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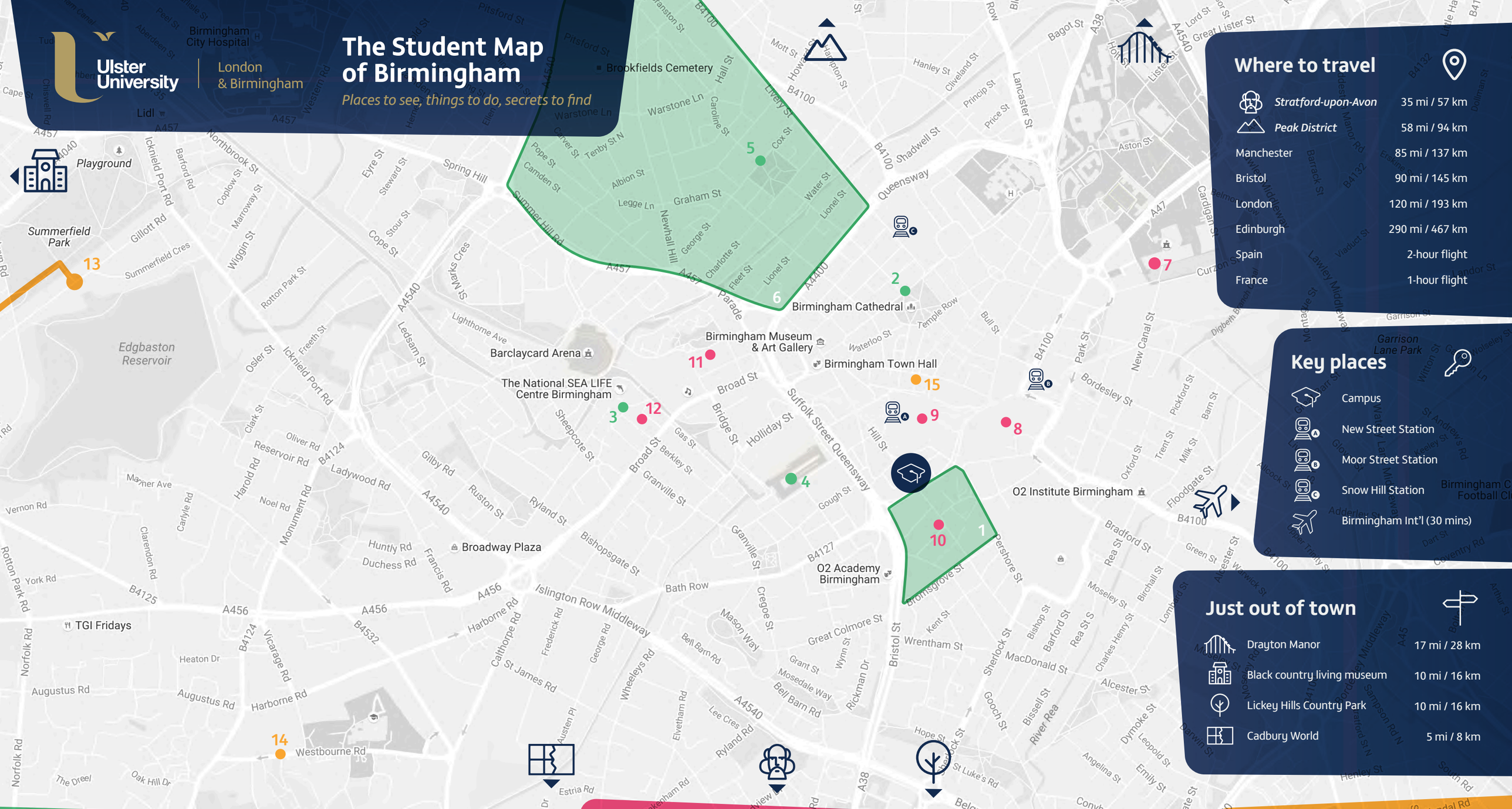
The Student Map of Birmingham

Places to see, things to do, secrets to find



Where to travel

Stratford-upon-Avon	35 mi / 57 km
Peak District	58 mi / 94 km
Manchester	85 mi / 137 km
Bristol	90 mi / 145 km
London	120 mi / 193 km
Edinburgh	290 mi / 467 km
Spain	2-hour flight
France	1-hour flight

Key places

- Campus
- New Street Station
- Moor Street Station
- Snow Hill Station
- Birmingham Int'l (30 mins)

Just out of town

Drayton Manor	17 mi / 28 km
Black country living museum	10 mi / 16 km
Lickey Hills Country Park	10 mi / 16 km
Cadbury World	5 mi / 8 km

Where to eat

1 The Chinese Quarter
Located behind the Bullring markets this area is home to a huge variety of authentic Chinese, Japanese and South East Asian restaurants.

2 Colmore Row
At the heart of a thriving business district, food ranges from steak and lobster to one of Birmingham's many Michelin stars.

3 Brindley Place
A lovely place for Mediterranean, American and world foods as well as humble English pub food.

4 The Mailbox
Completed on the turn of the millennium, this modern complex combines fine dining with a selection of high end gastropubs along Birmingham's famous canals.

5 St. Paul's Square
Centred around an old Georgian church you'll find a range of artisanal Italian food, steak houses, bars and restaurants.

6 The Jewellery Quarter
This historic area boasts great Syrian and Ethiopian food as well as the best roast in town.

Things to do

7 Thinktank Science Museum
Great for adults as well as children, a visit here will open your mind. The planetarium is a must see attraction. Entry £13.

8 Bullring
This is a famous shopping and leisure centre with a distinctive design. It's great for food and browsing shops during the winter.

9 Grand Central
With a grand atrium bigger than thirteen tennis courts, this train station hosts a modern array of shopping outlets and dining establishments.

10 Birmingham Hippodrome
This flagship theatre offers London's West End brilliance in the heart of Birmingham. Be sure to check out the latest listings here.

11 Birmingham Library
As the biggest Regional Library in Europe this great cultural environment has plenty of space for study, a café and a great view.

12 IKON
For those who love contemporary arts, this museum is one of the UK's finest. Find a mix of cutting-edge local and international talent on display. Free entry.

Best kept secrets

13 Harborne Walkway
This abandoned railway walk is a great to get away from the city, if you can find it.

14 Botanical Gardens
With fifteen acres of Victorian Parkland hosting some incredible events, visiting here will leave you marveling at the natural world.

15 Bacchus Bar
If you can find it, this Medieval retreat mixes oil paintings with leather books for an authentic feel.