Ludlow is on the Manchester to Cardiff mainline railway. You can find public transport options throughout Shropshire - get more information and book your journey on www.traveline.info or contact Traveline on 0871 200 2233.

BY TRAIN: Ludlow is on the Manchester to Cardiff mainline railway.

BY BUS: Buses to Ludlow travel from Shrewsbury (435), Hereford (492), Kidderminster (292), Bridgnorth (141), Knighton (738, 740) and weekend Castle Connect Shuttle service, May to September.

BY CAR: Via the main trunk road, A49.

PARK & RIDE: Eco Business Park (served from A49, SY1 1ES) Monday to Saturday – buses every 15 mins - first bus into town 07:35 - last bus out 17:35.

TOILET: Castle Street Public Toilets. Ludlow Library & Resource Centre (during opening hours).

Useful links and telephone numbers:
Visitor Information Centre www.ludlow.org.uk 01584 875053
Ludlow Castle www.ludlowcastle.com 01584 873355
Ludlow Historical Society www.ludlowhistory.co.uk
Ludlow Museum 01584 873587/873584
St Laurence’s Church Conducted tours of the church can be arranged via the Rector at 4 College Street. 01584 872073.
Mill on the Green www.ludlowmillonthegreen.co.uk
Ludlow Food Centre www.ludlowfoodcentre.co.uk 01584 856000

A DAY OUT IN AND AROUND LUDLOW

Ludlow is an architecturally beautiful and thriving market town, particularly known for the quality of its food and drink. Described by Poet Laureate John Betjeman as “the most perfect town in England”, the town layout remains essentially that of a medieval market town with over 450 listed buildings. As you wander through the town you will see alleys and squares with fascinating shops and eateries, which unlike those in many towns remain largely independent.

The beautiful country town of Ludlow is part of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) one of Britain’s finest landscapes.

There is so much to do in this lovely town

Shopping

There are many small, independent shops in Ludlow, which are well worth a browse. A corner of Market Square pop into Quality Square – just one of the hidden treasures of the town. Markets have been held in Ludlow Market Square for 900 years – presently there is a general market on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, with specialist markets on other days.

The town has focused on the ‘Local to Ludlow’ campaign and is renowned for its local produce.

Eating and Drinking

Ludlow is full of wonderful cafes, pubs and restaurant, some with Michelin stars. Take your time to enjoy some of these fabulous hosteries or grab a take out from the delicatessens or bakeries.

Historic Buildings

Ludlow is famous the quality of its buildings - the walk described overleaf will introduce you to some of the best examples.
There are many walking routes in and around Ludlow, so we have chosen two to get you going.

**EXTENSION TO YOUR ROUTE. PLEASE NOTE THE ROUTE IS FOR WONDERFUL VIEWS, HERE IS AN OPTIONAL SHORT EXTENSION TO YOUR ROUTE. PLEASE NOTE THE ROUTE IS STEEP AND CAN BE CHALLENGING IN PLACES.**

**Getting to the Feathers, Bull Ring and start of the walk.**

- From Galdeford car park – take the pedestrian alley past the library into the Bull Ring.
- From Lower Galdeford car park – at the top of Lower Galdeford head straight on and turn right at the Bull Ring. From the train station – turn right down Station Drive and then left past Tesco up Corve Street to the Bull Ring.
- From Castle Square Park & Ride drop off or the short stay car park – through the market, along Castle, High and King Streets, then left at the Bull Ring.

**Bromfield and the Ludlow Food Centre**

An extension to your day, or an option for another, can take you to the small hamlet of Bromfield. Here you will find a wonderful church with an impressive painted ceiling, the Clive Bar and Restaurant and the Ludlow Food Centre. The Food Centre is a unique food shopping experience where farming, food production and retailing come together to create a very special environment. Passionate about local food, 80% of the food sold here comes from Shropshire and the surrounding counties and 50% of the products are made on the premises in viewable kitchens that surround the food hall. In 2012 there will be a new nature trail and picnic area beside the River Onny.

**Getting there:**
- By car - Bromfield is just off the main A49, 2.5 miles north of Ludlow. Free parking at the Ludlow Food Centre.
- By bus - Regular bus services Monday to Saturday only.
- By Coach – Coaches are welcome at the Ludlow Food Centre.

Start on the pavement opposite and facing the Feathers Hotel and Inn, Bull Ring, Ludlow SY8 1AA.

- Walk right, up to the brow of the hill passing a pedestrian crossing - across the road is a black and white half-timbered building, the Tolsey. Turn right past Ye Olde Bull Ring Tavern, dating from the 14th century, into King Street and soon ahead is the Buttercross with its clock tower. Before the Buttercross turn right down a narrow passage to find the church of St Laurence.
- Turn right and continue around the church to reach the Reader’s House then cross the green, noting the splendid views of the Shropshire Hills. Turn left (College Street) passing the fine almshouses on the right, then on reaching Church Street (a narrow pedestrian alley) turn right and on through into Castle Square. Ludlow Castle is on the other side of the square.
- Make your way around or through the Castle Square to the Castle Street/Mill Street junction, the opposite corner from where you entered, and you will find the Visitor Information Centre and a museum. Head back now towards the Buttercross - you can take the High Street or the narrower Market Street.
- In front of the Buttercross turn right down Broad Street, with some fine Georgian houses, and continue down through the Broad Gate at the bottom of one of the original and the only surviving medieval gate into the walled town.
- Carry on to Ludford Bridge now with more modest but very attractive residences on either side; cross the bridge and pass the Charlton Arms. A short diversion left in to Park Road will bring you to St Giles church and more impressive architecture.

**On foot** - A leisurely walk of 2 ½ miles (each way) over fields and through the Oakly Park Estate. The route can be muddy in places and expect livestock, so dog owners take extra care and exert control.

- From Dinham Bridge follow the lane and signs for the Clifford Hotel and just before the hotel take the marked path on the right. Keep to the right boundary and follow the path over fields, stiles and footbridges for ¼ mile. Near the end of the fourth field, the path turns left and crosses to a stile and down to another. Bear right in the direction of the arrow across the open field to a gate in the corner near a large oak tree. Continue straight to the next corner and bear left on a track to a tarmac lane. Turn right and follow this lane (a bridleway), passing the Lodge, and on for a mile to Bromfield.
- Cross the Bridge noting the hydrogenation project, which by 2012 will be generating enough renewable clean energy to supply the average needs of over 400 homes. Pass the church and to cross the A49, as this is a very busy trunk road, we recommend using the underpass. The Clive and the Ludlow Food Centre are a short distance to the right.

- Turn right at Ludford corner and take the footpath to the right and up stone steps to Whitcliffe Common. Continue along the path keeping to the lower route route you can see some excellent examples of Ludlow’s Geology. With the Teme to your right continue on this path, known as the Bread Walk because payment to those who laid it in the 1850s was in bread, to ensure that their families and not the local hostels benefited. After 5-10 minutes or so you will reach Dinham Bridge.

- To return to Ludlow foot, retrace your steps, passing the church, over the bridge and bear right where the road forks at the gatehouse and on for a mile. On passing The Lodge join the hedged lane and just after the first gate on the left re-join the track and take the marked path across fields. Alternatively you can stay on the road through the farm and continue on the lane all the way back to Dinham.