mall - is a 25-minute drive away or Eldon Square in Newcastle is just a short journey on the Metro system. Royal Quays Outlet Centre sells leading brands at discounted prices and is located just to the north of the Tyne Tunnel. Another hub for retail therapy is Boundary Mill in Shiremoor that sells a vast range of clothing and homeware all under one roof. Many independent traders await you in our town centres all looking to go the extra mile to help you find what you're looking for.



Lost World Adventure Golf

Waves, Whitley Bay

Surfing fun at the coast

## Family attractions

Mouth of the Tyne Festival



Victorian Christmas Market



Surf competition

James Morrison at  
Mouth of the Tyne Festival



# Fantastic events

Music festivals, surf competitions, spectacular fireworks displays, film festivals, road races and Christmas markets are just a taste of some of the fantastic events on offer.

# Event highlights 2011

Stay in North Tyneside and visit a range of events taking place in our region, including the Northumberland Plate Festival (23 – 25 June), Sunderland International Air Show (30 – 31 July) and the BUPA Great North Run (18 September).

All dates are correct at time of going to print and are subject to change. See [www.visitnorthtyneside.com](http://www.visitnorthtyneside.com) for full events listings and check with Tourist Information before making your journey.

## Easter Sunday, 24 April 10k Road Race

2011 marks the seventh North Tyneside 10K Road Race - a contender for one of the UK's most scenic road races. This popular event begins at The Parks Sports Centre and takes in North Shields Fish Quay, Tynemouth Priory and Castle, and a long stretch of coastline before finishing at St. Mary's Lighthouse.

## 8 – 10 July Mouth of the Tyne Festival

A jam-packed weekend of live music and exciting street entertainment on both sides of the River Tyne. Some of the highlights of the festival include an evening concert at Tynemouth Priory and Castle featuring a well-known artist each year and a parade involving hundreds of local schoolchildren.

## 13 – 14 August North Tyneside International Kite Festival

A stunning display of kite flying with enthusiasts from around the UK presenting kites of all shapes and sizes. The sky will be full of colour and imagination.

## 6 November North Tyneside Fireworks Display

This spectacular display of colour and sound at the coast is always a family favourite.

## 10 - 11 December North Shields Victorian Christmas Market

Over a decade as one of the UK's best festive markets featuring around 100 stalls selling traditional gifts and foods, street entertainment, carol singers, fairground rides, brass bands and stall holders dressed in Victorian clothing.



Mouth of the Tyne Festival



10k Road Race

Playhouse Whitley Bay



It is important to know that your evening entertainment will be just as enjoyable as your daytime activities. North Tyneside offers a wide selection of places to eat and drink within walking distance of your accommodation.

## Our nightlife

There is an excellent choice of restaurants and bistros, as well as many bars and traditional pubs to end the evening. Enjoy a beachside snack, embrace a range of cuisines or eat 'al fresco' at North Shields Fish Quay or Tynemouth Village.

Visit the state-of-the-art Playhouse Whitley Bay, Priory Theatre in Tynemouth or the Saville Exchange in North Shields for live productions and shows. Or enjoy an evening at one of the borough's many pubs which often showcase live music.

Nearby NewcastleGateshead offers bars, restaurants and clubs in abundance, and if time allows take a trip to the Theatre Royal for West End productions, the Metro Radio Arena in Newcastle for major international music acts or the Sage Gateshead – an international home for contemporary and world music.



Relaxing in Tynemouth

# Our heritage

**Tynemouth Priory and Castle has stood guard at the mouth of the River Tyne for centuries and still stands proud today. With its 2000-year history, visitors can try to imagine what life might have been like all those years ago, while enjoying stunning coastal views from the ancient walls.**



Tynemouth Priory and Castle

Tynemouth makes a great day visit or short stay destination, with weekend markets in the Victorian train station, beaches, historic attractions and some wonderful accommodation options all within walking distance.

Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum in Wallsend draws visitors from around the world as part of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site. The gateway to Hadrian's Wall, Segedunum is the most excavated fort along the wall. A 35 metre viewing tower provides some outstanding views across the historic site and visitors can enjoy the large interactive museum.

Cullercoats was popular with generations of artists who drew inspiration from the breathtaking coastal scenery and often used fishing as a theme. Winslow Homer, one of America's leading artists, spent some time living in Cullercoats. Many of his masterpieces, painted locally, hang in some of the world's most prestigious museums and galleries.

North Tyneside has strong links with the birth of the railways. The Stephenson Railway Museum was opened in 1986 to house the railway collections of Tyne and Wear Museums. Its name commemorates George and Robert Stephenson, the famous father and son who pioneered the steam railway. George Stephenson lived locally from 1802 until 1823.

The Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade, established in 1864, was the first of its type in the world and still operates today. The Watch House contains relics from various shipwrecks and rescue missions. It is overlooked by the statue of Admiral Lord Collingwood, dedicated to the man who took over from Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar.

There are many facts to uncover about the area like International comedy star Stan Laurel lived with his father in North Shields.

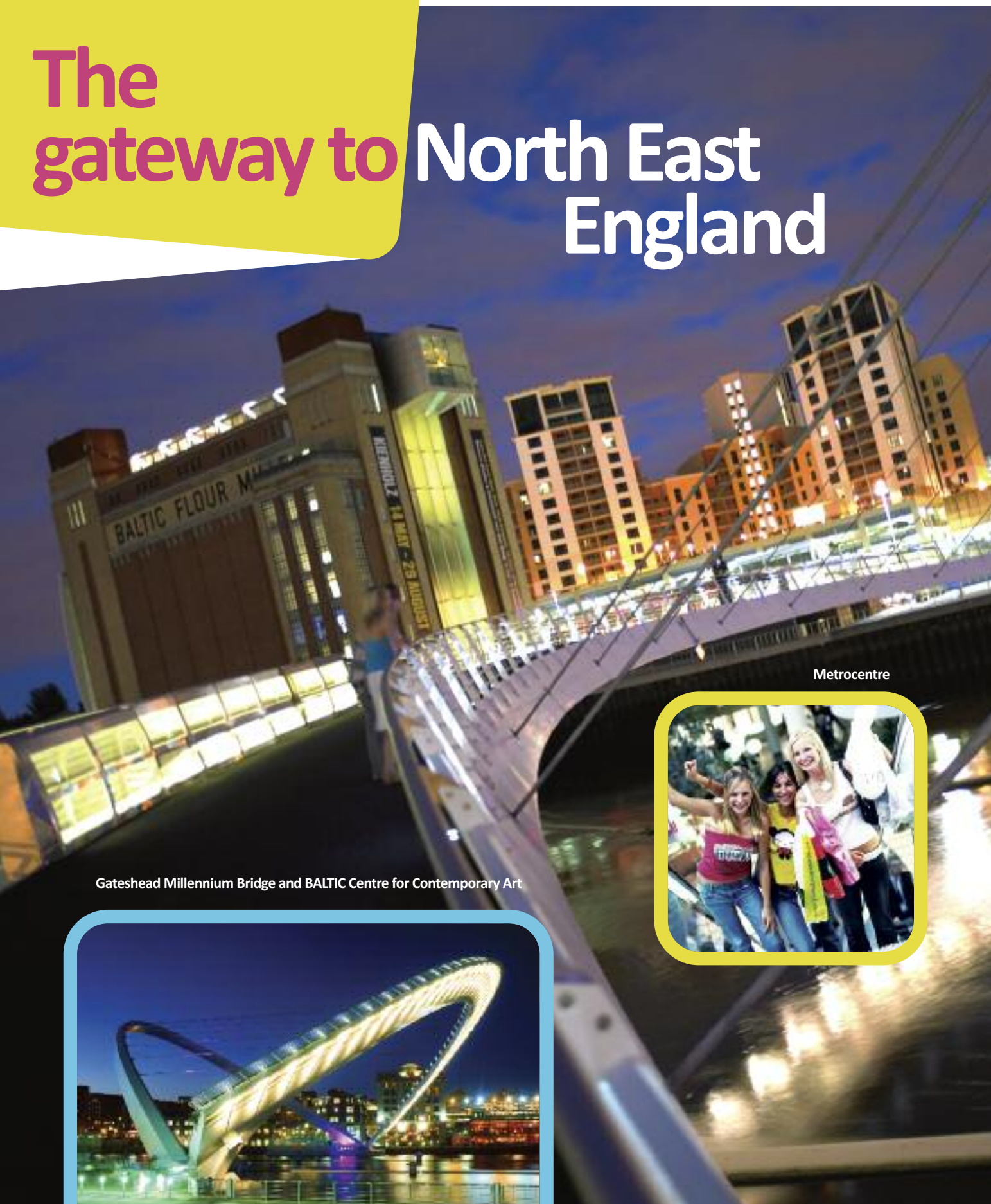


Collingwood's Monument



Tynemouth Station Market

# The gateway to North East England



Gateshead Millennium Bridge and BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art

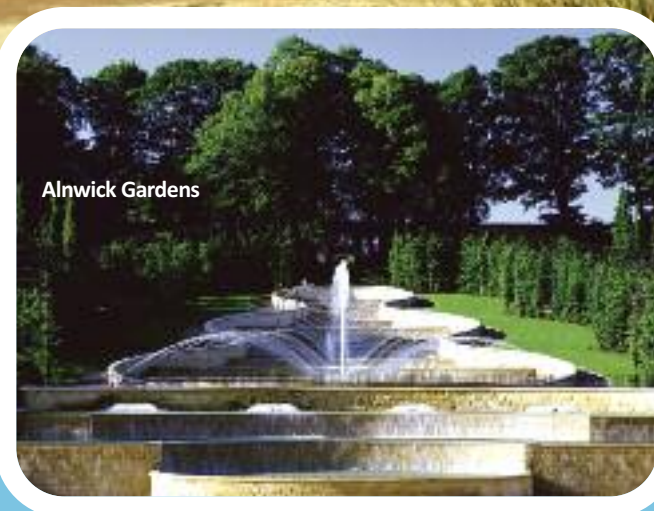
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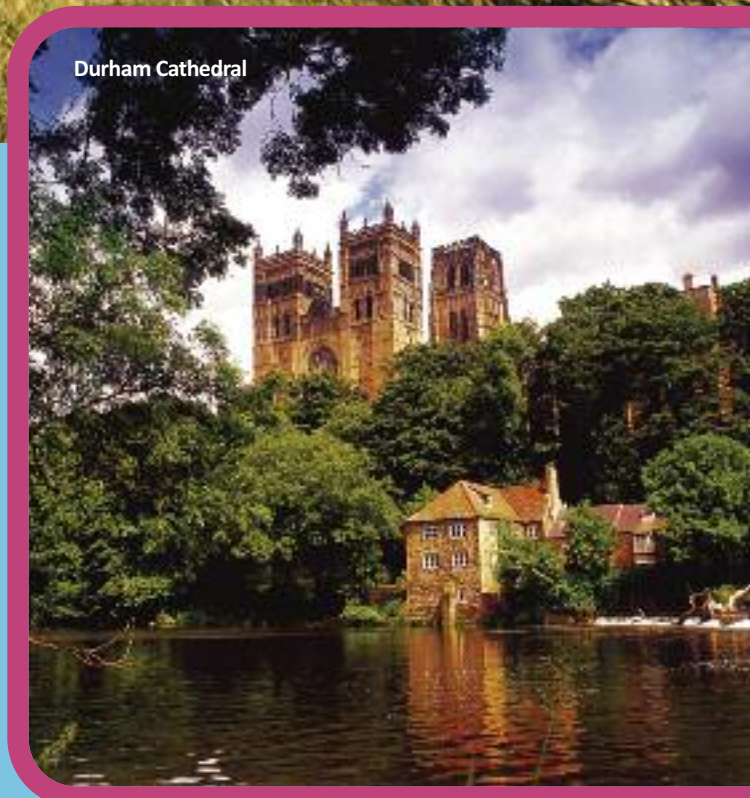
Bamburgh Castle



Alnwick Gardens



Durham Cathedral



North East England has the best of everything - castles and history, countryside and coastline, art and culture, buzzing nightlife and superb shopping. It offers you everything you need for a special break away or day out, be it with a loved one, a group of friends or with all the family.

Vibrant NewcastleGateshead is located only eight miles away from North Tyneside. Well known for its shopping and nightlife, NewcastleGateshead also offers a wealth of must-see attractions including the BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, The Sage Gateshead music venue, the wonderful bridges arching over the River Tyne, the Great North Museum and St. James' Park – the home of Newcastle United FC.

Whether your journey takes you north into Northumberland or south of the River Tyne there are so many popular attractions to keep you busy. Holy Island, Bamburgh, the Cheviot Hills, Alnwick Castle, The Alnwick Garden, Durham Cathedral, Beamish and Kielder Water are just a taster, and many can be reached in around an hour's drive.

With a range of fantastic transport links, getting around North Tyneside and beyond is made easy. The Metro system links the coast with Newcastle city centre, the ferry crosses the Tyne between North Shields and South Shields, bus routes can be quick and effective, and the convenience of Newcastle Central train station and Newcastle International Airport is hard to beat. Taxi services in the area use GPS software and many drivers have excellent knowledge of the North East's history.

A wonderful place to stay or visit and the gateway to North East England - it is not surprising that North Tyneside is home to thousands of visitors each year.

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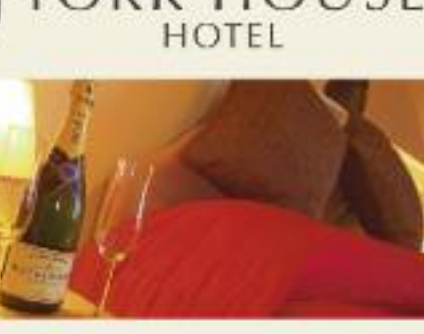
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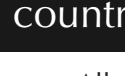
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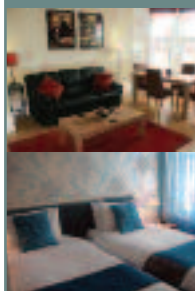
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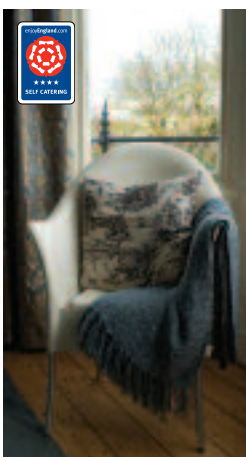
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Mobile: 07977 203 379  
stay@seafront.info  
www.seafront.info  
6 apartments | £250 - £520

Southcliff Apartments

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4 Southcliff, Whitley Bay, NE26 2PB  
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southcliffapartments@theseaside.co.uk  
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Tynemouth Holiday Cottages

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11 Percy Gardens Cottages, Tynemouth, NE30 4EP  
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ray237r@yahoo.co.uk  
www.tynemouthholidaycottages.co.uk  
4 units | £350 - £500

Tynemouth Luxury Holiday Apartments

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tynemouthapartments@googlemail.com  
www.tynemouth-holiday-apartments.co.uk  
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Whitley Bay Holiday Park

Holiday park

The Links, Whitley Bay, NE16 4BR  
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www.park-resorts.com  
87 units | £139 - £694

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Tel: (0191) 252 4637

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26-28 South Parade, Whitley Bay, NE26 2RG  
Tel: (0191) 251 0080  
info@theavalon.co.uk  
www.theavalon.co.uk  
14 rooms | £60

Chedburgh Hotel

Guest accommodation

12 Esplanade, Whitley Bay, NE26 2AH  
Tel: (0191) 253 0415  
chedburghhotel@aol.com  
www.chedburgh-hotel.co.uk  
11 rooms | £40 - £70

Esplanade Lodge

Guest accommodation

1 Linden Terrace, Whitley Bay, NE26 2AA  
Tel: (0191) 251 7557  
esplanadelodge@hotmail.com  
www.esplanadelodge.co.uk  
9 rooms | £40 - £70

Lighthouse Guest House

Guest accommodation

20 North Parade, Whitley Bay, NE26 1PA  
Tel: (0191) 252 2319  
leachgerald@googlemail.com  
www.lighthouseguesthouse.co.uk  
5 rooms | £40 - £50

Lindsay Guest House

Guest accommodation

50 Victoria Avenue, Whitley Bay, NE26 2BA  
Tel: (0191) 252 7341  
info@lindsayguesthouse.co.uk  
www.lindsayguesthouse.co.uk  
4 rooms | £60 - £80

Martineau Guest House

Guest accommodation

57 Front Street, Tynemouth, NE30 4BX  
Tel: (0191) 257 9038  
martineauhouse@gmail.com  
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4 rooms | £70 - £85

No 61

Guest accommodation

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no.61@btconnect.com  
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7 rooms | £55 - £70

Oaktree Lodge

Guest accommodation

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oaktreelodge@aol.com  
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Guest accommodation

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info@parklodgewhitleybay.com  
www.parklodgewhitleybay.com  
5 rooms | £50 - £75

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Guest accommodation

122 Park Avenue, Whitley Bay, NE26 1AY  
Tel: (0191) 253 0399  
sandsides@btinternet.com  
www.sandsides.co.uk  
5 rooms | £40 - £55

Sunholme Guest House

Guest accommodation

53 North Parade, Whitley Bay, NE26 1NX  
Tel: (0191) 251 1186  
craw@hotmail.co.uk  
www.sunholme.co.uk  
6 rooms | £45 - £60

The Cara

Guest accommodation

9 The Links, Whitley Bay, NE26 1PS  
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info@caraguesthouse.co.uk  
www.caraguesthouse.co.uk  
9 rooms | £50 - £60

The Dorset Arms Inn

Guest accommodation

Dorset Avenue, Wallsend, NE28 8DX  
Tel: (0191) 209 9754  
info@dorsetarmshotel.co.uk  
www.dorsetarmshotel.co.uk  
9 rooms | £56 - £76

The Marlborough

Guest accommodation

20-21 East Parade, Whitley Bay, NE26 1AP  
Tel: (0191) 251 3628  
reception@marlborough-hotel.com  
www.marlborough-hotel.com  
17 rooms | £50 - £75

The Northumbria

Guest accommodation

51-52 Victoria Avenue, Whitley Bay, NE26 2BA  
Tel: (0191) 252 5265  
the.northumbria@btconnect.com  
www.the-northumbria.co.uk  
15 rooms | £40 - £80

York House Hotel

Guest accommodation

106-110 Park Avenue, Whitley Bay, NE26 1DN  
Tel: (0191) 252 8313  
reservations@yorkhousehotel.com  
www.yorkhousehotel.com  
14 rooms | £55 - £70

Grand Hotel

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Grand Parade, Tynemouth, NE30 4ER  
Tel: (0191) 293 6666  
info@grandhotel-uk.com  
www.grandhotel-uk.com  
45 rooms | £79 - £175

Holiday Inn Newcastle upon Tyne

Hotel

Great North Road, Seaton Burn, NE13 6BP  
Tel: 0870 787 3291  
www.newcastle.holiday-inn.com  
154 rooms | £58 - £180

Premier Inn Holystone

Hotel

Whitley Road, Holystone, NE27 0DA  
Tel: 0870 197 7189  
www.premierinn.com  
40 rooms | £53 - £59

Premier Inn North Shields

Hotel

Coble Dene, North Shields, NE29 6DL  
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www.premierinn.com  
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Basingstoke, RG21 4EA  
01256 844 455  
hotelservicescustomersupport@theaa.com  
www.theaa.com

Guest accommodation and hotel prices are based on a double/twin room per night. Other rates are available including single occupancy, family rooms and special rates. Self-catering units and holiday park prices are quoted as per unit per week and are variable according to size and high and low seasons. All prices are subject to change and are therefore only intended as a guide.

## By car

Travelling from the North on the A1, take the A19 (Tyne Tunnel) and follow the signs to either the A191 (Whitley Bay) or the A1058 (Tynemouth).

Travelling from the South on the A1M take the A194 (M) and the A19 (Tyne Tunnel). Exiting the Tyne Tunnel on the A19 follow the signs to the A1058 (Tynemouth). There is a toll payable at the Tyne Tunnel (North in both directions). A second tunnel is under construction therefore delays are possible. Tunnel traffic is heavy during morning and evening rush hours.

Regular local traffic bulletins are broadcast on BBC Radio Newcastle 95.4FM.

Vehicles displaying a valid disabled badge may park free with no restriction on length of stay in car parks within North Tyneside.

## By coach

National Express coaches to and from London and other destinations arrive at and depart from Park Avenue, Whitley Bay.

For more information tel: 08717 818 178  
(disabled persons travel helpline tel: 08717 818 179)  
or visit [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

## By sea

DFDS operate daily sailings to and from Amsterdam. The International Ferry Terminal is in North Shields and is a short taxi ride to all destinations in North Tyneside. Buses operate from the terminal and Percy Main Metro Station is approximately 20 minutes by foot.

For information tel: 0871 522 9955 or visit [www.dfds.co.uk](http://www.dfds.co.uk)

## By air

Flights to and from UK destinations, including London, as well as many leading European destinations operate from Newcastle International Airport. The airport is approximately a 30-minute drive by car and it has a Metro Station with a journey time to the coast (change platform at South Gosforth) of approximately 45 minutes.

For information on scheduled flights tel: 0871 882 1121  
departures and arrivals tel: 0871 882 1131  
or visit [www.newcastleairport.com](http://www.newcastleairport.com)

## By cycle

Hadrian's Cycleway (National Route 72) follows the route of Hadrian's Wall across Northern England from coast to coast and enters North Tyneside in the west at Segedunum Roman Fort and ends in Tynemouth. The North Sea Cycle Route (National Route 1) passes through North Tyneside entering from Newcastle to the West and following the coast North.

For more information on the National Cycle Network tel: 0845 113 00 65 or visit [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

## By taxi

Taxis operate from the International Ferry Terminal and set fares are available to and from Newcastle City Centre and the airport. For more information contact EastCoast Taxis tel: 0191 253 3777 or visit [www.eastcoasttaxis.com](http://www.eastcoasttaxis.com)



## Local travel information

The Metro is a rapid transit train system that connects the North Tyneside coast to Newcastle in 30 minutes and the International Airport in 45 minutes. An extensive network of bus routes operates throughout the region and a passenger ferry crosses the River Tyne between North Shields and South Shields.

All Metro stations are accessible by level access, ramps or lifts. Many bus services operate with low floor buses with powered or manual ramps for easy access and with dedicated wheelchair space. Traveline can provide details of which bus services are operated with a low floor vehicle. The Shields Ferry is accessible for wheelchair users and mobility scooters.

For more information on local transport tel: 0871 200 2233 or visit [www.travelinenortheast.info](http://www.travelinenortheast.info)



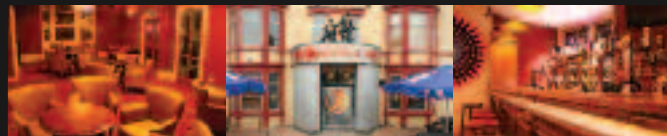
Please note:  
The ferry shown on the map is the pedestrian ferry between North Shields and South Shields.

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[www.theavalon.co.uk](http://www.theavalon.co.uk)

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## PLAYHOUSE Whitley Bay



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Textphone: 18001 0191 236 9347  
Fax: (0191) 226 9347

[www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum](http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum)

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Segedunum Roman Fort, Baths & Museum is managed by Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums on behalf of North Tyneside Council.



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North Shields, NE29 8DX

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Fax: (0191) 200 7144

[www.twmuseums.org.uk/stephenson](http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/stephenson)

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## Razzberry bazaar.

*By Linda Rana*

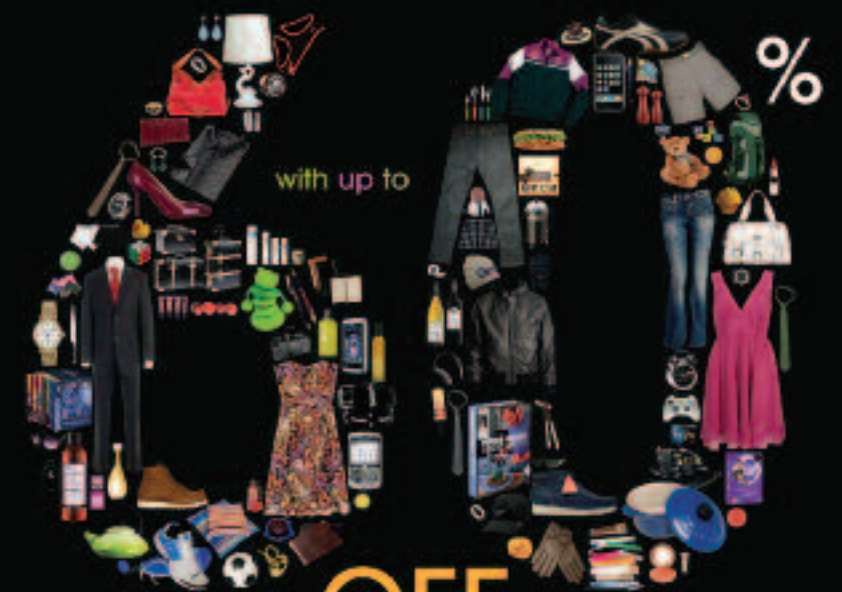
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North Tyneside Council

## Further information

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Coble Dene  
North Shields  
Tyne & Wear  
NE29 6DW

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- St. Mary's Lighthouse
- Segedunum Roman Fort
- Star Bowl
- Stephenson Railway Museum
- Tynemouth Priory and Castle
- Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade

\* **All information will be sent out subject to availability from attractions. For a full list of attractions telephone numbers and websites see page 32.**

- Walking routes
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[www.blureefaquarium.co.uk](http://www.blureefaquarium.co.uk)
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[www.boundarymill.co.uk](http://www.boundarymill.co.uk)
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- **Hurley** tel: 0191 257 5032  
[www.hurleytynemouth.com](http://www.hurleytynemouth.com)
- **Lost World Adventure Golf and Zero Ice Park** tel: 0191 258 7593  
[www.tynemouthpark.com](http://www.tynemouthpark.com)
- **Odeon Cinema Silverlink** tel: 0871 22 44 007  
[www.odeon.co.uk](http://www.odeon.co.uk)
- **Playhouse Whitley Bay** tel: 0844 277 2771  
[www.playhousewhitleybay.co.uk](http://www.playhousewhitleybay.co.uk)
- **Power League** tel: 0191 270 3190  
[www.powerleague.co.uk](http://www.powerleague.co.uk)
- **Priory Theatre, Tynemouth** tel: 0191 292 9292  
[www.tynemouthpriorytheatre.com](http://www.tynemouthpriorytheatre.com)
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[www.risesurf.co.uk](http://www.risesurf.co.uk)
- **Rising Sun Country Park** tel: 0191 200 7841  
[www.northtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk)
- **Royal Quays Outlet Centre** tel: 0191 296 3743  
[www.royalquays.info](http://www.royalquays.info)
- **St. Mary's Lighthouse** tel: 0191 200 8650  
[www.visitnorthtyneside.com](http://www.visitnorthtyneside.com)
- **Saville Exchange** tel: 0191 643 7093  
[www.northtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk)
- **Segedunum Roman Fort** tel: 0191 236 9347  
[www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum](http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum)
- **Star Bowl** tel: 0191 296 2906  
[www.starbowl.co.uk](http://www.starbowl.co.uk)
- **Stephenson Railway Museum** tel: 0191 200 7146  
[www.twmuseums.org.uk/stephenson](http://www.twmuseums.org.uk/stephenson)
- **Tynemouth Priory & Castle** tel: 0191 257 1090  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)
- **Tynemouth Surf Co** tel: 0191 258 2496  
[www.tynemouthsurf.co.uk](http://www.tynemouthsurf.co.uk)
- **Wet n Wild** tel: 0191 296 1444  
[www.wetnwild.co.uk](http://www.wetnwild.co.uk)
- **Whitley Bay Ice Rink** tel: 0191 291 1000  
[www.whitleybayicerink.co.uk](http://www.whitleybayicerink.co.uk)
- **Whitley Bay Mini Golf** tel: 0191 200 8638  
[www.northtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk)
- **XS Superbowl** tel: 0191 215 0901  
[www.namcoexperience.com](http://www.namcoexperience.com)

## Tourist Information

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### North Shields Tourist Information Centre

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NE29 6DW

Tel: 0191 200 5895  
[ticns@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:ticns@northtyneside.gov.uk)

Open 9.00am - 4.30pm seven days a week.  
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### Whitley Bay Tourist Information Centre

Park Road  
Whitley Bay  
Tyne & Wear  
NE26 1EJ

Tel: 0191 200 8535  
[ticwb@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:ticwb@northtyneside.gov.uk)

Open 9.30am - 5.00pm (closed for lunch 12.30 - 1.30pm). Closed  
Wednesdays (except summer holidays), Sundays and Christmas  
and New Years Day.

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