

# A Journey through Glorious Yorkshire & the Lake District

July 2 to 10, 2022

From \$4,840 per person

From rolling moors and picturesque valleys to towering mountains and sparkling lakes, glorious Yorkshire and the stunning Lake District are two contrasting regions of outstanding natural beauty. Home to three of England's National Parks, these vibrant landscapes have a rich heritage and are scattered with picturesque rural villages renowned for their historic charm. On this fascinating break we combine this magnificent scenery with an exploration of some of the regions' finest houses and estates, discovering architectural grandeur, superb collections and enchanting gardens along the way.

## Nine Day Itinerary

**July 2: Arrival** (depart U.S. on 7/1)

On arrival at Manchester airport, a private transfer will take you to our overnight hotel, the Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotel, Manchester. In the evening join the group for a welcome drink, followed by dinner.

*Meals: Dinner*

## July 3: Wentworth Woodhouse and Brodsworth Hall & Gardens

This morning we enjoy a guided tour at Wentworth Woodhouse, built by the 1<sup>st</sup> Marquess of Rockingham between 1725 and 1750 and one of South Yorkshire's hidden gems. The Baroque west front and the Palladian east front combine to create an intriguing house of two completely different architectural styles. Having been closed to the public for over 25 years, the house is now in the process of being restored to its former glory and boasts magnificent State Rooms, acknowledged to be some of the finest of the Georgian era.

Next we visit Brodsworth Hall and Gardens. Built in the 1860s in the Italianate style for the wealthy Thellusson family, the house has survived with remarkably few changes. Brodsworth tells the story of the changing fortunes of the people who lived and worked here, while the beautiful pleasure gardens have been restored to their full Victorian splendor.

Later, we check in to the Middlethorpe Hall Hotel, where we spend the next three nights.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*



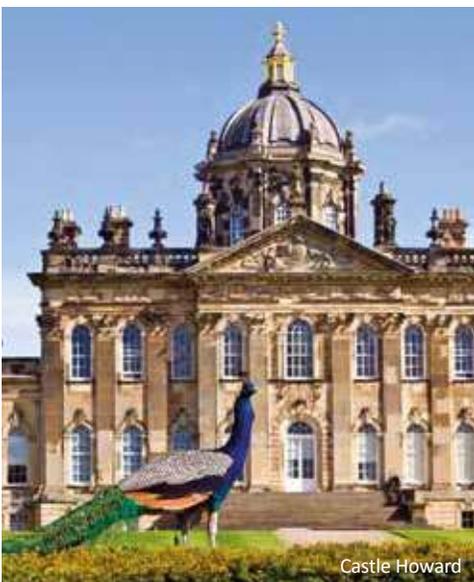
View from Lake Windermere



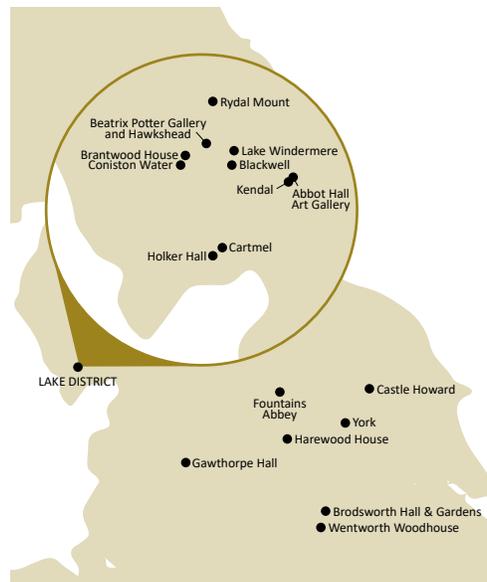
Harewood House

## Special extras included in your itinerary

- ❖ Guided tour of Wentworth Woodhouse
- ❖ Guided tour and lunch at Castle Howard
- ❖ Guided walking tour of York
- ❖ Guided tour of Harewood House
- ❖ Lake Windermere boat cruise
- ❖ Scenic drive along Coniston Water
- ❖ Guided tour of Brantwood House
- ❖ Guided tour of Rydal Mount House & Gardens
- ❖ Morning coffee at Blackwell
- ❖ Guided tour of Holker Hall
- ❖ Themed evening talk by a guest speaker



Castle Howard



## July 4: Castle Howard and York

Designed by Sir John Vanbrugh, Castle Howard has twice appeared as *Brideshead* in film and television adaptations of Evelyn Waugh's classic novel and has also appeared in the popular series *Bridgerton*. Home to the Howard family for over 300 years, this magnificent 18<sup>th</sup>-century residence offers world-renowned collections and stunning architecture, all set within 1,000 acres of breathtaking scenery. We are treated to lunch and a guided tour here.

We continue to York, where we enjoy a guided walking tour. The city is steeped in history, from its founding by the Romans in 71AD to its wealth as a medieval wool trading centre and there is plenty of evidence of this fascinating past left to admire, from the Roman city walls to the surviving medieval streets known as the Shambles.

After our tour, we enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant in York.

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

## July 5: Harewood House, York Minster and Treasurer's House

Built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Harewood House is one of the greatest Treasure Houses in England, with interiors designed by Robert Adam, furniture by Thomas Chippendale and an outstanding art collection ranging from Renaissance masterpieces to 20<sup>th</sup>-century art. Set in a magnificent 'Capability' Brown landscape, Harewood is still home to the Lascelles family and reflects the changing tastes and styles of the past 250 years. We enjoy a guided tour here and discover the house's highlights.

We then have the opportunity to explore the iconic York Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in northern Europe and home to some of the most stunning stained glass windows that have led to the Minster being described as 'the Sistine Chapel of England'.

Afterwards, we visit Treasurer's House in the heart of York. The property has a 2,000-year-old history and was the first house given complete with its contents to the National Trust in 1930. This is thanks to Frank Green, a wealthy industrialist who not only restored this magnificent architectural gem but used it to stage his remarkable collection of antique furniture, art and textiles.

After dinner back at the hotel, we are treated to a fascinating talk by a guest speaker.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

## July 6: Fountains Abbey and Lake Windermere Cruise

Leaving our hotel, we travel to the largest monastic ruin in Britain, Fountains Abbey. Nestled in the Skell Valley, the ruin is surrounded by some 800 acres of gorgeous countryside, including the Georgian Studley Royal Water Garden with its wonderful views, cascades, follies and statues, and a medieval deer park.

We continue on to Bowness-on-Windermere, where we embark on a picturesque boat cruise across Lake Windermere, the largest natural lake in England, with magnificent views of mountain scenery, secluded bays and wooded islands.

We disembark in Lakeside and travel the short distance to the Lakeside Newby Bridge Hotel, our base for the next three nights.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

## July 7: Coniston Water, Brantwood House, Beatrix Potter Gallery and Rydal Mount

This morning we enjoy a scenic drive alongside Coniston Water with its backdrop of spectacular scenery.

We then celebrate the Arts and Crafts movement at Brantwood House, former home of John Ruskin. Brantwood is filled with many fine paintings, beautiful furniture and Ruskin's personal treasures and offers a fascinating insight into the world of the famous writer, artist and social reformer. We discover more on our guided tour.

Our next stop is the picturesque village of Hawkshead where we visit the Beatrix Potter Gallery. The 17<sup>th</sup>-century building was once the office of Beatrix's solicitor husband and now exhibits her wonderful drawings and illustrations.

Later we visit Rydal Mount, poet William Wordsworth's family home for the greater part of his life from 1813 until his death in 1850. The house retains a lived-in, family atmosphere and contains portraits, personal possessions and first editions of the poet's work, which we learn more about on our guided tour. We also explore the beautiful terraced gardens, landscaped by the poet and set against the stunning backdrop of the Lake District countryside.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

## July 8: Blackwell, Holker Hall and Cartmel

We start with a visit and morning coffee at Blackwell, one of Britain's finest Arts and Crafts houses. Designed by MH Baillie Scott, Blackwell retains many of its original decorative features, including spectacular plasterwork and stained glass, while the rooms contain furniture and objects by many of the leading Arts and Crafts designers.

We continue to Holker Hall, home of Lord and Lady Cavendish, where we enjoy a guided tour. Dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century, with alterations and additions in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, it is a delightful family home with fine displays of antique furniture and art.

We return to the hotel via Cartmel, an unspoilt medieval village that has grown up around its famous 12<sup>th</sup>-century medieval Priory. Around the village square is an assortment of 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>-century buildings housing traditional pubs and quirky shops.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

## July 9: Abbot Hall Art Gallery and Gawthorpe Hall

After checking out of our hotel, we head to Kendal and the Abbot Hall Art Gallery, originally designed as an opulent house by architect John Carr in 1759. This award-winning art gallery now showcases a variety of works by a wealth of artists including George Romney, Daniel Gardner and John Ruskin.

We then visit Gawthorpe Hall, an Elizabethan country house affectionately referred to as the 'Downton of the North'. Family seat of the Shuttleworth family for over 300 years, the hall was redesigned in the 1850s by architect Sir Charles Barry, designer of the Houses of Parliament and the 'real' *Downton Abbey*, Highclere Castle. The hall houses the North West's largest collection of portraits on loan from the National Portrait Gallery as well as the Gawthorpe Textiles Collection, a wonderful collection of intricate lace, embroidery and needlework.

Later we travel back to the Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotel, where we enjoy a farewell dinner together.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

## July 10: Departure

A private transfer will take you back to Manchester airport for your return flight home.

*Meals: Breakfast*

**Please note:** the order of excursions is subject to change and guided tours are subject to restrictions.

## What's Included

- ✦ Return airport transfers from Manchester\*
- ✦ 2 nights at the Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotel
- ✦ 3 nights at the Middlethorpe Hall Hotel
- ✦ 3 nights at the Lakeside Newby Bridge Hotel
- ✦ Welcome drink and canapés
- ✦ Full English/Continental breakfast each day
- ✦ 3-course *table d'hôte* dinner on 7 nights at the hotels (with after-dinner tea and coffee)
- ✦ 1 dinner at a local restaurant
- ✦ Services of a tour director throughout your stay
- ✦ Travel to and from all excursions
- ✦ All entrance costs
- ✦ Porterage

\*supplement applies for transfers from all other airports

## Your Hotels

**Nights One and Eight** – Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotel, Manchester

**Nights Two to Four** – Middlethorpe Hall Hotel, near York

**Nights Five to Seven** – Lakeside Newby Bridge Hotel, Windermere

For more information on these hotels please visit our website.

We have a limited number of single places available with no supplement on this tour. These sell quickly.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## How do I make a booking?

Call National Trust Tours at **888-484-8785** to register by phone (preferred method) **Monday - Friday from 9am to 5pm (EST)** or register online at **www.nationaltrusttours.com**

## When are payments due?

When you confirm your booking with us, a non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person is required to secure your place. The final balance payment must be paid to us no later than 90 days prior to the tour departure date. Of course, full payment can be made at the time of booking if you prefer and for bookings made less than 8 weeks before the tour departs this will be a requirement.

## How can I pay?

We accept debit and credit cards (except American Express), for deposits and full payment.

## What paperwork will I receive?

When your booking is confirmed, we will email you a booking confirmation document along with a copy of our full Terms and Conditions. 90 days prior to the tour, we will prepare and send you our Travel Pack with your finalized information, reading list and tour itinerary details.

## Do I need travel insurance?

Yes, this is essential; we can only accept a booking on the basis that you have taken out a full and comprehensive travel insurance policy to cover the full duration of your trip. We will ask you to confirm this to us. If you choose not to take out travel insurance, this is done so against our advice and at your own risk; we will ask you to sign a declination form indemnifying us from any responsibility or cost in the event of medical emergency or repatriation. Information on travel insurance will be sent to you upon tour confirmation.

## Do I need a passport and visa?

It is your responsibility to ensure you have a passport which must be valid for 6 months after the return date of your trip. Tourist visas are not required for US citizens visiting the UK for under 90 days solely for the purpose of tourism. If you are not a US citizen or you are combining your visit with business, it is your responsibility to check the requirements for visiting the UK, you can do this by visiting the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) website to determine whether you need a visa to enter the United Kingdom.

## Are there single traveler room supplements?

We have a small number of rooms on each tour that are sold with no single supplement; once these are sold out we charge a supplement for any additional single rooms which varies for each tour. You can contact us to enquire about single supplement prices. Please book early as single rooms sell fast.

## Are room upgrades available?

All of the hotels on these tours have been hand-picked for their high quality of accommodation and service. However, in some instances room upgrades are available and we would be happy to assist you to arrange these should you be interested.

## Can you arrange extra hotel nights?

Yes, if you decide to arrive a few days before the start of the tour or leave a few days after the end of the tour, we are happy to arrange extra nights' accommodation. However, this service is only available at hotels that feature in the tour on which you are traveling and a \$35 administration fee is charged for this service.

## Are meals included?

All breakfasts are included on all tours. Certain lunches and dinners are also included and you should study the tour itinerary in this brochure to determine what meals are included on your chosen tour. Meals not mentioned are not included and all beverages are at your own expense throughout the tour.

## What do I do about any dietary requirements?

Please inform us at the time of booking, we will pass your information on to the hotel, property or restaurant who will do their best to accommodate your requirements.

## How many passengers will be in the Albion Journeys tour group?

Typically, between 10 and 30.

## What is the role of the Tour Director?

Our friendly Tour Director will meet you for a welcome dinner at the beginning of each tour. Their role is to facilitate the smooth organization of all operational aspects of the tour. If you have any queries or experience any issues during the tour, they are there to assist you.

## Will the excursions change?

Please note that we plan our tours far in advance and the order and availability of excursions may be subject to change. In the event of a property not being available to visit, we will substitute with a similar visit, and you will be informed of the full details.

## How much walking will there be on these tours?

As much or as little as you like. Any included guided tours will operate at a fairly relaxed pace, as with many historic houses and gardens, you may experience some uneven flooring and steps along the way. Of course, you will always have the option to explore any venue by yourself at your own pace. Any specific tour

in this brochure with more than an average amount of walking will be clearly noted in the itinerary. If you have any specific concerns, please contact us.

## What are the arrangements for luggage?

The standard luggage allowance is one item of hand luggage and one suitcase per person restricted to a maximum weight of 20kgs (44 pounds). We do provide portage at each of the hotels used on our tours, however, as with all things of a personal nature, it is your responsibility to ensure your suitcase is loaded onto the vehicles we use throughout the tour.

## What clothing should I bring?

Comfortable leisurewear is recommended for the daytime. In the evening many participants prefer to wear smarter dress for dining. Whilst gentlemen may choose to wear a jacket in the restaurant in the evening, at most hotels this is not obligatory, we will of course inform you if any hotel does have a dress code. It is advisable to bring layered clothing and a light waterproof jacket. We recommend sturdy footwear when visiting gardens as the ground may be soft underfoot. Many historic properties request ladies do not wear high heels which may damage flooring.

## Can you arrange my flights to the UK?

Albion Journeys do not arrange your air travel for our tours; this is your responsibility and gives you the flexibility to decide on your own routing.

## What should I budget for tipping?

While it is not compulsory, it is customary to tip the coach driver and Tour Director as well as offering a small gratuity to the transfer drivers to acknowledge the services they have provided. As a guideline we suggest a rate of £5 per day for your driver, £10 per day for your Tour Director and a couple of pounds for your transfer driver. Gratuities for hotel staff and the tour guides you may meet at properties on your day trips are covered by Albion Journeys.

For more information, please telephone the Tours Program at the National Trust at **(888) 484-8785** or **(202) 588-6300**

- web: **www.nationaltrusttours.com**
- email: **info@nationaltrusttours.com**

*All tours offered subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply. Errors and omissions excepted.*



Kensington Gardens



Bodnant Garden



Ickworth House



Sissinghurst Castle Garden



Costumed Interpreters at Hardwick Hall

## Terms & Conditions

It is important that you read the following booking conditions. These Booking Conditions form the basis of your contract with us. Please read these sections carefully as they apply to all bookings you make with us unless otherwise specified. All vacations are operated by Just Go Holidays Ltd trading as Albion Journeys.

**1. VACATION PAYMENT:** When you make a booking you must pay a deposit for every person named on the booking. Deposits per person and the balance due date (the period before the departure date on which your full balance normally becomes due) are:

Deposit	Balance due date
\$750	90 days before departure

If you cannot make a payment by card at the time of booking, please speak to one of our Reservations staff to discuss other options. You can make payments against your balance anytime between making the booking and the balance due date. If the balance is not paid on time we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you and apply cancellation charges as set out in clause 3. For bookings made after the balance due date, the full amount is due at the time of booking.

Please note if you booked a vacation with a booking date in 2019 or 2020, your contract is with Albion Journeys Llc. All bookings have now been taken over by Just Go Holidays Ltd trading as Albion Journeys and your booking has moved over to be contracted with Just Go Holidays Ltd. Any balances that are due will be paid to Just Go Holidays Ltd trading as Albion Journeys.

**2. OUR AGREEMENT:** A contract is formed when we issue to you the booking confirmation document and terms and conditions. It is important you read through these and any other documents you receive and advise us of any inaccuracy within 14 days of the document date. By accepting the booking is correct you agree to our terms and conditions.

We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracy in any document within 14 days of our sending it out. This contract and all matters arising out of it will be governed by English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

**3. VACATION CANCELLATION BY YOU:** If you want to cancel your booking after we have confirmed it with you either verbally, over the telephone or by email, you can do so over the phone or in writing. The following cancellation charges will apply:

365 to 182 days prior to departure	\$500
181 to 91 days prior to departure	\$750
90 days or less before departure	100% of the program cost is non-refundable

If any member of your party is prevented from traveling, that person may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you) providing we are notified no less than two weeks before departure.

Full terms and conditions will be provided with your booking confirmation. They are also available on request or via our website: [albionjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions](http://albionjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions).

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