**People**
The population of Birmingham is approximately 1 million people; 6 million people live within 50 miles of the City.

**Name Shares**
There are 30 other Birminghams around the world and one crater on the moon called Birmingham!

**Global Discoveries**
Joseph Priestley, a Birmingham minister (1780-91), discovered oxygen.

**America?**
Place names in Birmingham include California, Hollywood and Broadway!

**Canals**
Birmingham has more canals than Venice with 56 km of waterways.
**TEN THINGS ABOUT BIRMINGHAM**

**It’s Place in the World**

6. **Green Spaces**
   Brum, as it’s affectionately known, is one of the UK’s greenest cities with over 8,000 acres and 600 parks and open spaces. According to the city council, that’s more than Paris!

7. **Lord of the Rings**
   The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings were inspired by places and people in Birmingham. Their author, J.R.R. Tolkien, was from there.

8. **Food**
   There are over 100 balti houses in the city and its famous ‘Balti Triangle’ attracts over 20,000 visitors a week.

9. **Tourism**
   Birmingham attracts over 41 million visitors a year, with just over 1 million of these being international visitors.

10. **Access**
    90% of the UK is within 4 hours of Birmingham and London is only an hour and 25 minutes away on the train.