



# Living & working in **Leeds**



A city and metropolitan borough known for its focus on art and culture. Nestled along the River Aire, Leeds is as vibrant and exciting as the capital, London, without the capital price tag.

Live in the metropolitan city centre or in period, terraced houses on the outskirts.



Live amongst a hub of arts, music, creativity and history across 111.6KM<sup>2</sup>.



## Fun Fact!



Roundhay park in Leeds is one of the biggest parks in Europe!







Over 290 nurseries in Leeds, with an average monthly cost of £1,247.67.



Average 1 bed apartment cost: £974.44

Utilities: £210.21

Weekly grocery shop: £35



"TeacherActive has been by far the best teaching agency I have worked with. They are really considerate and accommodating, trying as much as possible to send me to schools that are suitable for me. The staff at TeacherActive are so professional, friendly and always ready to assist. Highly recommend."

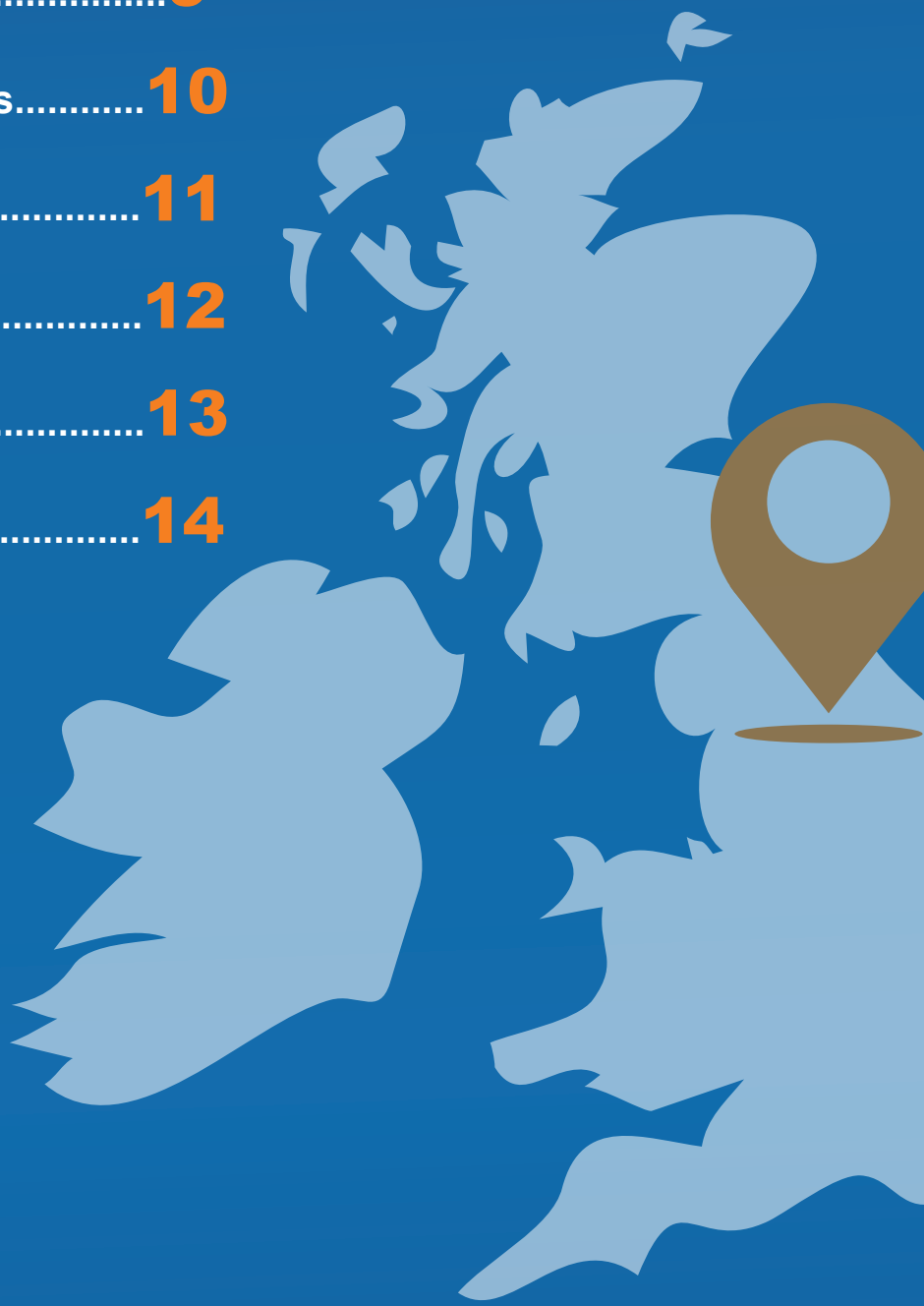
**-Goodness, Learning Support Assistant**

## Main modes of public transport



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# Why TeacherActive?



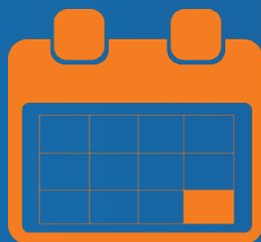
**Free flights to the UK\***



**Guaranteed pay schemes**



**Relocation support**



**Termly social events**



**Network of over 3,600 schools**



**Free CPD resources**

TeacherActive has been supporting educators just like you since 2004. Our International team was created in 2018 and has since helped hundreds of international educators progress their careers in the UK. Our consultants take the time to learn your unique skills, qualities and preferences and match you to a setting that works for you. Gain experience in a variety of settings while working on supply, or secure that dream permanent job in Leeds, while enjoying termly social events and support from our consultants every step of the way.

\*T&Cs apply.



# An introduction to **Leeds**

If you're looking for a city bursting with vibrant entertainment and creative flair, you need to look up north! Leeds, one of the major cities in Yorkshire, is home to over 800,000 people. It lies along the River Aire and is a short distance away from the Pennines mountain chain. With art, culture, food, history and community on your doorstep, you'll never fall short of excitement in this vast city.

This guide will give you a great introduction to living in Leeds, from things to see and do to the average cost of living. We'll also explain the UK education system and how we, as your agency, can support you every step of the way on your journey. As one of the biggest education recruitment agencies in the UK, we have an extensive network of settings you can work in to gain experience, all led by a dedicated consultant whose main goal is to find you the perfect place for your skills to shine.





# Living in Leeds

Leeds began as a small borough in the 13th Century, blossoming into city status in 1893. Since then, the city has gone from strength to strength, developing into an arts and cultural hub with modern neighbourhoods to live in. However, that period English charm is alive and well and you'll find many mews, terraced and period houses around the city too.

Some well-known areas include:

- **Horsforth**
- **Roundhay**
- **Headingley**
- **Chapel Allerton**
- **Morley**





# Cost of living

The cost of renting or owning a place will vary depending on location, as with any major city living in the outskirts will see cheaper house prices than closer to the city centre. The following costs are averages across Leeds.

**Single public transport ticket**

£2.00

**Monthly public transport pass**

£70

**Monthly rent of one bedroom city centre apartment**

£974.44

**Monthly rent of one bedroom apartment outside of city centre**

£702.22

**One month of basic utilities (electricity, water, heating)**

£210.21

**One month childcare at nursery or pre-school**

£1,247.67

**Three course meal for two at a mid-range restaurant**

£60

**One month gym membership**

£7.85

**Weekly grocery shop**

£35

Prices are correct at time of publishing (October 2024)





# Public transport in Leeds

## By bus and train



Leeds is well connected with buses and trains from the city centre to the outskirts. There are different providers around the city, you can plan your journey using [Moovit](#) to check what buses to catch. West Yorkshire Combined Authority have travel passes available that work over bus and train.

[View tickets and passes](#)

# National Rail, air and coaches

Fancy venturing outside of Leeds? The UK is well-connected, and you can travel to many cities and countries by train, coach or plane.

**Leeds to Manchester**  
in 1 hour 27 minutes



**Leeds to Liverpool**  
in 1 hour 57 minutes



**Leeds to London**  
in 2 hour 40 minutes



**Leeds to Belfast** ✈️  
in 1 hour



## Did you know?

Leeds born Anthony E. Pratt turned his love of detective novels into a world-famous game: Cluedo!





# Things to do in the **area**

Branded as the foodie capital of the north, Leeds will fill your appetite not just with tasty meals, but with shopping, sport, history and art. Head on one of the many walking tours or check our list below of great places to visit.

## **To sightsee**

- Kirkstall Abbey
- Tropical World
- Meanwood Valley Urban Farm
- Middleton Railway – the oldest working railway in the world
- Roundhay Park
- Harewood House
- Armley Park
- Golden Acre Park
- St. George's Fields
- Yorkshire Dales

## **For shopping, food and drinks**

- Leeds Corn Exchange – independent shopping hub
- Springwell Leeds Tap Room
- Leeds Trinity Shopping Centre
- Whitelock's – the oldest pub in Leeds
- Kirkgate Market
- Victoria Quarter Shopping Arcade

## **Music, sport and culture**

- Leeds Art Gallery
- Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- First Direct Arena
- Brudenell Social Club
- Thackray Museum of Medicine
- Leeds City Museum
- Headingley Stadium
- Leeds United Stadium
- The Hepworth Wakefield
- John Charles Centre for Sport

## **Hidden gems**

- Granary Wharf
- Tetley Brewery – with seasonal exhibitions and a Mini Tetley playroom for children
- Belgrave Music Hall
- Thornton's Arcade
- Tiled Hall Café in Leeds Art Gallery

# What should I do and when?



Preparation is key to getting the most out of your time in the UK. Once you know your arrival date, it's time to get planning! Below is our recommended roadmap to success, which you should start around 12 months before your arrival.

## Roadmap

### 12 months before

- Reach out to your TeacherActive specialist
- Discover what opportunities are available to work in schools
- Read this guide!

### 6 months before

- Apply for police checks
- Research and apply for your visa
- Ensure that you have sent all required documents
- Apply for your QTS if you're a qualified teacher

### 3 months before

- Follow our Facebook and Instagram
- Research and find accommodation in your area
- Book your flights\*
- Book your in-person registration meeting
- Learn more about UK education through My-Progression and achieve your International CPD certificate

### On arrival

- Collect a UK SIM for your phone
- Visit us in office and register
- Open a UK bank account

TeacherActive offers reimbursement on standard flights up to a specified limit once you have worked 20 days or more with us. T&Cs apply.





# The UK Education System

Each term in an education setting is usually 13 weeks long, with a week off halfway through, called half term.

You can expect around two weeks off at the end of term one and term two, for Christmas and Easter respectively. When the school year ends, you can expect six weeks off for the summer holidays.

Each region of the UK varies with its exact term dates, so please see this as a rough guide. You'll often find Year 11s and Year 13s may finish earlier, depending on where their last exams fall. For more detailed curriculum information, head to [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) or check your local council's website for specific term dates.

The UK curriculum will, of course, be different from what you are used to. But you'll be surprised at how many similarities there are with your home country's curriculum. Here's a handy guide for you to reference, for more information visit the [UK Government's website](https://www.gov.uk).

The school years:

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Age	Year	Stage	School
3-4	Pre-school reception	Foundation	Pre-school
4-5			Primary school
5-6	Key stage 1		
6-7		2	
7-8	Key stage 2	3	
8-9		4	
9-10		5	
10-11		6	
11-12	7	Key stage 3	Secondary school
12-13	8		
13-14	9	Key stage 4	
14-15	10		
15-16	11	Key stage 5	Sixth form
16-17	12		
17-18	13		

For more information on the UK education system, register with us to receive your free living and working in the UK brochure.



# Keep your career in **motion**

We have created a free CPD (Continuing Professional Development) platform designed to accelerate your career in education called My-Progression.

You can find new videos every week on My-Progression's YouTube channel, offering training and advice on education and residential care.

From breaking down the UK education system to managing challenging behaviour in the classroom, planning your lessons or marking your papers, My-Progression is designed to give you knowledge, advice and support in bite-sized videos, all for free!

Once you're done, you can head to [www.my-progression.com](http://www.my-progression.com) to collect your CPD certificates, including our specific international certificate, which can be used to evidence your learning and boost your CV.

Click the images below to get started, and don't forget to subscribe on YouTube.





# Start your new adventure in education

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