



Exploring York, one of England's finest historic cities

York's fascinating history stretches back 2000 years to its Roman origins before it became the Viking capital of England. You'll stay 4 nights at a city centre hotel, within a few hundred feet of the magnificent York Minster that can be visited using the York Pass along with many of the city's world class attractions including the National Railway Museum, Clifford's Tower and Jorvik Viking Centre. The streets are bursting with restaurants, eateries and shops, including the legendary Betty's Café Tea Rooms and The Shambles said to be the best-preserved medieval street in the world.



York Minster and the medieval city walls

York is a great base for exploring the historic county of Yorkshire. An easy day-trip by bus, and included in the York Pass, is Castle Howard, one of the finest private houses in the world. It tells a story of ambition, public service, liberal politics and artistic endeavour and might be recognised as for its starring role in the iconic BBC series *Brideshead Revisited*.

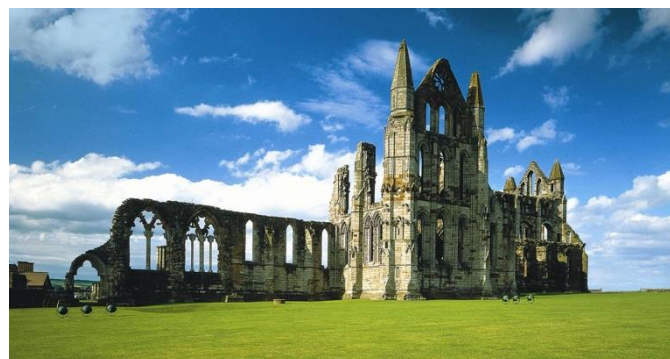
Whitby Abbey towers above the quaint fishing village of Whitby on the North Yorkshire coast. Accessible by bus from York city centre it can be visited using the English Heritage pass. Climb the famous 199 steps to the gothic Abbey ruin that inspired Bram Stoker to write Dracula. Enjoy fish and chips for lunch and browse the many jewellery shops selling Whitby jet, a famous product of the area.

Schedule summary

Arrival/departure	London Heathrow, London underground or car to/from London Kings Cross
Transfer	Train to/from York, 1hr 50 mins. Alternatively by car circa 4.5hrs
Stay	City centre hotel, 4-5 nights
Activities	City walls, city sightseeing, York Minster, Clifford's Tower, Jorvik Viking Centre, day trips to Castle Howard and Whitby
Combine with	London, Durham, Edinburgh
Visitor passes	York pass for entrance to city attractions and Castle Howard English Heritage pass for entrance to Whitby Abbey.



Castle Howard, a day trip from York by bus



Whitby Abbey



The Shambles