

AUCKLAND CASTLE



LOCATION

ENGLAND

ATTRACTION TYPE

HERITAGE ATTRACTION/HISTORIC PROPERTY

OPENING YEAR

2019

BUDGET

£17,000,000

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Auckland Castle Trust

SUMMARY

Auckland Castle, in the historic market town of Bishop Auckland, was home to the Bishops of Durham for 800 years. A £17 million venture is now underway to turn the town into a major arts and cultural centre, whilst also restoring the castle to its original Georgian Gothic opulence, as designed by renowned English architect James Wyatt. In addition to renovating the Castle, which is situated in a park at the town's outskirts, across the town centre several new cultural offerings will also be opening in the coming years, including: a new Welcome Centre (opening later this year), orienting visitors to the town's diverse cultural offerings; the Mining Art Gallery, showcasing the mining community (opening this year in the Old Bank Chambers Building); a walled garden and restaurant (opening in 2018); and in 2019, new Faith galleries exploring religion in the British Isles, as well as a Spanish art gallery and research centre, housing the largest collection of Spanish art outside London.

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