You can begin your tour at the Students’ Union

1. From the Students’ Union, follow the concourse around the Hicks Building down to Hounsfield Road. Walk past the Information Commons on your left towards the University tram stop.

2. The University tram stop connects the University to the city centre, train station, local park and ride facilities, and Meadowhall Shopping Centre. Discounted tickets for students are available. Cross Upper Hanover Street, turn right and continue left onto Glossop Road.

3. Walk down Glossop Road past the University Health Centre on your left, and then turn right onto Fitzwilliam Street. On your right is West One Plaza – a development of bars, restaurants and accommodation, and a great place for a night out.

4. Turn left onto Devonshire Street and walk past a host of independent stores on your left and Devonshire Green on your right. This outdoor space is used all year round and every summer hosts a stage at Tramlines, a citywide music festival.

5. Continuing onto Division Street, you’ll pass more independent bars, restaurants and shops. This characterful area was recently named a finalist in the great neighbourhood category of the National Urbanism Awards. 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 – Bungalows and Bears.

6. Pass Carver Street on the left – a popular destination for student nights out – and go straight ahead onto 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 your way you’ll pass a golden post box, painted in honour of Olympic gold medal winner and University of Sheffield alumna, Jessica Ennis-Hill.

7. Carry on through Barker’s Pool and bear right at the end of the road towards the Town Hall. Cross the road towards the Town Hall and enter the Peace Gardens to the right of the building. Surrounded by bars and restaurants, this is a great place to relax.

Tour continues overleaf
Welcome to the City of Sheffield

This walking tour will take approximately 45 minutes. Alternatively you can continue on the tour turning right towards Leopold Square and the Cathedral.

Your tour begins here at the front of Sheffield Central Library. If you have time, have a look at the exhibitions on display there.

8. From the Peace Gardens, follow the silver ball fountains towards the large wooden-framed structure on your left. This is the Winter Gardens – the largest glasshouse in any European city centre and home to 2,500 plants. Walk through the gardens and you’ll see the entrance to the Millennium Walk through the gardens and you’ll find out more about the University of Sheffield.

9. Continuing through the Winter Gardens you will exit at Tudor Square. This area is home to Sheffield Theatres, the largest theatre complex outside London. It includes the Lyceum, the Studio and the Crucible which is known to sports fans as the venue for the annual World Snooker Championship. Tudor Square also features Sheffield Central Library and the Graves Art Gallery, which occupies the top floor of the library. The gallery features an amazing collection of 19th and 20th Century artwork from painters including Picasso – all free to view. For more information about the city, the Sheffield Visitor Information Centre is directly on your right as you exit the Winter Gardens.

10. If you would like to get to the train station, from Tudor Square, follow Surrey Street to the right, past the library entrance, towards Arundel Gate. At the end of the road, cross Arundel Gate, continuing to follow the path past the train station into Hallam Gardens. The terraced amphitheatre you will enter off Howard Street is now a focal point of Sheffield Hallam University’s City Campus. Follow the gardens down Howard Street and onto Sheaf Street where you will see the train station ahead.

11. From Tudor Square keep left on Surrey Street passing the Winter Gardens on your left taking the first right onto Norfolk Row – a quaint side street with a row of cafes and the Cathedral Church of St Marie. At the end of Norfolk Row you’ll emerge onto Fargate, one of the city centre’s main shopping streets, with many high street stores, banks and cafes.

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13. To explore more of Sheffield’s shopping options, you can turn left, following Fargate back past the Town Hall and Peace Gardens, onto The Moor. The Moor is home to Sheffield’s new, multi-million pound market development and a new cinema and range of shops will be completed in late 2016. Alternatively you can continue on the tour turning right towards Leopold Square and the Cathedral.

14. Sheffield Cathedral is at the end of Fargate. It is the city’s oldest building and there has been a church on this site for over 1,000 years. Guided tours of the cathedral are often available, these last approximately 45 minutes.

15. Turn left (as you face the cathedral) along Church Street, then turn left onto Leopold Street and enter Leopold Square on your right. This secluded retreat contains a collection of top quality bars and restaurants offering food and drinks from around the world together with the beautiful Leopold Hotel. Walk through the square and take the steps onto West Street.

16. From here, turn left and walk back to the University. At night, West Street becomes one of the busiest streets in the city, with thousands of people enjoying the atmosphere in the many bars and clubs which can be found along the way. There is also a range of cafes that do great lunchtime deals. Follow West Street back to Glossop Road, cross Upper Hanover Street and continue up Hounsfield Road to the Students’ Union where you began this tour.

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.