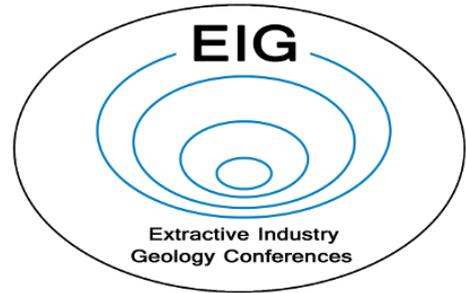




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A GUIDE TO FOOD AND DRINK IN BIRMINGHAM

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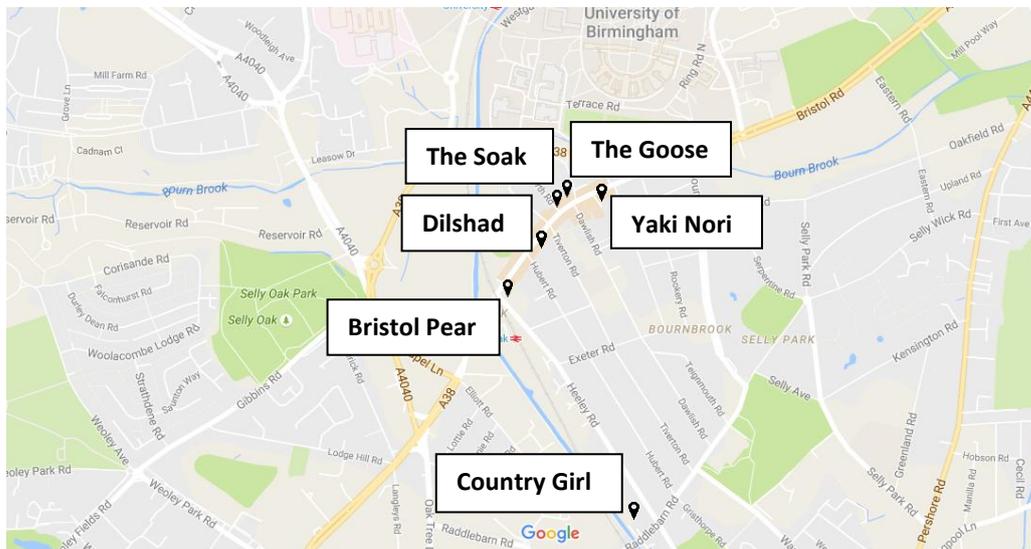
FOOD AND DRINK IN BIRMINGHAM

The global University of Birmingham is located in Edgbaston and is surrounded by some great pubs and restaurants to quench your thirst and feed your hunger bug. Below is a list, by location, of some eateries and watering holes which can be accessed on foot, by car, bus and/or taxi to make your stay easier. However, should you wish to explore this second biggest city in the UK yourself, you're bound to find plenty more!

SELLY OAK

Selly Oak is located within 5-minute walking distance of the University campus. The majority of the pubs do both food and drink. Although Selly Oak is a student village, term starts on the 19th September therefore the following pubs should not be packed with students...thankfully! Since they are in a student area they are **cheap** to eat and drink and do some **good deals**. There are more than the ones listed here so feel free to search for others.

- **The Goose:** 561 Bristol Rd. B29 6AF, Tel: 01214723186, <http://www.gooseovt.co.uk/>
 - A Gastropub with simple menu of pub grub
 - Popular boozier with the locals
 - Live sport and pool table
 - 2 meals for £8.99 (from selected few)
 - 2-for1 desserts
 - Burger and drink £7.29
 - Deals:
 - Tues: Big Burger Bar - £5.49
 - Weds: Pie and Pint from £5.99
 - Thurs: Great Grills from £5.99
 - Fri: Best of British Classics from £5.99
- **The Soak:** 563-569 Bristol Rd. B29 6AF, Tel: 01214714011
 - Pub food
 - Pool tables and live sport
 - Edgier pub/bar
- **Bristol Pear:** 676 Bristol Rd. B29 6BJ, 01214149980, <http://www.thebristolpearbirmingham.co.uk/>
 - Buzzy pub with live sport and pool
 - Pub grub
 - Burger, sharers, meat, chicken and fish
- **Yaki Nori:** 520 Bristol Rd. B29 6BD, 01214711666, <http://www.yakinori.co.uk/selly-oak/>
 - Japanese noodle and sushi
 - Open kitchen
 - Eat in and takeaway food
 - Limited seating area
- **The Country Girl:** 1 Raddlebarn Rd. B29 6HJ, Tel: 01214727639, <http://goo.gl/ON4xC2>
 - Traditional pub fodder
 - Changing cast of real ales
 - Further out of centre of Selly so not as full with students
- **Dilshad:** 618-620 Bristol Rd. B29 6BQ, Tel: 01214725016
 - Best curry house on Bristol Rd.
 - Welcoming atmosphere, staff are polite and friendly
 - Not that large inside

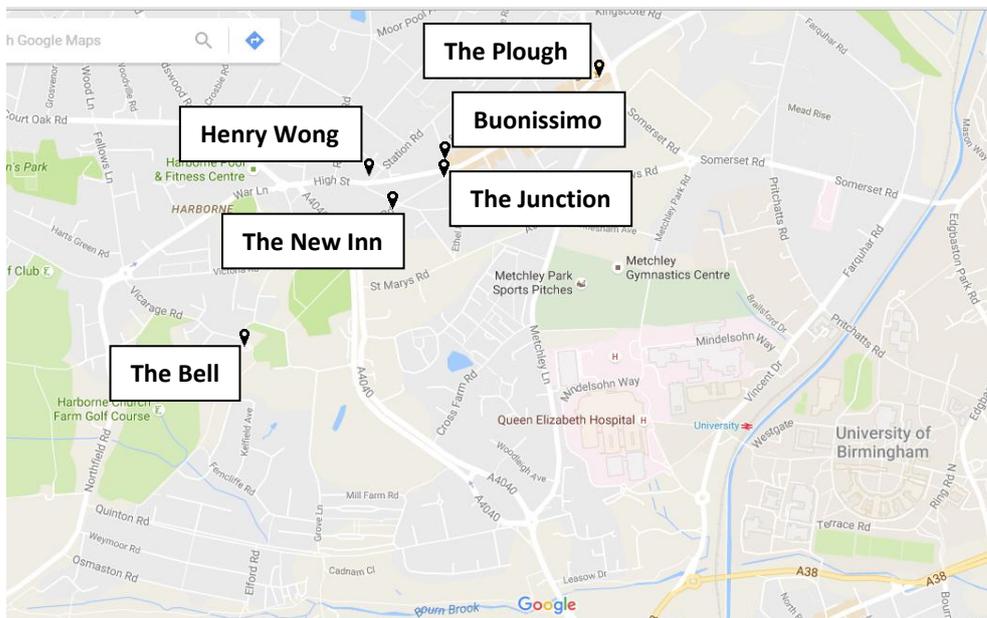


HARBORNE

Harborne is located around 2 miles from the University campus which is a **5-10-minute drive** but **30-minute walk**. Therefore, it is suggested you either drive, bus or taxi.

- **The Bell:** 11 Old Church Rc. B17 0BB, Tel: 01214284609
 - Old English country pub with bowling green
 - Classic pub grub served in a warm homely atmosphere
 - Small bar area (but quaint) selling real ale
 - Welcoming nice staff
 - Popular with locals so good to book
 - Limited parking
- **The Plough:** 21 High St. Harborne, B17 9NT, Tel: 01214273678, https://theploughharborne.co.uk/menus/Gluten_free_menu.pdf
 - Contemporary pub food
 - Generous portions
 - Can get busy so reservation may be useful
- **The Junction:** 212 High St. Harborne
 - Up-to-date pub grub
 - Slightly more expensive menu
 - Chain pub
 - Lots of seating available but can get busy at peak times
 - Great selection of beers
- **The New Inn:** 74 Vivian Rd. Harborne, B17 0DJ, Tel: 01214263373, <http://www.newinnharborne.co.uk/food/>
 - Gastropub out of the way of the main Harborne drag
 - Welcoming and good atmosphere
 - Large beer garden suitable for groups
 - Focussed on steaks with hearty modern dishes including pies, fresh fish and veg options
 - More expensive but worthwhile

- Deals:
 - o Weds: Steak Night 5.30-9.30pm 8oz Rump with chips for £12.50 (booking advised)
- Kitchen closed Monday's
- **Henry Wong:** 283 High St. Harborne, B17 9QH, Tel: 01214279799, <http://henrywongharborne.co.uk/>
 - Cantonese restaurant
 - Good, friendly service
 - Good for groups
 - Bit more expensive
- **Buonissimo:** 1 Albany Rd. Harborne, B17 9JX, Tel: 01214262444, <http://www.buonissimouk.com/spring-menu/>
 - Italian and Mediterranean restaurant
 - Friendly service
 - Good food
 - Reasonable price tag



CITY CENTRE

The University is the only UK university to have its own campus station which is only **two stops** from Birmingham New Street station in the centre of town. The journey from the University and Birmingham New Street takes only **8 minutes** with timetables available online. Alternatively, the **X64** bus travels from the University campus via Bristol Road into the city centre. The city centre has anything you want from French to....., the list could go on and on and on.....so only a few have been suggested.

- **The Botanist:** 14-16 Temple St. B2 5BG, Tel: 01216007430, <http://thebotanist.uk.com/menus/birmingham>
 - Food and cocktails
 - Range of meals available
 - Affordable prices
 - Good atmosphere and friendly service
 - Lots of seating

- Good for groups but good to book
- **The Lost and Found:** 8 Bennett's Hill, B2 5RS, Tel: 01216439293, <http://the-lostandfound.co.uk/birmingham>
 - Good place for drinks
 - Classic British food and cocktails
 - Slightly more expensive due to more up-market bar/restaurant
- **Five Guys:** Bullring Shopping centre or Birmingham New Street station
 - Not really a sit down meal kind of place but does awesome burgers with toppings of your choice
 - Only open until 22:00
- **Bill's:** Bullring Shopping Centre, B5 4BE, Tel: 01216437125, <https://bills-website.co.uk/menu/>
 - Slightly expensive
 - Large menu
 - Friendly atmosphere

The **Bullring shopping centre**, located across the road from New Street Station, and the nearby surrounding area has plenty of places to eat and drink including:

- Jamie's Italian
- Café Rouge
- Belle Italia
- Pizza Hut
- Ask Italian
- Wagamamas

If you fancy **Chinese**, you can visit Birmingham **Chinatown/Chinese Quarter** located to the Southside of the city centre.

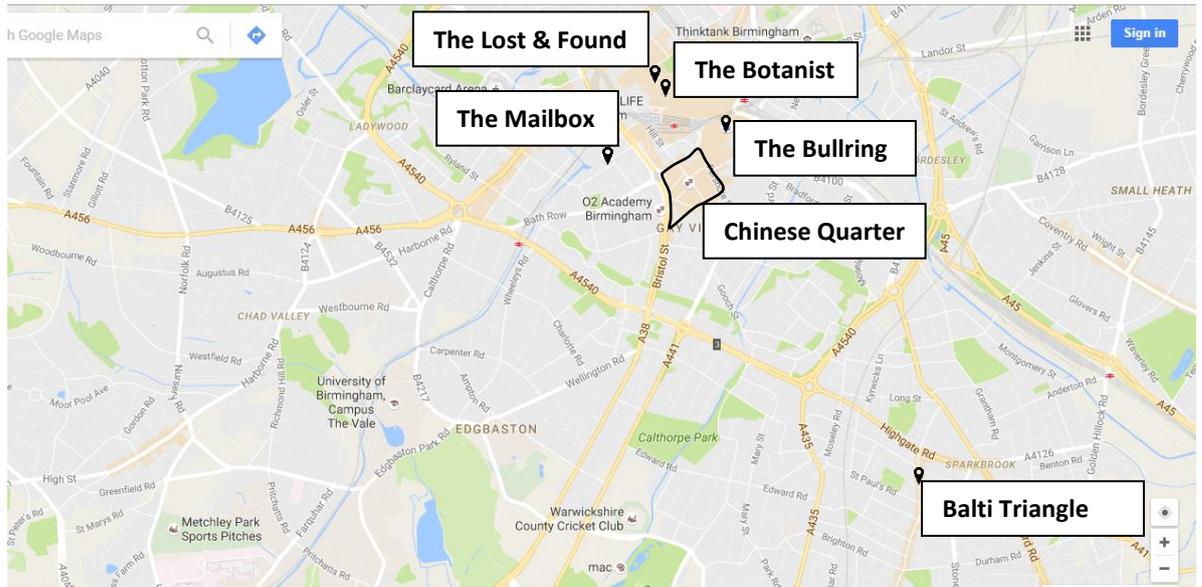
- 5-10-minute walk from New Street Station

Or if you fancy **Indian** you can visit the **Balti Triangle** along Ladypool Road, Stoney Land and Stratford Road which is the home to many Balti houses to spice your taste buds.

- 3 miles from the University campus
- 15-minute drive or taxi ride

Finally, the **Mailbox** is full of various restaurants, but is more of an upper end setting located near the canal. It serves a range of different cuisines including;

- Mediterranean: **Bar Estilo**
- French: **Café Rouge**
- Italian: **Zizzi's**
- South African: **Nandos**



GOOD PUBS

HARBORNE

- **The Junction:** 212 High St, B17 9PT
 - Craft type beers
- **White Horse:** 2 York St, B17 0HG
 - Real ales pub
- **The Bell:** 11 Old Church Rd, B17 0BB
 - Slightly further out of Harborne but worth it if you want a nice pub

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- **BrewDog:** 81-87 John Bright St, B1 1BL
 - Trendy craft type beers
 - Lots of selection
- **Post Office Vaults:** 84 New St, B2 4BA
 - Great beer selection
- **The Wellington:** 37 Bennett's Hill, B2 5SN
 - Proper old
 - No music
 - Lots of beer
 - Sociable place
- **Old Contemptibles:** 176 Edmund St, B3 2HB
 - Really nice old fashioned décor
- **Gunmakers Arms:** 93 Bath St, B4 6HG
 - Spit and sawdust type place
 - With its own brewery
- **Craven Arms:** 47 Upper Gough Street, B1 1JL
 - Great selection of real ales
- **Old Fox:** 54-56 Hurst Street, B5 4TD
 - Good old fashioned pub
- **The Shakespeare:** 31 Summer Row, B3 1JJ
 - Real ales in ornate Victoria pub
- **The Victoria:** 48 John Bright Street, B1 1BN
 - Colourful cartoon art and Victoriana décor