

Museums Self-Guided Tour

For extra brummie culture



BMAG (Free!)

The Birmingham Museum and Arts Gallery can be found right in the city centre, in Chamberlain square. It features exhibitions from all over the world, specialising in pre-raphaelite art. Learn about the local history in their gallery Birmingham: its people, its history, or see the Staffordshire hoard, the largest ever find of Anglo-Saxon gold.



The Coffin Works (£6)

Based in the industrial setting of the Jewellery quarter, immerse yourself in a 1960s style coffin furniture factory. This unique museum is a local hit and offers hour long tours starting on every hour. Look around the well restored factory of the Newman brothers and learn about the changing attitudes towards death. The nearby Pen museum and museum of the Jewellery quarter can also be visited to get the most of your visit to this quieter part of Brum.



RBSA (Free!)

Also found in the Jewellery quarter, the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists hosts an ever changing array of artwork. It currently features an abstract art exhibition alongside a pottery exhibition and an array of paintings. Also check out the nearby St Paul's commercial gallery, which shows off the largest collection of licensed album cover art in the world.



German Market

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You'll find these Christmas themed stalls all along the high street to Victoria Square. You really can't miss them. You can even find more wintery-themed stalls in Centenary and Cathedral Square.

Ikon Gallery (Free!)

Set inside the eye catching Brindleyplace, this contemporary art gallery showcases all kinds of media including painting, photographs and sound. They are currently exhibiting work by a local sculpture artist, Barry Flanagan.



Custard Factory

This is a little further away but worth visiting if possible. This old factory now houses independent shops and cafes exclusively and the area is well known for being trendy and creative.