

King's Lynn and West Norfolk



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Alive Corn Exchange Theatre

(see no. 11 on the map overlay)

King's Lynn, PE30 1JW



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The Explore West Norfolk app and Walk West Norfolk app both provide information for those wishing to explore beyond the town – including some of the restaurants, pubs and cafes on offer beyond the boundaries of King's Lynn town centre. If you have enjoyed visiting King's Lynn Minster, use the app to find historic attractions open to visitors in West Norfolk. The main Rising Star, Sandringham House, Houghton Hall and Holkham Hall and estates (check for opening hours). The app will also tell you about other places to visit.

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Discover the history of King's Lynn



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Stories of Lynn – Museum and Old Gaol House



Visit Stories of Lynn, Museum and Old Gaol House and discover the history of King's Lynn on your holiday!

Located in the oldest part of the town, Stories of Lynn brings history vividly to life through a fun, interactive exhibition. Its treasures include the unique King John cup, a wealth of magnificent mayoral regalia, and the original 18th-century gaol house and cells. The museum is also home to the King's Lynn Borough Archives. This extensive store of original documents is part of the Norfolk Records Office, and tells the stories of the town and its people first-hand.

On Tuesdays and Sundays visitors can also tour some of the history rooms within the King's Lynn Town Hall complex, including the 15th-century Trinity Guildhall, lavish Georgian Assembly Room, and Court Room.

Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn, PE30 5DQ

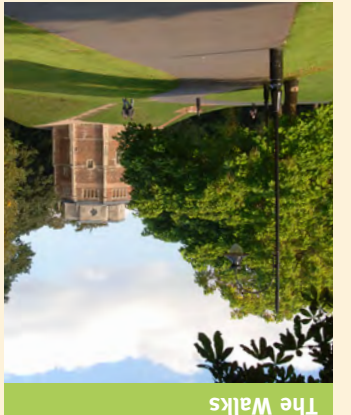
Adult £3.95, Concession £2.95, Child £1.95 (under 5s free)

Open 7 days a week 10am – 4.30pm (last entry 4pm)

For all visitor and admission information, as well as the events schedule, please visit storiestoflyn.com

Interactive App available now

Built in 1854 as a corn into a concert hall with a modern light interior in 1996.



The Walks

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King's Lynn Minster

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Lynne Museum

Enjoy this delightful museum which tells the story of West Norfolk. Step back in time as you walk into the world of Seahenge, the astonishing Bronze Age timber circle that is the museum's stunning centrepiece. Plus, browse around the 'West Norfolk Story', marvel at the Sedgford Hoard of Iceni gold coins hidden in a cow bone, imagine being a pilgrim in the thriving medieval original 18th-century gaol house and cells. The museum is also home to the King's Lynn Borough Archives. This extensive store of original documents is part of the Norfolk Records Office, and tells the stories of the town and its people first-hand.

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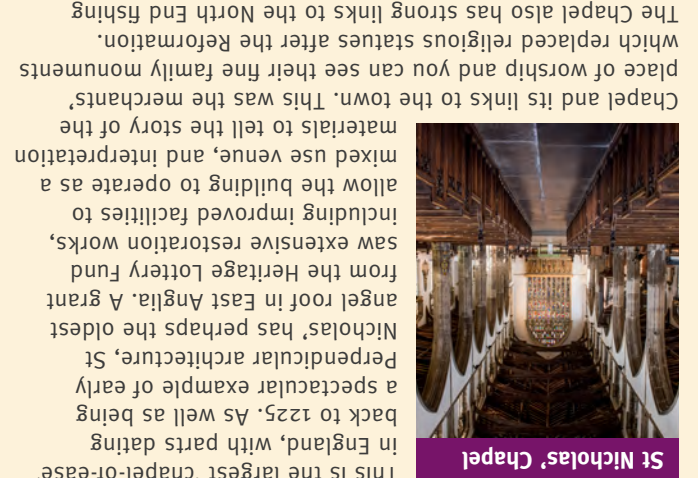
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Guildhall of St George

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St Nicholas' Chapel

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King's Lynn Town Guides

Let the King's Lynn Town Guides reveal over 900 years of maritime and trading history that are preserved in the historic core of King's Lynn. Discover buildings which include medieval churches and guildhalls and have the opportunity to see secret courtyards and hidden alleys.

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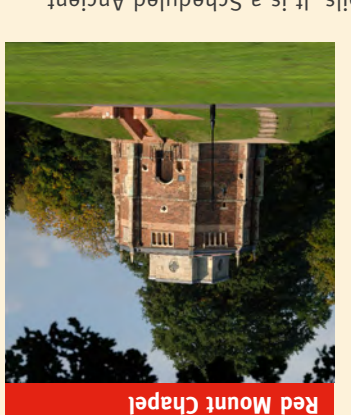
For details of all walks including starting points, please check the leaflet 'Guided Walks around King's Lynn' which is available from King's Lynn Tourist Information Centre.

Specialist and private tours are also available. All walks last approximately 2 hours.

Regular walks: Adults £5; Children free

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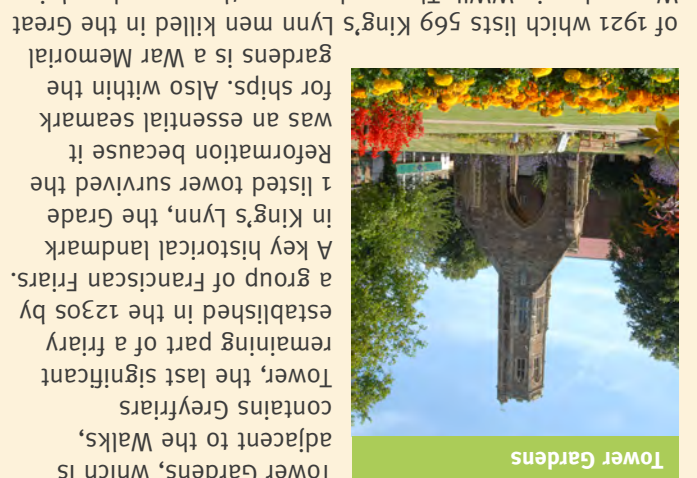
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Red Mount Chapel

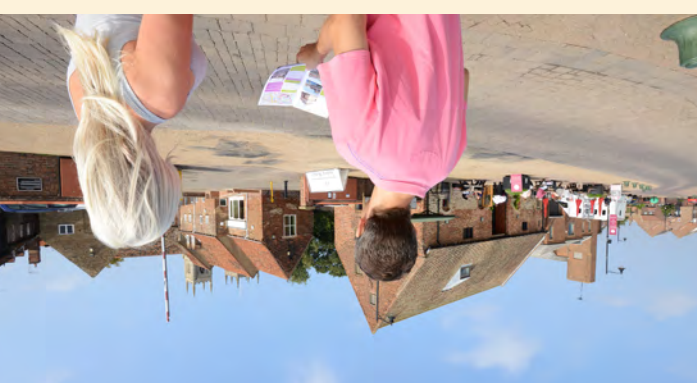
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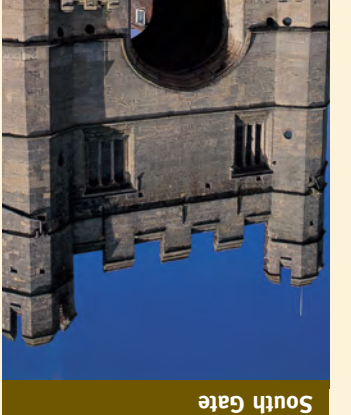
King's Lynn Maritime Trail

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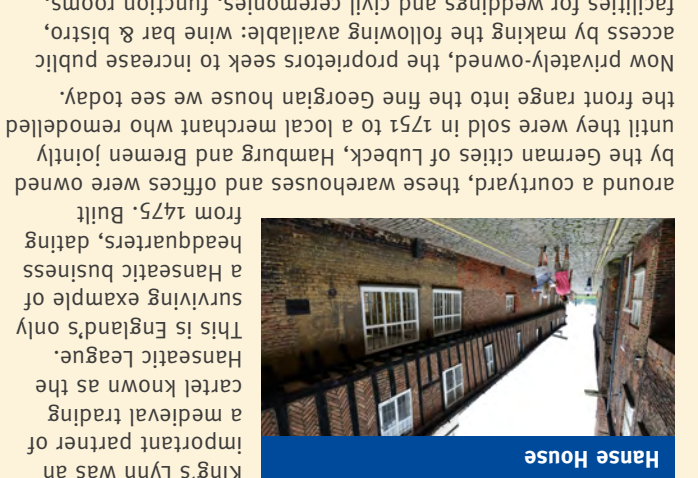
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Welcome to King's Lynn

King's Lynn was one of England's most important ports from as early as the 12th century, and this maritime past is still very much in evidence today. Fine old merchants' houses stretch down to the river between cobbled lanes and the elegant Custom House overlooks the original medieval harbour.


The 12th-century King's Lynn Minster dominates the Saturday Market Place around which is some of the finest architecture in England. The Tuesday Market Place, one of England's grandest squares, houses the Corn Exchange, now a thriving concert hall.

King's Lynn's rich past has left it a magnificent heritage of buildings and stories. Today the town is also a major shopping centre with shops and restaurants throughout the older areas of the town and in the Vancouver Quarter.

An important Hanseatic town during much of its history, King's Lynn is a member of The Hanse, a modern-day association based on the old Hanseatic League of Traders.

King's Lynn is gateway to the beautiful Norfolk coast as well as the fascinating Fens. In the town itself, you can enjoy walks along the riverfront, amongst its historic streets, or through its urban parks, including the Walks and Tower Gardens, both winners of a prestigious Green Flag Award, given to some of England's finest parks. A Gold Award and Overall Winner (City category) in Anglia in Bloom 2019, you can enjoy excellent floral displays as you walk through town.

The Heritage Trail

The trail highlighted on this map takes you through some of the most beautiful and interesting areas of historic King's Lynn. St James' Car Park **(A)**, the railway station **(B)**, and the bus station **(C)** all make good starting points. Follow  symbols for the heritage trail.

Other historic trails to follow

King's Lynn's fascinating history can be discovered by following several self-guided trails. Leaflets are available from the Tourist Information Centre in Stories of Lynn (no. 1 on map). Explore King's Lynn's medieval trading heritage as part of the Hanseatic League by following the Hanseatic Trail. At the Tourist Information Centre, you can buy the Maritime Trail guide where you will discover centuries of history in King's Lynn. Retrace the steps of medieval pilgrims who passed through King's Lynn on their way to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham by following the Pilgrimage Trail.

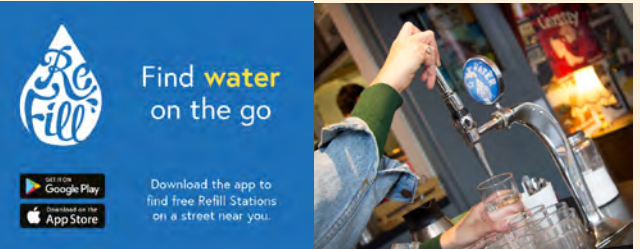
Guided Walks

Discover more of King's Lynn's rich and fascinating history by joining one of the experienced Town Guides on a guided walk. *See overleaf*

Further Information

For much more information about King's Lynn, its history, places to visit and tickets for guided walks, visit the Tourist Information Centre at Stories of Lynn (see back cover for details). Alternatively visit our website www.visitwestnorfolk.com

Water Refill Stations



Points of interest

Some of the sites highlighted are not regularly open to the public. Look out for details of King's Lynn Heritage Open Day and Classic Car Event (which take place in September) when many buildings are open to visitors.

1 Stories of Lynn and the Town Hall

The magnificent Trinity Guildhall dates back to the 1420s and is the centrepiece of the Town Hall complex. It has impressive windows and distinctive flint chequerboard-patterned front, and a Jacobean porch and Victorian council chamber.

The Stories of Lynn museum is an exhibition about the seafarers, explorers, merchants, mayors, magistrates and miscreants who have shaped King's Lynn, one of England's most important medieval port towns, over more than 800 years of history. It is also home to the Old Gaol House, which was where, for over 400 years, King's Lynn's most notorious citizens were imprisoned. *See overleaf*

2 King's Lynn Minster

King's Lynn Minster, formerly St Margaret's Church, was founded in 1101. The church was partially re-built in 1741 after the spire collapsed onto the nave in a storm. Look out for flood level markings by the west door. Open daily. *See overleaf*

Key:

-  Public car parks
-  Access via cobbled street
-  No drop kerb
-  Pedestrianised
-  Swimming pool
-  Disabled toilet
-  Toilet
-  Heritage trail
-  St. James' multi-storey car park
-  Railway station
-  Bus station
-  Lynn Lumière projections

Discover Local Businesses

King's Lynn town centre is home to more than 500 businesses and boasts a vibrant mix of both high street chains and local independents. There truly is a little something for everyone! Tower Street and Norfolk Street are the main homes of the Independents, hosting an eclectic mix of small local businesses. Both streets have something different to offer to its visitors including local jewellery designers, toys and nursery goods, homeware, electrical goods and a mouth-watering array of food and drink.

All manner of hair and beauty needs can be satisfied in St James Street, which is home to a number of quality hairdressers, barbers and nail salons. Situated at the heart of the town centre lies the Vancouver Quarter. Adjacent to the bus station, this shopping complex offers a combination of national fashion and retail brands, such as TK Maxx and H&M, as well as several easy lunching options, and it is perfectly placed for visiting shoppers. The High Street, located just a stone's throw away from the Vancouver Quarter, plays host to a wide variety of familiar retail and dining chains,

3 Thoresby College

Fine Tudor building incorporating a beautiful courtyard. Originally housed chantry priests.

4 Greenland Fishery

Early 17th-century merchant's house, built by a local rope merchant. In the 18th century, as The Greenland Fishery, it was an inn used by King's Lynn's whaling community.

5 Hampton Court

Built in the 14th-century as a house and warehouse by a wealthy merchant. Later wings added in the 15th and 17th centuries. Now restored as private housing.

6 Hanse House

Hanse House is a Grade I listed building and the only surviving Hanseatic warehouse in England. *See overleaf*

7 Marriott's Warehouse

Restored 16th-century warehouse, with displays on how the town developed over 900 years. *See overleaf*

8 Clifton House and Tower

Two medieval merchants' houses combined in a Tudor rebuilding and remodelled in the 18th century. Five-storey Elizabethan watchtower to rear.

9 The Custom House

Designed by Henry Bell and built in 1683, it opened as a merchants' exchange in 1685. Used as the town's Custom House from the early 1700s. Look out for Charles II's statue above the door and the nearby modern statue of explorer Captain George Vancouver.

10 St George's Guildhall

The largest surviving 15th-century guildhall in England. *See overleaf*

11 Alive Corn Exchange Theatre and Cinema

Corn Market Hall built in 1854. Converted to a concert hall in 1996. *See overleaf*

12 True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum

Fascinating museum featuring two beautifully restored Victorian fishermen's cottages. *See overleaf*

13 St Nicholas' Chapel

England's largest surviving Parochial Chapel. 15th-century wooden roof features a series of beautifully carved angels. *See overleaf*

14 Pilot Street

Named for the pilots who guided the ships out to sea through the difficult channel, it was the 'High Street' of the North End fishing quarter. There is an information board to tell you more.

15 Lynn Museum

Restored Victorian Union Baptist Chapel, now home to Seahenge and the story of West Norfolk. *See overleaf*

16 The Walks

The Walks are the only surviving example of an 18th-century town walk in Norfolk, and include the unique 15th-century Red Mount Chapel (see no. 18). Facilities include a children's play area, toilets and a café. *See overleaf*

17 Red Mount Chapel

Wayside 15th-century chapel for pilgrims to Walsingham, Grade I listed. *See overleaf*

18 St John the Evangelist Church

Gothic revival style church designed by Anthony Salvin and built in 1846. Open by arrangement via Church Office 01553 379142 or see the website.

19 The Library

Edwardian public library funded and opened by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Open Mon to Sat.

20 Greyfriars Tower and Tower Gardens

The 13th–15th-century tower of King's Lynn's Franciscan friary set in beautiful gardens. *See overleaf*

21 All Saints' Church

The oldest church in the town, with parts dating back to 1090. Beside the high altar is the anchorhold, the cell where medieval recluses known as anchorites were enclosed. Open Saturdays 10am - 5pm - May to September, during daily services and by appointment. Visit www.southandwestlynn.org.uk

22 South Gate

Imposing Ancient Scheduled Monument and Grade I listed building which can be explored on 3 floors. Towards the southern outskirts of town, linked to London Road. *See overleaf*

23 Hardwick Road Cemetery

Opened in 1856 and in use until 1972. The monuments reflect the lives of these now permanent residents. Accessible via the south-eastern outskirts of town, on Hardwick Road.

Town Centre

Situated right in the heart of historical King's Lynn, there's plenty on offer for all the family at the Vancouver Quarter Shopping Centre. Adjacent to the bus station and just a 5-minute walk from King's Lynn train station, the Vancouver Quarter offers a mix of fashion and retail brands alongside independent retailers creating a complete shopping experience.


If you're looking for a bite to eat, King's Lynn has a wide choice of restaurants, cafés and bars, plus a number of traditional and historic pubs. Why not combine this with a show at the Alive Corn Exchange?

With the combined opportunities for great shopping and the chance to explore the historic streets and buildings of the town and its beautiful parkland, King's Lynn town centre is a great place to visit. Be sure to visit the historic waterfront with its pontoons for visiting boats.



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Lynn Lumière

Launched in March 2015, King's Lynn's popular Lynn Lumière, has seen fabulous animated light shows projected onto some of King's Lynn's most prominent buildings. Projected daily from dusk, look for the  symbol on the map



More information about King's Lynn and West Norfolk

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