



Freedom Festival

...IT MUST BE HULL

With schools out for the holidays and lingering summer days stretching before us, it's time to take the party outside.

From festival fun to leisurely days out (with or without the kids) Hull's got your summer bucket list covered. It's the summer we finally get to dance in the streets again, so grab friends and family by the hands and head back into the buzz where wonder awaits once again.

Sip a drink by the water's edge, admiring the boats in the Marina and you could find yourself thinking you're somewhere in the Med.

While you've got water on your mind, reminisce about Hull's seafaring past as the kids splash in historic squares and parks, dance to the best upcoming bands on cobbled streets or marvel at jaw-dropping spectacles on the site of old shipping offices.

Get these on your summer bucket list

Humber Street Sesh (13th Aug) returns to its roots at Hull Marina with advance tickets available to buy now. Showcasing over 100 local bands and talent, many who've gone on to national acclaim, there's a silent disco, skate park, hip hop amphitheatre, creative arts, installations and exhibitions. Not to mention the mouthwatering food and drink.

The jewel in Hull's cultural crown taking place over nine days, **Freedom Festival** (26th Aug – 4th Sep) returns this month with its award-winning international arts festival. Expect crowd-pleasing spectacles to intimate and thought-provoking performances inspired by modern-day themes of freedom. Check out the full programme, which includes the premiere of a brand-new exhibition from Australian artist Joanna Dudley at **Ferens Art Gallery** alongside only two other galleries in the world (New York and Sydney). Straight from Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Australian company Gravity & Other Myths will also return with a new show opening at **Hull New Theatre**.

On Thursday evenings, head to **Trinity Market** in Hull's Old Town for **Trinity Live**, a free showcase of live music by up and coming acts.

Pop your clogs on and join in with traditional folk dancing in the cobbled streets by Hull Marina and the Old Fruit Market areas for **Maritime Festival 2022** (9th – 11th Sept). If you fancy taking a food trip around the world, supping up at a real ale warehouse and seeing and hearing the sounds of folk music around every corner, this one's for you.

Tours, turtles and Lego towers

A free one for the kids, don't miss out on **Brick by Brick – International LEGO Brick Art** at Feren's Art Gallery until 11th Sept.

Take a trip to the **Museums Quarter** in High Street for more free fun where you can take a spin through the ages in the **Streetlife Museum** or marvel at the giant mammoths at the **Hull and East Riding Museum**.

Save the date for the largest heritage festival in England with **Heritage Open Days**, which are back (9th – 18th Sept) with thousands of free events for you to enjoy.

Experience a fascinating glimpse into Victorian times, a genuine 2,600 year old Egyptian mummy and unique replicas of King Tutankhamen's treasures at **Hands on History Museum** (13th and 27th Aug, 10th Sept). Here you'll discover the story of Hull and its people in the old Grammar School, where William Wilberforce, leader of the movement to abolish the slave trade, studied.

Been a while since you've journeyed underwater at the world's only submarine? It's 20 years since **The Deep** opened so come party with the penguins while you explore one of the world's most spectacular aquariums. And if you love your visit and want to come again, your day pass is valid for 12 months so you can get under the sea as often as you like.

A basket full of good things

If you fancy a bit of shopping but want to head away from the high street, support local indies while you grab a bite to eat and enjoy the delights of the **Good Things Maker Market** (28th Aug) in Hull's Fruit Market area. Think prints, jewellery, homeware, art, vintage, food, music and more. There are good things for all to enjoy.

Ready for a laugh? After popular demand, comedian **Kevin Bridges** will be staying in Hull for an extra night this month! Along with his visit to the Bonus Arena on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th August, Kevin will extend his run to a third evening on Sunday 14th August.

For bedrooms with views, it must be Hull.

When you've been exploring all day or partying all night, you need the perfect place to rest your head. From boutique city centre hideouts and quirky Airbnb lodgings to a luxe hotel with a cool rooftop bar and super easy-on-the-pocket hostels, there's accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets in Hull.



Brick by Brick - International LEGO Brick Art

A city rooted in Freedom

Freedom Festival was established as part of the 2007 William Wilberforce commemorations, celebrating the bicentenary of the 1807 abolition of the slave trade. Since then the festival has continued to celebrate the important issues of freedom through a programme of dance, theatre, circus, spoken word, debates and talks, using art to raise awareness of important issues from modern-day slavery to protest, sustainability and equality.

Emerging talent

Since 2012 **Humber Street Sesh** has provided a powerful platform for the emerging artists of the region. By 2019, the event saw a stellar line up of UK talent like **The Hunna**, **The Blinders** and **Yonaka**.

Splash around

There are six paddling pools in parks across the city including the newly refurbished **East Park Water Play** with a splash pad boasting 43 water jets.

Would you believe it?

41 pieces of sculpture made from traditional materials make up Hull's unique pavement of fish - an impressive piece of public art created by artist Gordon Young in 1992. Download the trail online, find the fish and explore the city.



It's time to make plans, meet friends and enjoy all that Hull has to offer.

For a full low down of what's going on and where to stay head to visithull.org

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