

Historic Landmarks of the North East



Based in Leeds

Monday 22 - Friday 26 April 2024

MONDAY 22 APRIL 2024

We will depart from our local pick-up point in Cambridge and travel to West Bretton to visit the **Yorkshire Sculpture Park**. This 'international centre for modern and contemporary art' is one of the world's leading open air galleries, and is set over 500 acres of 18th century parkland belonging to the Bretton Estate. Displayed in the stunning natural setting are sculptures by eminent artists from around the world, including Henry Moore, Antony Gormley, James Turrell, Barbara Hepworth and Andy Goldsworthy. There will be time at leisure to take lunch and explore the park.

We will rejoin our coach and continue the journey to **Leeds**, where we will check into **The Queens Hotel** (4 star) for 4 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation. After some time to freshen up, a **welcome dinner** will be served in the hotel restaurant.

TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2024

After breakfast at the hotel we will meet our local Blue Badge Guide to embark on a **guided walking tour of Leeds**, to include a free-flow visit to the **Leeds Art Gallery**. Established in 1888, the museum contains a good permanent collection of both historic and modern British art including drawings, paintings, sculptures and audio visual works. The gallery also hosts external programmes and touring exhibitions by local and international artists.

We will meet our coach and travel to **Temple Newsam**. The Tudor-Jacobean mansion is set in 1500 acres of Capability Brown landscaped gardens, parks and woodland. Highlights within the house include Chippendale furniture, ceramics, an extensive silverware collection, a Picture Gallery and a Chinese Drawing Room. There will be time for independent exploration.

We will return to central Leeds by coach, and the remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure for visits of your choice. Visits might include the Henry Moore Institute, the Royal Armouries Museum, The Tetley, Leeds City Museum or Leeds Industrial Museum.

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024

After breakfast at the hotel we will travel by coach to **Harewood House**, home of the Earl of Harewood. The house is renowned for its stunning architecture, magnificent Adam interiors, Chippendale furniture, fine porcelain and outstanding art collections including Italian Renaissance masterpieces, Turner watercolours, 18th century portraits and 20th century works. We will have a **guided tour** of Harewood House on arrival, followed by free time to explore the grounds and take lunch.

We will rejoin our coach and travel to **Kirkstall Abbey**. Founded over 800 years ago and one of England's best preserved Cistercian monasteries, Kirkstall Abbey's dramatic ruins and architecture are set in delightful parkland along the banks of the River Aire. There will be time at leisure to explore the ruins, grounds and the Visitor Centre. We will return to our hotel by coach for an evening at leisure.

THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024

After an early breakfast at the hotel we will travel by coach to **York**. Known as England's 'eternal city', York is a place of outstanding beauty, with its long and varied history recorded in the streets, buildings and museums.

On arrival we will meet our local Blue Badge Guide for a **walking tour** of the city, to include a **guided visit** of the mighty **York Minster**. Retaining the old term 'Minster', meaning 'a centre of Christian teaching or ministering', this is also the largest medieval cathedral in Britain, containing the Archbishop's 'cathedra' or 'throne'. Although work began in 1220, this great building took more than 250 years to complete. Its many treasures include 128 stained glass windows, one of the most famous being the Rose Window which commemorates the marriage of Henry VII to Elizabeth of York in 1486. This morning there will be the opportunity to take independent refreshments.

We will continue to the **Merchant Adventurers' Hall**, one of the finest medieval guildhalls in Europe that remains largely unaltered since the 14th century, for a

guided tour. The ground floor housed the Merchants' hospice where they cared for the poor, and also their private chapel where the religious services were conducted. There are good collections of early portraits, silverware, and other objects used by the Merchants over the centuries, when their wealth and influence contributed to make York England's second city after London. It is still the base for the Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York and they welcome you to explore this unique building and its 650 years of history.

The remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure in York for visits of your choice or simply to enjoy the elegance of the city. Members can visit Fairfax House, one of England's finest Georgian town houses that is home to a unique collection of Georgian furniture, clocks, paintings and porcelain.

Alternative visits might include the National Railway Museum, York Art Gallery, the Jorvik Viking Centre or York Castle Museum.

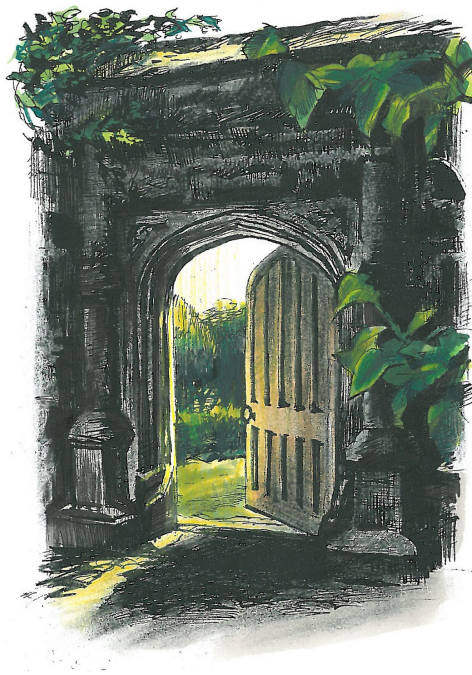
At the end of the afternoon we will return to our hotel in Leeds by coach. A **farewell dinner** will be served this evening in a local restaurant.

FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024

We will check out of the hotel after breakfast and travel by coach to Nottinghamshire to visit **Newstead Abbey**, a late 12th century monastic Abbey. The house is best known as the ancestral home of Lord Byron, who lived here between 1808 and 1814, and visitors can view his private apartments where many of his personal items are on display. The Abbey is set in over 3,000 acres of parkland including a lake, formal gardens, walled gardens and beautiful themed gardens. On arrival we will have a **private guided tour** of the house, followed by free time to explore the grounds and take lunch.

We will rejoin our coach and continue the journey homeward, arriving in Cambridge in the evening.

Please note that as this tour has been planned many months in advance, the final itinerary may vary slightly from the above.



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Practical Details

TOUR PRICE

£950 per person sharing a twin/double room

£200 single supplement

PRICE INCLUDES

Executive coach travel throughout
4 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation in Leeds
Dinner on the first evening in the hotel restaurant
Dinner on the final evening in a local restaurant
Services of a local Blue Badge Guide for two half days
Guided tour of Harewood House
Guided tour of York Minster
Guided tour of Merchant Adventurers' Hall
Private guided tour of Newstead Abbey
All entrance charges and fees

HOTEL DETAILS

4 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation at:

The Queens Hotel (4 star)

New Station Street, City Square
Leeds, LS1 1PJ

For further details please visit their website:

www.thequeensleeds.co.uk

MINIMUM NUMBERS

The price of the tour is based on a minimum of 20
paying participants.

Should bookings exceed 25 paying participants, the
overall tour price will be reduced by £65.
(the single supplement will remain as £200).

FINANCIAL PROTECTION

ABTOT provides protection for your booking as set out
in the Financial Protection clause of our
Booking Conditions.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is not mandatory for the UK, but we
strongly recommend that you have adequate insurance in
place to cover any COVID-related issues. We have
arranged a scheme with specialists Brokersure Limited
who are fully authorised and regulated by the FCA (firm
reference number 501719) full details of which can be
found on the FCA website www.fca.org.uk. Please call
Brokersure on 0330 880 3625 for a quote.

*Please ensure that any policy has adequate cover for
COVID-19 related issues.*

PAYMENT DETAILS

A deposit of **£300 per person** is due **as soon as
possible** and no later than **Friday 17 November 2023**.
Please note that as places on the tour are limited, bookings
will be accepted on a 'first come, first served' basis. The
final balance will be due by **Monday 29 January 2024**.

BOOKING & FINAL TRAVEL DETAILS

To reserve your place on the tour, please send your
completed booking form and payment to Heritage Group
Travel. You will receive a confirmation of your booking.
The final travel details (itinerary, hotel details and luggage
label) will be available approximately 10-14 days
prior to travel.

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