

TREASURE HOUSES of *Northern England*



CASTLE HOWARD



SEPTEMBER 27TH - OCTOBER 6TH, 2024

From the ancient city walls of York to the natural beauty of the Lake District, that served as endless inspiration for the Romantic poets, here is an adventure in Northern England that takes you behind the usual tourist façade. This spring, wind your way through countryside steeped in visual beauty on an exploration of the *Treasure Houses of Northern England*.

The City of York is a living history book, spanning the ages from the time of the Romans, the Viking invasion, a glorious medieval period, and its Victorian heyday as the railway center of the North. We'll begin our travels with an extended stay in this medieval jewel in order to truly do justice to all that this unique city and its surroundings have to offer. You'll experience a wonderful combination of free time to explore on your own, and guided excursions within the city, and tours of nearby gardens and estates.

From York, we meander past ruined abbeys, country mansions, and breathtaking scenery, traversing from one side of the country to the other. Our stay in Cumbria takes in several literary locales—Wordsworth's Dove Cottage and Beatrix Potter's charming cottage—and will give you an indication of why Wordsworth and the other Lakeland poets (Coleridge, Southey, et al. decided to make this area their home. Join Discover Europe, and like-minded friends, for a look behind the scenes of the *Treasure Houses of Northern England*.



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THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): **\$ 5190**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: **\$ 1090**

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

HOTELS: 8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
COACHING: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
MEALS: Breakfast daily, 5 dinners
GUIDES: Discover Europe tour guide throughout
BAGGAGE: Porterage of one large suitcase per person
ENTRANCES: Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
TICKETS: Rail journey on the Settle-Carlisle line

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.

PLEASE NOTE: Although our itinerary flies in and out of Manchester Airport, it is also possible to use London as a gateway and take the train north to join the group in York for the start of the tour. Discover Europe is available to help with extensions to the regular tour and any other individual travel arrangements.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH - U.S. departures to Manchester, England. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH - Upon arrival in Manchester we will set off for York (about two hours away). Our hotel rooms will be waiting, and the afternoon is free to unpack and explore. We'll gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: YORK**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH - A full day to explore the City of York. A guided tour of exquisite York Minster is followed by a visit to the Treasurer's House, where we'll enjoy a private tour of the cellars, which are supposedly haunted by the ghosts of the Roman Ninth Legion. York is full of wonderful museums, from the Jorvik Center, which recreates the Viking history of the town, to the Castle Museum, with its remarkable collection of Victoriana. Your afternoon and evening are free to explore the city, its sights, and restaurants.

(B) OVERNIGHT: YORK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH - Our first stop this morning will be at Harewood House, a beautiful Palladian mansion with some of the best Robert Adam interiors in the country. We continue this afternoon to Fountains Abbey,

Britain's largest and most beautiful monastic ruin, set in the valley of the River Skell. On our return to York there will be free time to rest and freshen up before we meet again to go and sample a local restaurant for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: YORK**

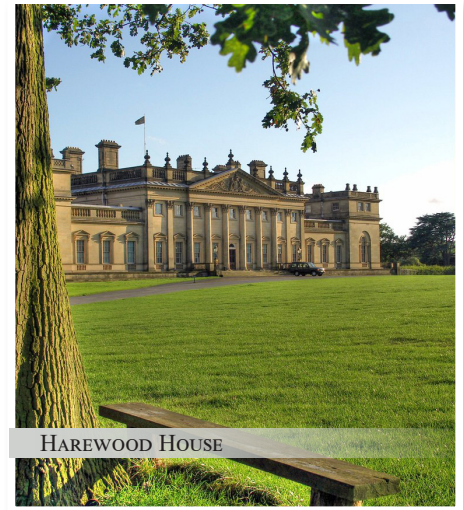
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST - This morning, take the short trip to Castle Howard, immediately recognizable from the BBC television series, *Brideshead Revisited*. This 18th century Vanbrugh masterpiece and its fine collection of Old Masters will enthrall. You'll have time to have lunch on your own in one of the estate's restaurants before we return to York for a final free afternoon and evening. Perhaps you could visit the Railway Museum, stroll through the Museum Gardens, climb up the old castle keep, or explore the wonderful shops on Stonegate. **(B) OVERNIGHT: YORK**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND - West through the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, our first stop will be Newby Hall, one of England's most splendid Queen Anne houses, where we'll enjoy a private tour. We'll stop in the market town of Hawes to visit the Wensleydale Creamery where cheese has been made since medieval times. At Aysgarth we'll visit the Upper and Lower Falls, an idyllic spot with a waterfall coursing down a series of limestone steps. Dinner will be at our hotel in the Lake District this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LAKE DISTRICT**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH - A leisurely drive through the northern Peak District National Park this morning brings us to the Duke of Devonshire's little country place—Chatsworth. This superb country mansion contains one of the finest collections of furniture and works of art in the country. We'll return to our hotel for free time before we gather for a farewell dinner at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: KNUTSFORD AREA**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH - Transfers to nearby Manchester airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B)**



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD - We explore the southern Lakes today with visits to Wordsworth's tiny Dove Cottage where he lived as a young man and wrote some of his finest poetry. We'll also tour Beatrix Potter's charming cottage at Hill Top, stopping for lunch along the way. This afternoon we will board a steamer cruise on Lake Windermere to enjoy the panoramic views of the fells from the water. We return to our hotel for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LAKE DISTRICT**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH - This morning we take one of the world's greatest train journeys on the spectacular Yorkshire Dales Settle-Carlisle line, boarding at Appleby and disembarking at Settle. The journey crosses some of England's wildest and most remote moorland. We'll meet our coach in Settle and drive down to the charming medieval market town of Knutsford where we'll visit Tatton Park, the ancestral home of the Egerton family. Tatton Park, the work of architect Samuel Wyatt and his nephew Lewis, contains a fabulous collection of 19th century furniture. We'll have dinner at our hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: KNUTSFORD AREA**

SCAN THE BELOW QR TO REGISTER FOR THIS TOUR!



Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **D** - dinner