

time to be
enchanted

Enjoy the quintessential England of your imagination. Explore fascinating towns and villages, splendid gardens and churches, then round off your visit on an awe inspiring underground journey.



Osmaston,
near
Ashbourne

pretty villages, attractive towns

Towns and villages in the Peak District & Derbyshire are picture postcard perfect. Don't forget your camera and get ready to explore some hidden gems.

It's good to get away from everyday life. Enjoy a different setting and feel your spirits lift. The gentle pleasure of wandering around a pretty village never fails to relax and refresh.

Take a walk by the side of a lake, watch the miniature train or wander through the Conservatory, restored to its Victorian splendour.



Tissington



Ilam

The popular market town of Bakewell captures the character of the Peak District & Derbyshire with its stone cottages, courtyards and independent shops. Relax by the River Wye as it flows gently under the medieval five-arched bridge.



Bakewell

Tissington is an example of the quintessential English village, with a fine Jacobean mansion, cottages, church, tearooms and duck pond. Tissington Hall has been the home of the Fitzherbert family for over 400 years. Don't forget your camera when you visit picturesque Winster, a hidden gem with its ancient houses and small alleyways. Hartington, Ashford-in-the-Water and Edale are also picture book settings.



Viator's Bridge, Milldale



Buxton Crescent

The attractive Georgian towns of Ashbourne and Melbourne, with their mellow brick buildings, beautiful parish churches and cobbled yards, are both worth a visit. Whilst in the Melbourne area visit Ticknall and look out for its fascinating collection of village water pumps.

Buxton is a thriving town, famed for its health-giving waters. You can't fail to notice its splendid architecture, especially the beautiful Edwardian Buxton Opera House where you can watch one of over 450 performances each year. The 23 acre Pavilion Gardens are a perfect setting for an afternoon of gentle relaxation.

Hartington Mere



Other places not to miss are Chesterfield with its intriguing twisted church spire and 800-year old market, and Belper where you can wander up Long Row to admire the carefully tended gardens of former mill worker' cottages, snap up a bargain in a factory shop or enjoy a movie at the recently restored 1930s Ritz Cinema.

Left: Long Row, Belper
Right: Longnor



Pick up some gardening tips and inspiration in some of our fine gardens and parks.



an oasis of gardens



Lea Gardens

Well known for its wealth of grand country house gardens, the appeal of the Peak District & Derbyshire's smaller gardens should never be underestimated.



Melbourne Hall Gardens

There's something so soothing about wandering around someone else's garden, seeking inspiration and wondering if you could try similar ideas at home. During the summer, many villages have open garden days, some as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Take a peek at normally private gardens and help raise money for charity at the same time.

the world at Lea Gardens with its highly acclaimed rhododendrons and azaleas. The excellent rock garden has a huge variety of alpines with Japanese maples, dwarf conifers, heathers and spring bulbs.

Learn more about the healing properties of herbs at Hardstoft Herb Garden. There are four sections to enjoy – the original main garden, the physic, lavender and pot pourri gardens.

Explore the newly restored five parks on the banks of the River Derwent linking Matlock and Matlock Bath. Take in spectacular towering limestone cliffs, meandering riverside paths, ancient woodlands and Victorian pleasure grounds. Don't miss the Matlock Bath Illuminations and Venetian Nights in September and October. Further down the River Derwent, relax and enjoy the peaceful setting of Belper River Gardens, where the River Derwent is at its widest. Sit and watch the many swans, herons and moorhens. Check out www.visitpeakdistrict.com/gardens for more beautiful gardens to explore.

You can take a miniature tour of the world, following tunnels and pathways around Biddulph Grange Garden. It's a rare high Victorian garden filled with exotic plants, Italian terraces, and intriguing Victorian eccentricities. You'll also see plants from around



Hardstoft Gardens

River Derwent, Matlock Bath



underground marvels and heavenly splendours

Explore the Peak District & Derbyshire from top to bottom, looking in wonder at soaring spires and seeing hidden mysteries in the deepest caverns.

Underground marvels

The Peak District & Derbyshire has some wonderful hidden gems – magnificent show caves that are easy to explore.

At the Treak Cliff Cavern in Castleton, you'll see veins of Blue John Stone across the cave roof, and "The Pillar", the largest piece of this precious mineral ever found. Your guide will point out fossils in the limestone above you 330 million years ago. Or go on an incredible underground boat journey at Speedwell Cavern, exploring a hidden world at the foot of the spectacular Winnats Pass.



Poole's Cavern is a 2 million year old, natural limestone cave situated in the beautiful woodland of Buxton Country Park. View the Poached Egg, Elephant's Head and the imposing Poole's Cat. Gaze at the Frozen Waterfall and the Big Drip.

Holy Trinity Church,
Stanton in Peak



St Michael &
St Mary, Melbourne

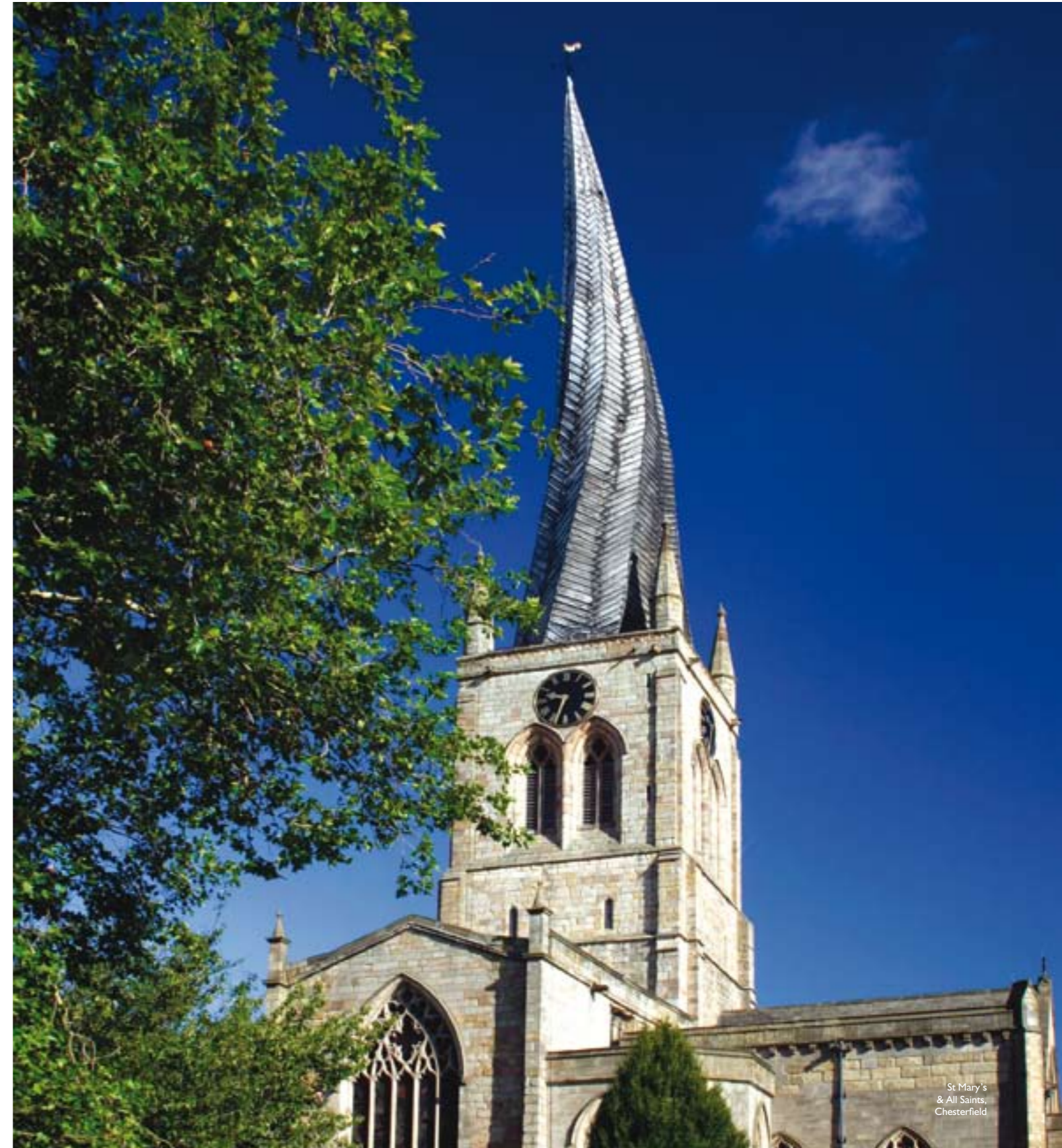


Heavenly splendour

If you're seeking a sense of serenity and peace, you'll find it visiting some of the Peak District & Derbyshire's most beautiful and ancient churches. From tiny stone built village churches, to the splendour of Derby Cathedral, you'll discover plenty of places in which to worship or simply look in wonder. Don't miss St Giles' church in Cheadle, known as "Pugin's Gem". The celebrated architect said he built it as a "tribute to inner peace". Melbourne church is one of the finest Norman Parish churches in the country and features a 2 tower façade and a nave of 5 bays.

While many churches have soaring spires, it's rare to find one like that above St Mary's & All Saints Church in Chesterfield where you can see an amazing crooked spire. You're equally likely to gaze in awe at the 14th century Tideswell Church, known as the "Cathedral of the Peak".

Speedwell Cavern,
Castleton



St Mary's
& All Saints,
Chesterfield

• *time to*
indulge

This is your time! Ditch the diet, get ready to relax, enjoy some retail therapy and relish a stay that's all about YOU!



Manifold Tearooms, Ilam

Don't you deserve a break from cooking? It's your turn to enjoy "home made" food! Relax and taste someone else's dishes in one of the many tea shops and award-winning restaurants.



Castleton

Farmers' Markets:

BAKEWELL
last Saturday of the month

BELPER
2nd Saturday of the month

BUXTON
1st Thursday of the month
(except January and August)
plus Monday 21 December

CHESTERFIELD
2nd Thursday of the month

DERBY
3rd Thursday of the month

LEEK
3rd Saturday of the month

MATLOCK
3rd Saturday of the month

WHALEY BRIDGE
2nd Saturday of the month

Food And Drink Festivals:

BARROW HILL RAIL ALE FESTIVAL
Chesterfield 15 & 16 May

BUXTON FINE FOOD FAIR
17 Jan, 14 Feb, 14 March,
18 April, 9 May, 13 June,
12 Sept & 14 Nov

CHEADLE FINE FOOD FESTIVAL MARKET
every second Saturday in the month

CHEADLE CONTINENTAL MARKET
18 & 19 April

DERBYSHIRE FOOD & DRINK FAIR
Bolsover 16 & 17 May

DERBYSHIRE FOOD FESTIVAL
Countywide 16 - 25 May

DENBY POTTERY VISITOR CENTRE
30 - 31 AUG

GREAT PEAK DISTRICT FAIR
Buxton 17 & 18 October

LEEK FINE FOOD FESTIVAL MARKET
every third Saturday in the month

savour the flavour

Time for a guilt-free feast! Come to the Peak District & Derbyshire and enjoy fresh, healthy food produced by local people in a beautiful setting.



Reduce your food miles

Why not shop locally, knowing that local produce sold in farm shops and at farmers' markets helps the environment by reducing food miles and packaging waste?

Initiatives like Peak District Foods www.peakdistrictfoods.co.uk and A Taste of Staffordshire www.tasteofstaffordshire.com will help you to find the very best local food. Meet and talk to the producers at farmers' markets and food fairs. You'll not only love the taste of great fresh food, you'll be supporting local farmers.



Bakewell Pudding Shop

You just have to try the local specialities! Enjoying these treats is part of getting to know the area. As you eat a slice of Bakewell Pudding, can you guess what's in the secret recipe? Thornton's toffee, Ashbourne Gingerbread, I Should Cocoa's fine chocolates... you might plan to take them home for friends but better buy double in case you need to test them first!



Grazing cows in the lowland pastures provide the milk for delicious local ice creams. For something more savoury, try a traditional Staffordshire oatcake. You can even wash it down with a local award-winning wine from Renishaw Hall's vineyard, one of the most northerly vineyards in the world.

Real ale fans – you're in for a treat. In Derby alone there are over 120 real ale pubs, three micro breweries and two CAMRA Beer Festivals each year. No wonder it's known as the Midlands' Real Ale Capital! There are now more than 30 micro breweries in the Peak District & Derbyshire. If beer's not your brew, then head



for Northern Tea Merchants in Chesterfield, a speciality tea room and shop which describes itself as an "emporium of taste".



Tips to take home?

Enhance your cookery skills with a day at Coghlan's School of Wine, Food & Dining in Chesterfield or bring friends and family to the Chef's Table at the new Cathedral Quarter Hotel in Derby. You'll marvel at the art of a top chef who will talk you through the menu and let you watch all the action in the kitchen through a window in your own private dining room.



Chef's Table, The Cathedral Quarter Hotel

retail therapy *time for some*

Look for something different in quirky and independent shops, where you never know what you might find.

Whether you have an interest in antiques, a passion for crafts or an eye for a bargain, we've got plenty of ways for you to treat yourself!

Shopping – something old, something new

No matter how much you love shopping, in the Peak District & Derbyshire you'll spend as much time looking at your surroundings as the treats inside. Old railway stations, market halls and mills are just some of the venues now imaginatively converted to house modern shopping emporiums. Even the larger shopping villages are in beautiful historic buildings, such as de Bradelei at Belper and Masson Mills near Matlock, a fine example of an Arkwright cotton spinning mill.



Church Street, Ashbourne

In Buxton, the modern and upmarket Cavendish Arcade is set within a fantastic, Victorian-tiled shopping arcade in an old thermal bath complex. Discover a lively mix of shops and cafés at Leek's hidden treasure, the 19th century Getliffes Yard. David Mellor's Round Building near Hathersage is award-winning and distinctive. You can buy quality cutlery and kitchenware or enjoy refreshments in the design gallery.

The Peak District & Derbyshire is perfect for antique hunters, especially those who don't want to pay the high prices of more famous centres. Uncover a treasure at one of the fairs at Kedleston Hall, Derby University or Pavilion Gardens, Buxton. Hunt down an unusual find in one of the many antique shops in Leek, Belper, Ashbourne and Bakewell.



David Mellor Round Building, Hathersage



Chesterfield Market

Marvellous Markets

The great thing about markets is you never know exactly what you'll find and part of the fun is uncovering treasures to take home.

Chesterfield has one of the largest open air markets in the country, celebrating its historic origins at the Medieval Market in July.

- **MONDAY:** Bakewell, Chesterfield, Derby
- **TUESDAY:** Alfreton, Buxton, Cheadle, Derby, Matlock, Wirksworth
- **WEDNESDAY:** Derby, Leek, Long Eaton
- **THURSDAY:** Alfreton, Ashbourne, Chesterfield (Flea Market), Derby, Glossop, Ilkeston
- **FRIDAY:** Alfreton, Cheadle, Chesterfield, Derby, Glossop, Heanor, Leek, Long Eaton, Matlock, Ripley
- **SATURDAY:** Alfreton, Ashbourne, Buxton, Cheadle, Chesterfield, Derby, Glossop, Ilkeston, Leek, Long Eaton, Ripley



Cavendish Arcade, Buxton

Take home something special

If you're looking for something a little different, there are so many small independent shops, artists' studios and galleries where you can find unique handmade gifts from local designers and craftspeople, often made from local natural materials. One such venue is the Ferrers Centre for Arts & Crafts in Staunton Harold, home to 17 high quality workshops set within a magnificent Georgian stable-courtyard. You can even take part in one of the regular workshops to learn a new skill yourself.

Look out for modern bargains in some of the factory outlets such as Denby's Factory Shop where you can also see free cookery demonstrations. For great savings on designer outfits, take a trip to East Midland's Designer Outlet, just off junction 28 of the M1.



Peak District Products



Denby Pottery

in the *peak* city

Chosen as one of the BBC's featured 'Breathing Places' for 2008, Derby has been described as a 'city in the countryside'.

Easy eco

Derby is very easy to reach by train with direct links to over 30 other cities. Since it's so compact, you can easily explore Derby on foot. And if you fancy a change of scene, enjoy a trip into the neighbouring Peak District & Derbyshire countryside.

Old...

For a bit of fun, you might want to take friends and family to keep you company on one of Derby's famous ghost walks, created by Most Haunted's Richard Felix.

Visit the Royal Crown Derby Visitor Centre and you'll see the roots of Derby's porcelain making. Nearby are more 18th century treasures, with portraits and landscapes by artist Joseph Wright of Derby in the city's Museum and Art Gallery.

... and new

Derby is a bright and cosmopolitan city. Be among the first to visit QUAD – a contemporary art gallery, independent cinema, café, bar and other stimulating spaces in a stunning modern setting.

Sadler Gate, Cathedral Quarter



Friar Gate, Restaurant Quarter



Westfield Derby



QUAD

Enjoy the bright lights and sophisticated feel of Derby. Cutting edge culture, shopping and entertainment, all in the heart of the city where ancient combines with very modern.

Westfield Derby houses a 12-screen Showcase Cinema de Lux. Why not rekindle a little romance in one of the luxurious leather love seats in one of the "Director's Halls"? Or enjoy theatre in the well-established Guildhall or Assembly Rooms.

Shop...

Derby has distinct areas all within a stone's throw of one another. You can be sure to take home something special and unique from one of the independent boutiques in cobbled Sadler Gate or Iron Gate within the city's Cathedral Quarter. You'll be spoilt for choice too with 175 stores in Westfield Derby.

Bargain hunters will be drawn to the indoor markets set within the beautiful Victorian architecture of the Market Hall or the Eagle Market. Regular farmers' markets take place on the third Thursday of each month.

... and drop

... into one of Derby's many bars and restaurants to relax and refresh. Friar Gate is fast developing a reputation as Derby's 'restaurant quarter', while Sadler Gate has lively café bars. Pubs, bistros and restaurants proliferate throughout the city, with a variety of international choices. Whether your taste is for French, English, Italian, Indian, Chinese, Mexican, Thai or Caribbean you'll find something here for you.

After a busy day in the city, relax in Derby's green patchwork of more than 300 open spaces including the beautiful Markeaton Park and Derby Arboretum, England's first public park which was used as a model for New York's Central Park.

Well Dressings

Come and see a special feature of the Peak District & Derbyshire - the distinctive well dressings. You won't find as many displays anywhere in the world.

The ancient tradition originated as a creative way to give thanks for pure water. There's still plenty of pure water and the well dressings thrive. Dazzling pictures are created by pressing petals, bark, seeds, berries and leaves into a bed of soft clay. Teams of volunteers from each village spend up to a week working on the images which depict biblical, historical or natural scenes.

The community spirit is strong and visitors are warmly welcomed. Over 70 villages

put on proud displays. Brightly coloured bunting swings from building to building, often signalling that the well dressing is combined with a carnival, local pageant or "wakes week".

This is just a selection of the well dressings taking place throughout the Peak District & Derbyshire. For a full list see www.visitpeakdistrict.com or go to one of the Tourist Information or Visitor Centres listed on page 113.



MAY

4 - 11	Newborough
9 - 11	Waingroves
9 - 17	Milford & Makeney
16 - 18	Etwell
16 - 20	Swanwick
21 - 27	Tissington
23 - 26	Wirksworth
23 - 26	Brackenfield
23 - 27	Endon
23 - 31	Monyash

15 - 22	Penistone
19 - 26	Norbury Primary School
20 - 25	Youlgreave
20 - 26	Mayfield
20 - 28	Litton
20 - 28	Tideswell
20 - 28	Over Haddon
27 - 2 Jul	Derby
27 - 3 Jul	Old Whittington
27 - 5 Jul	Tintwistle
27 - 5 Jul	Elmton
27 - 6 Jul	Hope
27 - 6 Jul	Bakewell
28 - 2 Jul	Rowsley
28 - 5 Jul	Whaley Bridge

4 - 13	Buxworth
5 - 13	Buxton
7 - 11	Harthill
11 - 15	Tansley
11 - 15	Pleasley
11 - 16	Aston-on-Trent
11 - 16	Belper
11 - 17	West Hallam
11 - 19	Charlesworth Village
11 - 19	Holmesfield
11 - 19	Childrens
12 - 18	Gee Cross
12 - 19	Hayfield
16 - 19	Upper Langwith
17 - 24	Dronfield
	Woodhouse
17 - 26	Milthorpe nr Holmesfield
18 - 19	Heage Windmill
18 - 26	Ault Hucknall, Glapwell and Rowthorne

18 - 26	Charlesworth & Broadbottom
18 - 27	Stoney Middleton
19 - 26	Bamford
25 - 29	Barlborough
25 - 31	Bonsall

AUGUST

1 - 8	Wingerworth
1 - 9	Bradwell
12 - 18	Barlow
13 - 22	Great Hucklow
22 - 29	Taddington
27 - 5 Sep	Holymoorside
29 - 5 Sep	Eyam
29 - 6 Sep	Wormhill
29 - 6 Sep	Foolow

SEPTEMBER

12 - 19	Chesterfield
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JUNE

6 - 14	Ashford-in-the-Water
6 - 14	Cressbrook
13 - 17	Ockbrook
	Moravian Settlement
13 - 20	Wyaston & Edlston
13 - 20	Whitwell
14 - 21	Marston
	Montgomery

JULY

1 - 8	Peak Forest
4 - 9	Coal Aston
4 - 11	Hathersage
4 - 12	Chapel-en-le-Frith
4 - 12	Dore

2009 Events

The Peak District & Derbyshire offers an annual programme of exciting events ranging from Country Fairs, Festivals and Food & Drink Festivals (see page 30) to Walking Festivals (see page 9).

Below is a small selection of 'don't miss' events; please visit www.visitpeakdistrict.com or contact one of the Tourist Information or Visitor Centres listed on page 113 for further information.

8 - 10 Jan
CAMRA Winter Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms, Derby
Tel: 01332 255800

24 - 25 Feb
Shrovetide Football, Ashbourne
Tel: 01335 343666

6 March - 5 April
FORMAT09 International Photography Festival, Derby
Tel: 01332 290606

1 - 31 May
Leek Arts Festival, Leek
Tel: 01538 483741

16 - 17 May
Chatsworth Nissan International Horse Trials
Tel: 01246 582204

29 May
Ancient Garland Ceremony, Castleton
Tel: 01433 620595

28 June
Derbyshire County Show, Elvaston Castle Country Park
Tel: 01332 793068

28 June
Denby Bicentenary Celebration Day, Denby Pottery Visitor Centre
Tel: 01773 740799

8 - 12 July
CAMRA Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms, Derby
Tel: 01332 255800

10 - 28 July
Buxton Festival
Tel: 01298 70395

10 - 28 July
Buxton Festival Fringe
Tel: 01298 79351

19 July
Ashbourne Highland Gathering
Tel: 01335 350415

25 July
Leek & District Britannia Show
Tel: 01538 483741

28 July
Chesterfield Medieval Market
Tel: 01246 345777/8

1 - 2 Aug
Cromford Steam Rally
Tel: 01629 582272

1 - 23 Aug
International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival, Buxton
Tel: 01422 323252

5 - 6 Aug
Bakewell Show
Tel: 01629 812736

8 - 9 Aug
Crich Tramway Village 1940s Weekend
Tel: 01773 854321

12 Aug
Ashover Show
Tel: 01623 811545.

24 - 28 Aug
Secret Agents, Bolsover Castle
Tel: 01246 822844

31 Aug
Hope Show, Hope
Tel: 01629 816558

5 Sept - 31 Oct
Matlock Bath Illuminations and Venetian Nights
Tel: 01629 55082

4 - 6 Sept
Chatsworth Country Fair
Tel: 01328 701133

6 - 27 Sept
Derby Festival & Derby Festé
Tel: 01332 255802

11 - 27 Sept
Wirksworth Festival
Tel: 01629 824003

24 Oct - 1 Nov
World Heritage Site Discovery Days
Tel: 01773 841488

29 - 31 Oct
Chesterfield Arts & Market Festival
Tel: 01246 345777/8

14 Nov
Christmas Lights Switch On, Castleton
Tel: 01433 623291

21 Nov - 24 Dec
Santa Specials, Midland Railway-Butterley (various dates weekends mainly)
Tel: 01773 570140

5 - 13 Dec
Haddon Hall Christmas Opening
Tel: 01629 812855