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--- A Quick Guide ---
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Some Basic Facts about England, UK

Currency: GBP Sterling

You will find Stores will accept VISA, MASTERCARD and most others, but you will need a small amount of currency to be able to purchase goods from smaller stores for small goods as most times, the shopkeepers will want you to spend at least £5 before using a credit card.

Electricity: 240 V, British 3-pin plug

Please note that this is not a Euro style plug and most likely you will need to purchase an adaptor before you arrive, most airports will stock these. A handy tip is to just buy one and bring along a 4-Way splitter and a small screwdriver to change the single plug

Time Zone: UTC+1 or GMT+1 (British Summertime)

We are currently in British Summertime – please adjust your clocks upon arrival.

Smoking

There is a ban on all smoking within public buildings, & most private buildings, eg Hotels, Pubs follow suit. Please Note: Smoking is allowed outside everywhere.

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Think Green : print only if needed.*

The local area (within walking-distance) of the G-MEX

Places to chill

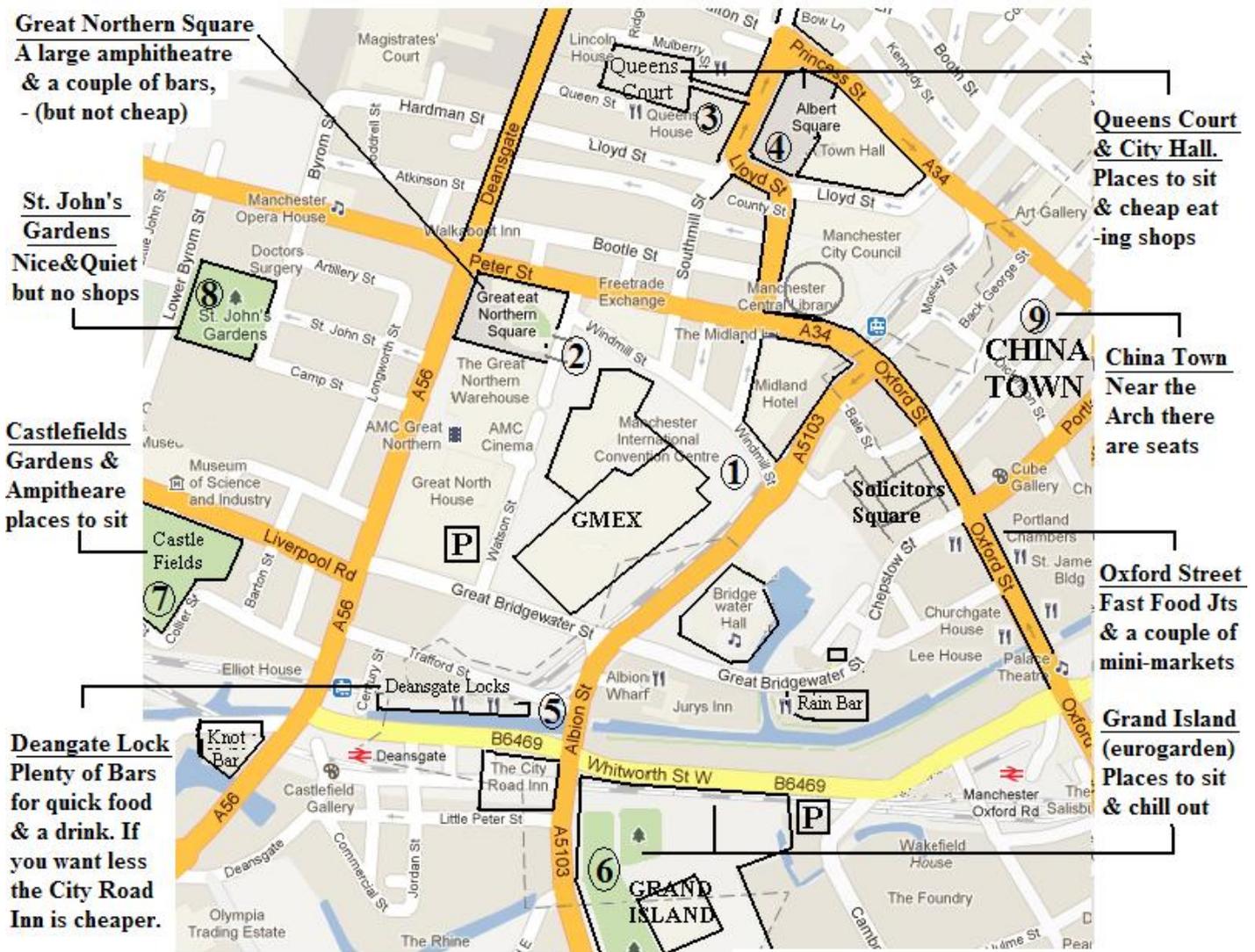
- ☒ Outside the GMEX
 - The Great Northern Square
- ☒ Queens Court
 - Albert Square (City Hall)
 - Deansgate Locks & the Canal
- ' Grand Island (eurogardens)
- ' Castlefields (amphitheatre)
- " St Johns Gardens
- " China Town (Chinese Arch)

Places to eat cheaply

- Queens Court – Greggs, Newsagents
- Pubs – The City Road Inn, The Rain Bar, The Briton's Protection, The Knot Bar
- Oxford Road – McDonalds, Philpotts
- Oxford Road – Tescos, Sainburys

Restaurants

- Great Northern Square, China Town
- Deansgate Locks (& on the Canal)





⌘ **Outside the GMEX**



• **Great Northern Square**



Ž **Queens Court**



• **Albert Square** (*City Hall*)



• **Deansgate Locks** (& all the bars)



& further along the Canal, **The Rain Bar**



' **Grand Island (+ gardens)**



' **Castlefields**



" **St Johns Gardens**



" **China Town**

Convenience Stores

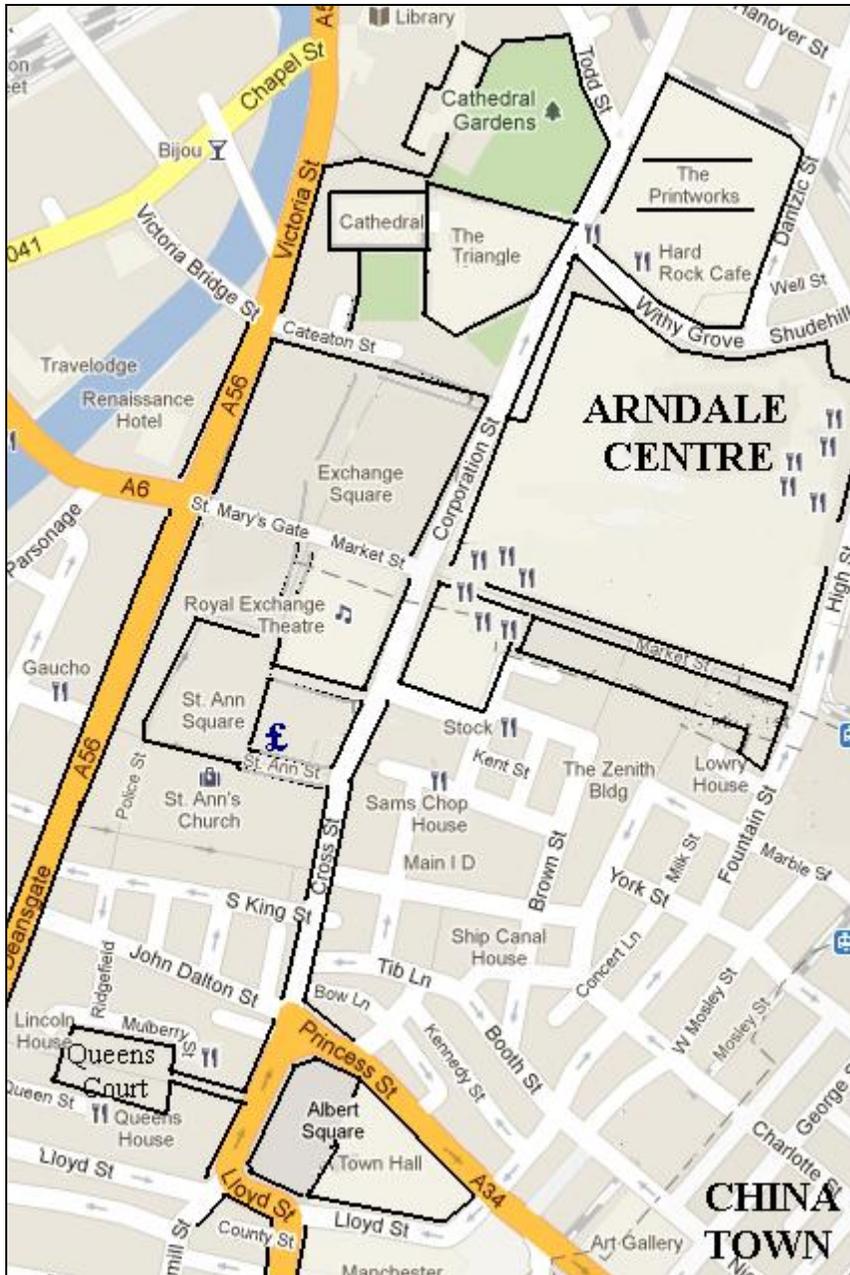
Manchester has a number of small (mini) supermarkets. You can also find small newsagent outlets walking North up Deansgate & Corporation Street. There is a Tesco's and a Sainsbury's on Oxford Road, (past the McDonald's). There is a Tesco's on Market Street, outside the Arndale Centre,

Local Game Stores

These are located in the ANCOATS area in the Northern Quarter. Check out: - Fanboy3, Traveling Man, Forbidden Planet & also AFFLECK'S PALACE – a large complex of alternative goods shops based in a large building [M4 1PQ]

Heading North in to the City Centre Shopping Areas

Ideally, you should walk up Corporation Street (from Albert Sq. City Hall) or up Deansgate from the GMEX. (Either St. will get you walking in the right direction)



Places to note en route

- " -Shudehill Bus St.
- " -The Printworks
- ' -The Triangle, Shops & the Big Wheel
- ' -Arndale Shopping Centre & Food Halls
 - -Exchange Square, (quality shopping lane)
 - -St Anne's Square (official City Centre)
- Ž -Piccadilly Gardens
 - - Spring Gardens & King Street, (quality)
- ⌘ -Albert Square & Queens Court – a place to sit outside & cheap snacks are sold here.

This route towards the Northern Quarter will take you past many cash points, (found near St Anne's Square and Market St next to the Arndale) and also an excellent choice of food outlets (*too many to list*). There is outside seating in St Annes Square, The Triangle, The Cathedral Gardens & Piccadilly Gardens.



Arndale Shopping Centre



The Triangle / *aka Corn Exchange*



The Printworks Cinema



Piccadilly Gardens (& 'Rice')

Public Transport System

Manchester has a tram system. Ticket prices will vary, but most likely be £2.80. This is the best way to travel outside the city to the suburbs & a good price.

The city is also serviced well by buses, (prices vary). Most common departure points are from Piccadilly Gardens & Shudehill Bus Station. You will have to check the maps in order to find the correct bus to your destination. You should only ask for a single ticket, (or a day saver) for that particular bus company. You can opt to ask for a full day saver for ALL buses, but this will be about £5.00

The Black Cabs in Manchester are expensive, but you can pre-order a private hire car to collect, but please note that the city laws prohibit them from cold pick-ups.

Restaurants

There are a number of quality evening dining venues in Manchester, go to <http://www.manchesterrestaurants.com> / some examples of the cuisine follow:-

Indian: - Undoubtedly, the best place to go is the 'Curry Mile'. Keep heading down Oxford Street [B5117] to the 'student' area called 'Rusholme', & you will find a mile-long choice of Curry Houses. *Quality & price vary, but can be excellent.*

Chinese: - Within the city centre, head towards China Town, and many can be found easily. There are also 5 Chinese Warehouses, each with a Restaurant above them, so the food is very fresh. The nearest one being the '**Tai Pan**' [M13 9TX]

Italian: - **Don Giovanni's**: situated very near the GMEX [M1 4PB]

SeaFood: - **LiveBait**: a specialist fish & seafood restaurant. [M2 5WA]

Steak House: - **Sam's Chop House**: a specialist steak grill. [M2 1HN]

The Restaurant Bar & Grill: a bit further north, but cheaper. [M4 4EW]

Expensive Shopping in Manchester

The Über-expensive shops can be found on Brown Street, King Street, in Exchange Square, and in Spring Gardens (if you are feeling spendthrift).

Other Places to visit whilst in Greater Manchester

ALL THESE ARE FREE: - Manchester Art Gallery, Whitworth Art Gallery
The Universities of Manchester, Royal Northern College of Music
Central Library (& Theatre) St. Peters Square, John Rylands Library

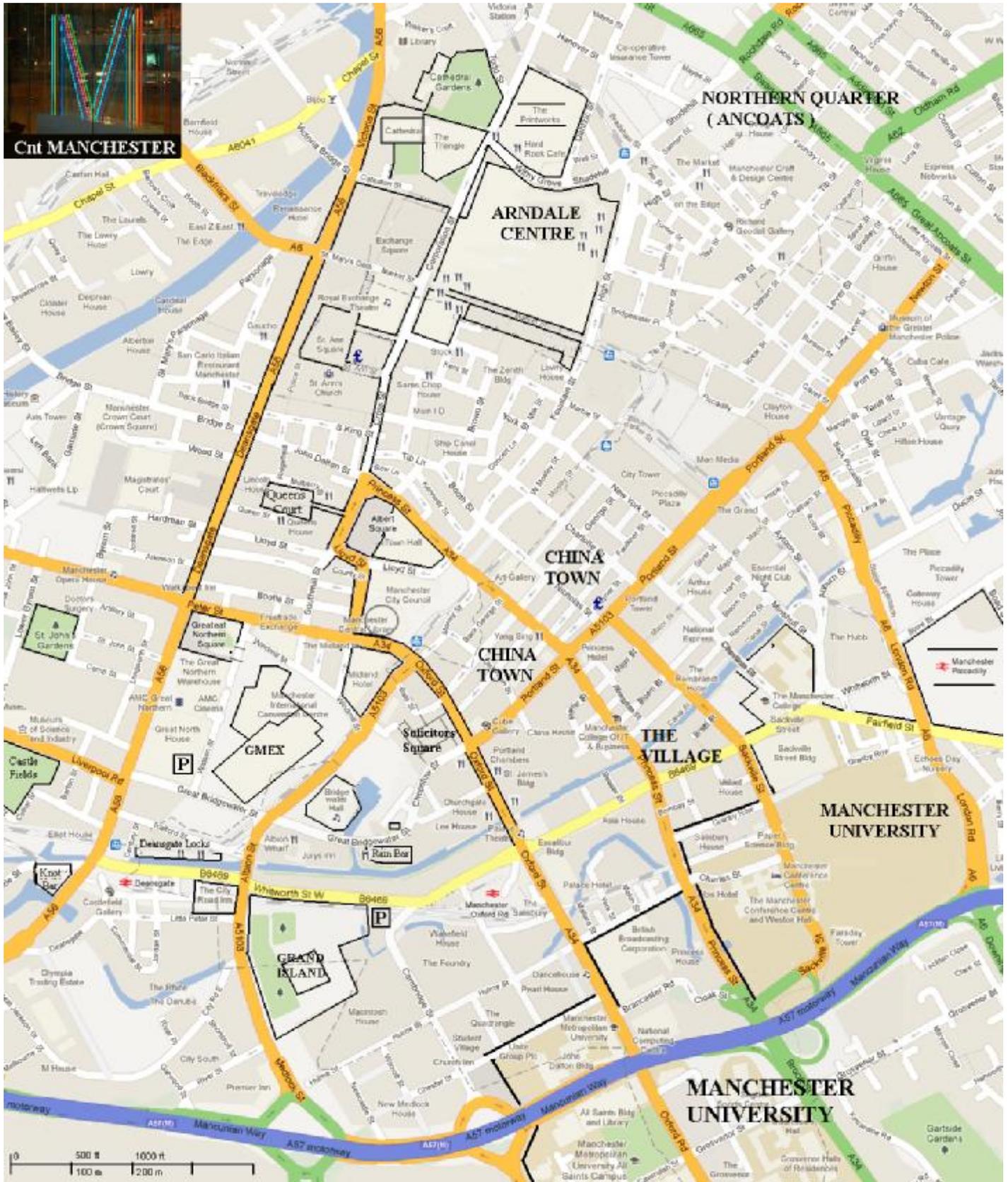
Salford Quays (*by tram from the GMEX*)

Including: Salford Media City, The Lowry, The Northern War Museum,
Old Trafford (home of Manchester United Football Club) [M16 0RA]

The Trafford Centre (Shopping Centre) by car or tram [M17 8AA]
& Chillfactore, Indoor Ski Slope, Barton Embankment [M17 8RH]

Eastlands (*by long walk or by bus*) [M11 3FF]

Etihad Stadium (home of Manchester City Football Club), Walmart
formerly the commonwealth stadium, National Cycling Velodrome



Map of Manchester - City Centre, (West) & (North)