



# Ilkley Indulgence

# **Itinerary Essentials**

The former spa town of Ilkley is all about the finer things in life; whether you're looking for some retail therapy or the perfect place to catch up with friends, indulge yourself on a break in Ilkley.

Start the day with an alfresco breakfast on The Grove. Watch the world go by as you sip your chai latte and plan the day ahead in this enticing corner of West Yorkshire.

## Top picks for your visit:

- Take the walk up to White Wells to see the original plunge pool and enjoy the views across the town.
- From elegant gifts to homewares, fine art and designer clothing, Ilkley is a shoppers' paradise, with an enticing mix of independent shops and favourite brands.
- Book a table to enjoy Ilkley's truly exceptional dining scene; try award-winning restaurant The Box Tree, delicious Italian cuisine at Emporio Italia or the finest steaks at The Ilkley Cow.

## While you're in the area:

- Discover the 'cup and ring stones' on Ilkley moor; these mysterious carvings are thought to date from the early Bronze Age, around 1800 BC.
- Open on weekends, explore likley's history at the Manor House.
- Enjoy a night out at the theatre; the King's Hall and Ilkley Playhouse are well-established venues in the town, each with their own distinct programme.



# Popular routes



Ilkley is surrounded by beautiful countryside with amazing scenery and routes to suit all abilities. Take a look at some of these popular routes and start planning your visit today.



### Length and Breadth of Ilkley Moor

An invigorating / mile walk in the footsteps of the giant Rombald, a great way to experience the flora and fauna of this moorland landscape with some panoramic views across Ilkley and beyond. This circular walk begins at Darwin Gardens on the edge of Ilkley Moor.



#### Riverside Walk

A pleasant, accessible route along the banks of the River Wharfe. Stroll through the Riverside Gardens, cross at the Old Bridge and continue downstream, cross the road at the New Bridge and follow the path to the footbridge, where you can return to likley on the bank nearest the town.



#### Ilkley Moor Heritage Walks

Created by the Friends of Ilkley Moor, these walks provide the opportunity to discover more about the historic features found on the moors, including the mysterious carved cup and ring stones, while enjoying the spectacular countryside surrounding Ilkley.



#### **Dales Way**

The town is the official starting point of this 80 mile long distance trail which finishes at Bowness-on-Windermere. From the Old Bridge, the scenic route follows the banks of the River Wharfe, with Addingham, Bolton Abbey and Grassington within a days' hike.



# Shopping in Ilkley

Explore the charming shops on The Grove and Brook Street, including **The Grove Bookshop**, and **Lishman's of Ilkley** - renowned for its top-quality meats and deliproducts.

For excellent local produce, visit the monthly **Real Food likley Market.** 



## Food & Drink

Ilkley offers a variety of dining options, from traditional cafes and local pubs to modern restaurants and international cuisine. Enjoy delicious Italian dishes at **Piccolino's**, savour charcuterie and craft beers at **Friends of Ham**, or indulge in classic Yorkshire treats at **Bettys**.





#### 01 Ilkley Moor and Cow and Calf Rocks

Ilkley Moor, famous for "On Ilkley Moor baht 'at," features the Cow and Calf Rocks and offers stunning walks and views.

Hangingstone Road, Ilkley, LS29 8BT www.ilkleymoor.org



#### 07 Ilkley Manor House

Dating back to the 14th century, this historic building is now a museum and arts centre, offering self-guided tours and exhibits.

Castle Yard, Ilkley, LS29 9DT www.ilkleymanorhouse.org



#### 03 White Wells

Set on the edge of the moor, visit the plunge pool where visitors have taken the waters for over 300 years. The café is open when the flag is flying.

Wells Road, Ilkley, LS29 9RF



### 13 Ilkley Lido

Swim in one of the UK's few outdoor pools, relax with picnics, sunbathing, and stunning views over Ilkley Moor.

Denton Road, Ilkley, LS29 0BZ www.bradford.gov.uk



### 06 King's Hall and Winter Garden

Explore King's Hall and Winter Garden in Ilkley for a unique mix of history, beautiful architecture, and exciting events, including comedy live music and touring shows

Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HB www.bradford-theatres.co.uk



### 10 Ilkley Cinema

A cosy cinema in relaxed modern surroundings, with state-of-the-art projection and sound, creating the perfect viewing experience.

46A Leeds Rd, Ilkley, LS29 8DP www.ilkleycinema.co.uk



#### 05 Ilkley Toy Museum

Ilkley Toy Museum, a small independent museum, offers a nostalgic experience with a fine collection of dolls, teddy bears, and toys.

2 Whitton Croft Road, Ilkley, LS29 9HR www.ilkleytoymuseum.co.uk



An indoor climbing experience for all ages, featuring varied challenges like the Stairway to Heaven, testing agility and courage.

17 Station Plaza, Ilkley, LS29 8HF www.clipnclimbilkley.co.uk



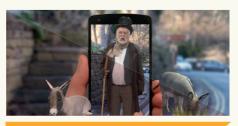
Ilkley Riverside Gardens, by the River Wharfe, offers relaxation with riverside strolls, pétanque, a toddler play zone, and a natural play area.

33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley, LS29 9EU bradforddistrictparks.org



Darwin Gardens, where the town meets the moor, features a maze, picnic areas, and celebrates Charles Darwin's historic visit to the area.

Wells Road, Ilkley, LS29 9TF www.darwingardens.org.uk



Created by Ilkley BID, download the augmented reality trail to your device and explore Ilkley's history and stories of notable residents.

Search & Download 'Discover Ilkley' in the App Store & Google Play



Visit Ilkley Playhouse for live performances in a charming venue, offering exciting theatre productions and a vibrant cultural experience.

Weston Rd, Ilkley, LS29 8DW www. ilkleyplayhouse.co.uk

# Ilkley – A Beautiful Town to Explore!

Let us guide you through everything Ilkley has to offer.

### How to Get Here

Ilkley is accessible by bus from **Keighley**, **Skipton**, **Otley**, **Leeds** and seasonal **Dales Bus** services. Ilkley Train Station connects to **Bradford** and **Leeds**. Long-stay parking is available at **South Hawksworth Street**, **Railway Road** and **Wharfe View Road** car parks (charges 8am-10pm). There is a Clean Air Zone in Bradford, with no charges for passenger cars



# What's On in Ilkley?

Ilkley hosts a range of events throughout the year, including the Ilkley Literature Festival, Ilkley Food & Drink Festival and Ilkley Carnival. With Bradford named UK City of Culture 2025, even more exciting events are on the way.

# Stay Connected

For more details on where to stay, events, dining, and everything Ilkley has to offer along with the rest of the Bradford district, visit www.visitilkley.com or follow us on social media!



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