



Living & working in **Manchester**



A northern city known globally for its impact in the Industrial Revolution and the birthplace of many iconic musicians and music cultures.

Live in a modern city centre apartment, along the quays or in a terraced or semi-detached house on the outskirts.



Live amongst a hub of arts, music, creativity and history across 116KM².



Fun Fact!



The bee is Manchester's symbol, adopted in the 19th Century. You'll find it in pavements, on buildings and tiled into Manchester's Town Hall.





Over 654 nurseries in Manchester, with an average monthly cost of £1309.56.



Average 1 bed apartment cost: £885.71

Utilities: £232.21

Weekly grocery shop: £35



"Wonderful people who support anyone looking to travel abroad and work. Made it very easy travel all around Europe and other countries. Great company!"

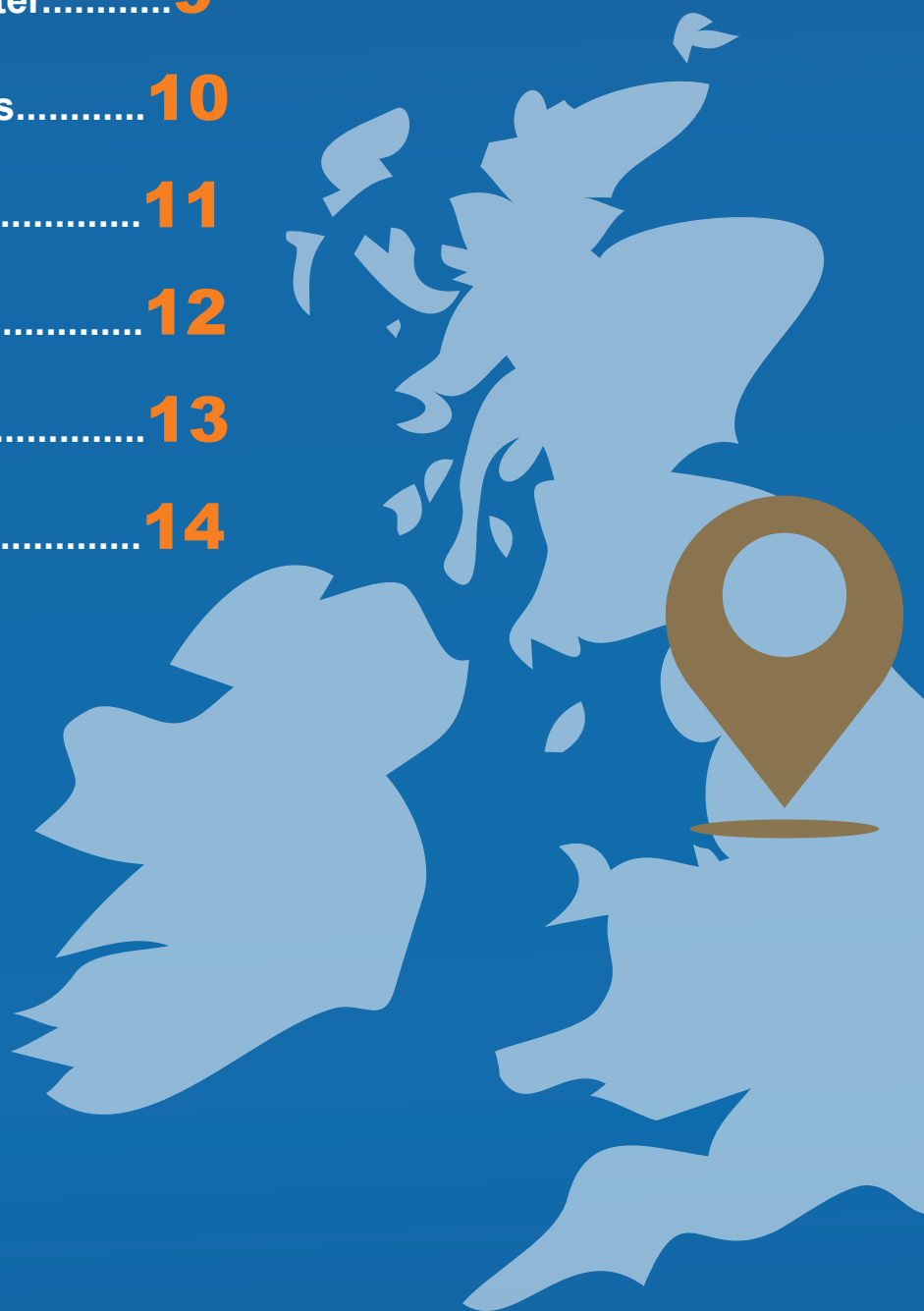
-Patrick, Teaching Assistant

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 Manchester, while enjoying termly social events and support from our consultants every step of the way.

*T&Cs apply.



An introduction to **Manchester**

A city known for music, arts and culture, Manchester is a fantastic city to live and explore in. The third largest city by population, Manchester in the northwest of England is known throughout the world as the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Its rich history can be felt throughout the now-modern streets, nestled alongside the River Irwell that runs through the City Centre and into the neighbouring Salford to create the stunning Quays.

This guide will give you a great introduction to living in Manchester, 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 Manchester

As well as supporting the boom in the Industrial Revolution, Manchester honed its craft in textiles, especially cotton. Many of the buildings in the city centre that were once factories and mills have been repurposed into offices, restaurants, shops and apartments. Manchester is the place where old meets new, you can easily find a modern apartment in the city centre or quay side or settle into a terraced or semi-detached house on the outskirts.

Some well-known areas include:

- Ancoats
- Castlefield
- Didsbury
- Chorlton
- Salford (Neighbouring city in Greater Manchester)
- Northern Quarter



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 Manchester.

Single public transport ticket

£2.00

Monthly public transport pass

£82.70

Monthly rent of one bedroom city centre apartment

£1182.14

Monthly rent of one bedroom apartment outside of the city centre

£885.71

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

£232.21

One month childcare at nursery or pre-school

£1309.56

Three course meal for two at a mid-range restaurant

£70

One month gym membership

£30.39

Weekly grocery shop

£35

Prices are correct at time of publishing (October 2024)



Public transport in Manchester

By bus, tram and train



Across Manchester City Centre and Greater Manchester, you can travel with ease using the buses and tram network. Buses operate across the city centre for free up to 11:30 pm (6 pm on Sundays) while tram tickets can be bought in advance or using the smart readers at tram stops. Tram and train tickets can't be bought once you board, so be sure to buy in advance or risk a fine.

Bus, tram and train passes are available daily, weekly, monthly and annually, use the ticket finder to secure the best ticket for you. You can plan your journey using [the Bee Network website](#).

National Rail, air and coaches

Manchester is well-connected to the rest of the UK, and you can visit many major towns and cities in a short train, coach or car ride. Manchester Airport has flights to Northern and Southern Ireland and parts of Europe like Palma de Mallorca, Rome, Athens and Barcelona.

Manchester to London
in 2 hours 30 minutes



Manchester to Liverpool
in 1 hour



Manchester to Birmingham
in 1 hour 30 minutes



Manchester to Dublin ✈️
in 1 hour



Did you know?

In 1888 the world's first professional football league was set up in the Royal Hotel in Manchester!



Things to do in the area

Manchester is known globally for its impact on arts and music, with world-famous bands such as Oasis, Happy Mondays, The Smiths, New Order and Take That hailing from the city. It's no surprise, as there are over 200 live music and club venues across Manchester. Aside from music, there are dozens of scenic parks, exciting museums and incredible foodie spots to explore.

To sightsee

- East Lancashire Railway
- Ordsall Hall
- RHS Gardens Manchester
- Heaton Park
- Manchester Art Gallery
- Victoria Baths
- Science and Industry Museum
- The John Rylands Research Institute and Library
- Manchester Town Hall

For shopping, food and drinks

- Trafford Centre shopping centre
- Manchester Arndale Shopping Centre
- Afflecks
- Barton Arcade
- Macky Mayor
- Cloudwater Brewery
- Gay Quarter bars and clubs
- Freight Island
- Arndale Food Market
- GRUB – street food vendors
- Corn Exchange bars and restaurants

Music, sport and culture

- Emirates Old Trafford Football Stadium (Manchester United)
- Etihad Football Stadium (Manchester City)
- Manchester Museum
- AO Arena
- Co-Op Live Arena
- Royal Exchange Theatre
- MediaCity
- Band on the Wall
- Albert Hall
- Night & Day Café – music venue

Hidden gems

- Mayfield Park
- Coronation Street Experience – step onto the TV set of one of Britain's beloved soaps!
- Rusholme Curry Mile – a road home to 70 Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi restaurants
- Fletcher Moss Park & Botanical Gardens
- Manchester Craft & Design Centre

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

We offer 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.

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		1	
7-8	Key stage 2	2	
8-9		3	
9-10		4	
10-11		5	
11-12	6	Secondary school	
12-13	7		
13-14	8		
14-15	9		
15-16	10	Key stage 4	Sixth form
16-17	11		
17-18	12	Key stage 5	
	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 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.

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ENGLISH SCHOOLS**
ENGLISH EDUCATION
SYSTEM
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**ALL ABOUT
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**TYPES OF ENGLISH
SCHOOLS**
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