You can begin the tour outside the Students' Union:

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2. Cross the road towards the University tram stop – both yellow and blue route trams stop here, connecting the University to the city centre, train stations and riverside facilities, and Meadowhall Shopping Centre. Cross across the road following Upper Hanover Street to the right then take the first left around the University Barracks, where our Officer Training Corps is based, and onto Glossop Road.

3. Cross Glossop Road. One of the many pedestrian crossings and, after a short walk, take the right turn down onto Fitzwilliam Street. On your right is West One – a development of bars, restaurants and accommodation, and a great place for a night out.

4. Turn first left onto Devonshire Street to walk past a host of independent stores on your left and Green on your right. This beautiful outdoor space is used all year round and every July hosts the main stage of Tramlines. This is a free music festival in the city, attracting big name acts and over 700,000 people.

5. Continuing onto Devonshire Street you’ll pass even more independent bars, restaurants and shops. Feel free to take a look – we never know what interesting things you might find. A short way along the road on your left you’ll find the old fire station, a beautiful building which is now home to one of Sheffield’s most popular late bars – Bungalow and Bears.

6. Staying straight head you’ll reach Barker’s Pool, with its fountains, war memorial and the magnificent City Hall. As well as being an iconic building, the City Hall is also a great place to go for music and comedy gigs. On the corner with Division Street is also a great place to go for music and shops. Feel free to take a look – we never know what interesting things you might find. A short way along the road on your left you’ll find the old fire station, a beautiful building which is now home to one of Sheffield’s most popular late bars – Bungalow and Bears.

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12. Follow the main road left and you will spot the City House across the road on your right. This iconic building, originally constructed in 1927, has been one of the world’s most advertised telephone exchanges. It has since had many changes of use ranging from a major hospital to a street bank to a bustling city centre Post Office.

13. At the junction of Church Street and Leopold Street, turn left and cross the road. Go past the Leopold Hotel – you may wish to stop for a spot of afternoon tea. Turn right to enter Leopold Square. There are lots of bars and restaurants here, and at night there’s a real buzz about the square. Walking right across the square, take the steps at the other side back up to West Street.

14. From here you can turn left and walk back to the University. West Street is better known for its cafes that do great lunchtime deals; at night it becomes one of the busiest streets in the city, with thousands of people enjoying the atmospheric atmosphere in bars and clubs which can be found along the way. Where West Street meets Glossop Road again there are a few University buildings, including Edgar Allen House on the left hand side as you walk back to the University. At the junction with Upper Hanover Street turn right, cross the road via the University tram stop and follow Leopold Square back up to the Students’ Union where you began this tour.

* Alternatively, from the exit of Leopold Square you can turn left and board a tram back to the University City Hall stop. Any of the yellow or blue route trams arriving at this stop will get you back to the University in a matter of minutes. Equally you can catch these trams from any of the other stops on West Street as you head back towards the University on the left hand side of the road.

Thank You

We hope you’ve enjoyed your self-guided tour of Sheffield city centre. Don’t forget you can also do our self-guided tour of the University campus.
Visiting Sheffield and want to find out more about the city? Call in to Welcome to Sheffield Visitor Centre, located on Surrey Street, adjacent to the Winter Gardens.

Opening Times: Monday to Friday 09:30 to 13:00 & 13:30 to 17:00, and on Saturday 09:30 to 13:00 & 13:30 to 16:00.