

LANGUAGE LEVEL: **A2-PRE INTERMEDIATE**


YUMMY LEEDS!

CITY OF FOOD LOVERS

La ciudad inglesa de Leeds quiere atraer más turismo. El reclamo: su gastronomía y un certamen que atrae a grandes cocineros y *gourmets*, el *Loves Food Festival*.

The northern city of Leeds is in an unusual position. On the one hand, it is 'the gateway' to Yorkshire, England's largest (and, some people would say, most beautiful) county. And yet Leeds is not really on the tourist

trail¹: the nearby city of York is smaller and more picturesque. In terms of size and history, Leeds is more similar to its Lancashire rivals Liverpool and Manchester, but they enjoy greater cultural recognition (because of their associations with, respectively, The Beatles, and the 'Madchester' scene).



How to go...

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FESTIVAL FEVER

Leeds is therefore working hard to put itself on the map². This could explain why it organises the Leeds Loves Food Festival on the first weekend in July. The festival revolves around two main areas: there are entertaining cookery demonstrations (in 2009, by 'celebrity chef' James Martin, a Yorkshireman) in the city's Millennium Square, and there's also a splendid food fair in the historic Victoria Quarter.

The food fair is a showcase for such Yorkshire delights as seafood (see interview), beef and ham, but also for more ethnic produce. Kitchen Guru, for example, is a company that makes pre-packaged spices for fans of Indian cuisine. Leeds has many fine Indian



Above: Chandra and Rekha Parmar of The Kitchen Guru. Top right: Leeds Loves Food Festival. Right: the city's historic Victoria Quarter.

restaurants (such as The Bird, near the Royal Armouries) and diversity is one of the strong points of the British culinary experience. Some of Leeds' 'hottest' restaurants these days are The Mustard Pot, which offers fine English food and ales or The Angel's Share, which offers locally-produced food cooked in an American style.

GLOSSARY

- 1 TOURIST TRAIL: circuito turístico
- 2 TO PUT ITSELF ON THE MAP: darse a conocer
- 3 WHEREBY: por lo que
- 4 IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU DO
- AT MEAL TIMES: no es algo que solamente se hace en las comidas
- 5 TO WAKE UP TO: darse cuenta de
- 6 AVAILABILITY: disponibilidad
- 7 SEAFOOD PRODUCT: producto a base de marisco
- 8 PROUD: orgulloso
- 9 SUPPLIER: proveedor
- 10 THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER: esto, lo otro y lo de más allá.
- 11 DRAMATICALLY: radicalmente