

Overseas Visitors to the UK - Top Towns Visited 2001

Included below are two tables of the Top Towns visited in 2001 by overseas visitors to the UK. The first shows the top 20 towns ranked by number of visits and the second by nights.

In previous years we have shown tables with results for earlier years. We have also based the results on a weighted average using four years of data from the International Passenger Survey.

In 1999, however, there was a major methodological change to the survey. Visitors travelling over routes to and from the Irish Republic were included in the survey for the first time. This is a significant improvement to the survey and, for the first time, gives us a comprehensive picture of the geographical distribution of visitors from the Irish Republic across the UK as well as providing data on the numbers of other visitors to the UK using routes to and from the Irish Republic.

In the short-term, however, this also represents a major break in the historical series of results from IPS and it would be misleading to compare results for 1999 or subsequent years with those for earlier years or to use weighted average results with several years of results. Consequently we have presented here the results for a single year.

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Top Towns 2001: Visits

Rank	City/Town	Visits (000)
1	London	11,450
2	Edinburgh	850
3	Manchester	550
4	Birmingham	450
5	Glasgow	400
6	Oxford	360
7	Bristol	310
8	Cambridge	260
9	Cardiff	250
=10	York	240
=10	Brighton / Hove	240
12	Bath	220
13	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	180
14	Reading	170
=15	Inverness	160
=15	Leeds	160
17	Nottingham	140
=18	Leicester	130
=18	Canterbury	130
=18	Liverpool	130

Visits figures are rounded to nearest 10,000

Source: International Passenger Survey, Office for National Statistics

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Top Towns 2001: Nights

Rank	City/Town	Nights (m)
1	London	76.1
2	Edinburgh	4.2
=3	Oxford	3.0
=3	Birmingham	3.0
5	Glasgow	2.8
6	Manchester	2.7
7	Bristol	2.6
8	Cambridge	2.3
9	Brighton / Hove	2.0
=10	Bournemouth	1.6
=10	Nottingham	1.6
=12	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1.5
=12	Cardiff	1.5
=14	York	1.4
=14	Leeds	1.4
=16	Reading	1.3
=16	Southampton	1.3
=18	Bath	1.2
=18	Leicester	1.2
20	Portsmouth / Southsea	1.1

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