

# Welcome to Bakewell

**I**n a beautiful setting on the banks of the river Wye, Bakewell is an historic market town at the heart of the Peak District National Park. Its mellow stone buildings, medieval arched bridge and little courtyards combine to create an atmosphere of great charm, with pleasant gardens and riverside walks all adding to the scene.

A thriving and popular town, the wide variety of high quality shops and wealth of cafés and restaurants attract local people and visitors alike throughout the year. Surrounded by the spectacular countryside of the Derbyshire Dales, with excellent transport links, it is an ideal base for exploring the surrounding area.



## Enjoyable Shopping...

Personal service is the essence of shopping in Bakewell – whether it be in one of the many independent shops or at a stall on the busy Monday market. As the only town in the Peak District National Park, Bakewell is the focus of shopping - with a wide range of speciality shops and mouthwatering delis.



Take time to meander round the tiny courtyards and passages to discover high quality antiques shops, an Aladdin's cave of rare whiskies and several lovely shops filled with gifts for the home. There is also a wide range of outdoor clothing outlets to get you equipped for a walk in the surrounding hills. The Visitor Centre in the old market hall is also worth a visit for guidebooks and souvenirs of your visit. And don't forget to cross the bridge over the River Wye in the town centre to find more shops and places to eat at Rutland Mews and the Agricultural Business Centre.

## Don't Miss...

### Bakewell Markets

Bakewell has held markets every Monday for at least 700 years. The thriving stall market attracts locals and visitors alike to the bustling streets of the town. Up until the late 1990s sheep and cattle were also sold in the town centre, but now farmers from a wide area head to Bakewell to its modern livestock market across the river in the Agricultural Business Centre. On Mondays and most Wednesdays, visitors can watch the sales in the theatre-like auction ring.



### Bakewell Market

Mondays throughout the year

### Farmers Market

Last Saturday of the month  
[www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### Well Dressings

Last week in June  
[www.bakewellonline.co.uk](http://www.bakewellonline.co.uk)

### Bakewell Carnival

First Saturday in July  
(at end of Carnival Week)  
[www.bakewellcarnival.co.uk](http://www.bakewellcarnival.co.uk)

### Bakewell Show

First Wed & Thurs of August  
[www.bakewellshow.org](http://www.bakewellshow.org)

### Christmas Festivities

[www.bakewellonline.co.uk](http://www.bakewellonline.co.uk)

## Fantastic Festivals...

**Bakewell Food Festival** April  
[www.bakewellonline.co.uk](http://www.bakewellonline.co.uk)

**Bakewell Baking Festival** June  
[www.bakewellbakingfestival.co.uk](http://www.bakewellbakingfestival.co.uk)

**Bakewell Music Festival** August  
[www.bakewellmusicfestival.com](http://www.bakewellmusicfestival.com)

**Peak District Walking Festival** April  
[www.visitpeakdistrict.com](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com)

**Peak District Cycling Festival** Sept  
[www.visitpeakdistrict.com/pdcf](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com/pdcf)

## Gourmet Heaven...

Already famous for the wonderful Bakewell Pudding and the Bakewell Tart, the town has a growing reputation as a 'foodie paradise'. A wealth of high quality shops sell specialities such as locally reared meats, handmade chocolates and real ice cream and cheeses from Derbyshire dairy herds. With several traditional pubs serving food, plus award-winning restaurants and wide choice of cafes and bistros, Bakewell offers a good choice of places to eat and drink.



## Puddings Galore...

The origins of the Bakewell Pudding may go back centuries but it was the hotel cook at the Rutland Arms who is credited with 'inventing' the recipe in about 1860. The story goes that she misread her instructions - instead of stirring the egg mixture into the pastry she spread it on top of the jam – creating a local delicacy which is much loved and widely available around the town today.



## Buying Local...

Held on the last Saturday of the month at the Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell's farmers market is the second biggest in the country with over 70 stalls. Many of the stallholders are local, complemented by some speciality producers from further afield. Delicious foods on sale include rare breeds of pork, ranges of jams and preserves, smoked fish, Turkish food and chilli products. Tel: 01629 813777 [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/abc](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/abc)



## From Breads to Beers...

Bakewell's own riverside cookery school offers specialist courses in everything from bread making to tapas, see [www.hartingtons.com](http://www.hartingtons.com). The town's award-winning brewery offers brewery tours on a Wednesday afternoon, see [www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk](http://www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk).



# Get Active...

## The Monsal Trail

Bakewell's old railway station, once a busy stop of the Midland Railway line between Manchester and London, lies just outside the town centre. Today the line (now known as the Monsal Trail) provides a haven for wildlife and a traffic-free and almost level route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The track northwards, towards Buxton, includes four newly-opened tunnels and the iconic Monsal Head viaduct.



Cycle Hire is available at Rutland Mews, off Coombs Road [www.bakewellbikes.co.uk](http://www.bakewellbikes.co.uk) and at Hassop Station on the Monsal Trail just outside the town [www.hassopstation.co.uk](http://www.hassopstation.co.uk). Easy access to the Monsal Trail is available at Bakewell station (up Station Road) and there is also access at Coombs Viaduct (along Coombs Road). Walkers and cyclists are advised to park at the pay and display car park at the Agricultural Business Centre and access Coombs Road via the footpath at the back of the centre.



Bakewell also boasts a modern leisure centre (with swimming pool and gym), two public tennis courts and cricket and football pitches at the recreation ground, a nine-hole/eighteen tee golf club (visitors welcome) plus a bowling club in Bath Gardens.



For more information see [www.visitpeakdistrict.com/activepeak](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com/activepeak)

**Visiting Bakewell?...**

**Great value holiday leisure passes for pool and gym are available!**

**Bakewell Leisure Centre**  
Off Granby Road, Bakewell  
Derbyshire DE45 1ES  
Tel: 01629 814 205  
[www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/leisurecentres](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/leisurecentres)

# Bakewell – Heart of the Peak District...

Bakewell is situated at the heart of the Peak District (Britain's first national park) and is the ideal base for exploring the delightful countryside, picturesque villages and many attractions of the area



Set amidst the limestone hills and dales of the 'White Peak' and close to the high moorland and gritstone edges of the 'Dark Peak', Bakewell is surrounded by unrivalled scenery. Lovely dales such as Lathkill Dale and riverside paths by the Wye and Derwent offer gentle rambles whilst walks across high heather moorland are rewarded with far-reaching views.



## Bakewell Show

The town is famous for its annual agricultural and horticultural show – one of the oldest in the country - held on the first Wednesday and Thursday in August. Staged on its own 32-acre ground close to the town centre, the show has a spectacular programme of events and displays, making it the perfect day out for everyone.

[www.bakewellshow.org](http://www.bakewellshow.org)



This information is available in electronic, audio, Braille, large print and other language versions on request.

# Around Bakewell...

Bakewell is very close to some major attractions, all of which can be reached by bus from the town centre.

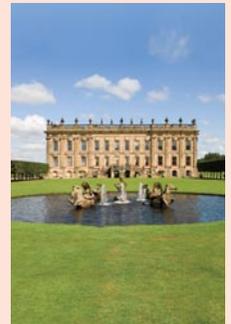
## Haddon Hall

A romantic medieval and Tudor manor house overlooking the River Wye near Bakewell, with a magnificent long gallery, oak panelled rooms, beautiful tapestries and lovely terraced gardens. Amazingly unspoilt and unaltered over the centuries the house is sought after by film makers and has recently featured in a number of period dramas including 'The Other Boleyn Girl' and 'Jane Eyre'. [www.haddonhall.co.uk](http://www.haddonhall.co.uk)



## Chatsworth

Chatsworth sits in extensive parkland, its magnificent rooms filled with treasures collected over five centuries by the Dukes of Devonshire. With over 100 acres of landscaped gardens, parkland, a children's farmyard and adventure playground, restaurant and gift shops this is understandably one of Britain's best loved stately homes. An award-winning farm shop and restaurant is situated nearby on the road from Bakewell. [www.chatsworth.org](http://www.chatsworth.org)



## Caudwells Mill

A unique, water-powered working flour mill on the River Wye at Rowsley, with a small courtyard of craftspeople (e.g. a glassblower and blacksmith), gift shop and café. [www.caudwellsmill.co.uk](http://www.caudwellsmill.co.uk)



## Peak Village

A rural shopping village (all on one level) at Rowsley, with over 20 retailers offering a mix of fashion, sportswear, food, homewares and gifts - many at discounted prices. [www.peakvillage.co.uk](http://www.peakvillage.co.uk)



## Peak Rail

Enjoy a ride on a working steam train which runs between Rowsley and Matlock. Special events throughout the year including 'Santa Specials' and 1940s weekends. [www.peakrail.co.uk](http://www.peakrail.co.uk)

