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FROM ENGLAND'S HISTORIC CITIES

# TRAVEL TRADE GUIDE

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## WELCOME TO ENGLAND'S HISTORIC CITIES

Welcome to England's Historic Cities, a collection of unique and fascinating historical cities across England. This partnership of destinations is brought together by common tourism product and interests. Its purpose is to exchange knowledge, find solutions to shared challenges, benchmark performance, raise the profile of England's heritage product and facilitate joint activity, all with the intention of maximising the potential of the cities' visitor economies.

Its geographical footprint spans the length and breadth of England and membership comprises 13 of the country's premiere heritage locations: Bath, Canterbury, Cambridge, Chester, Carlisle, Durham, Greenwich, Lancaster, Lincoln, Oxford, Salisbury, Stratford Upon-Avon and York.

The consortium works closely with a set of strategic objectives with England Originals being the leading brand. VisitWiltshire leads on the travel trade engagement strategy working collaboratively with key trade partners to promote England's Heritage Cities worldwide.

This Travel Trade Guide will support wholesalers, tour operators, travel agents etc.. So whether you're selling fixed programmes, or bespoke tailormade tours for groups or FIT, this resource is designed to help you develop and distribute new England's Heritage Cities trade itineraries.

This travel trade guide continues to be expanded with useful trade focused product information, in response to feedback from the industry.

One-to-one product development and distribution support is available. Please refer to the 'Helping you sell England's Heritage Cities' and contact <u>Flowallace@Visitwiltshire.co.uk</u> for further information.



## USING THIS TRAVEL TRADE GUIDE

#### **KEY**

**VISITOR DETAILS** 

GROUP SIZE



DURATION OF VISIT



**OPENING TIMES** 



TRADE RATES

#### **PRODUCT TYPE**





RETAIL





#### TRANSPORT



COACH PARKING



**NEAREST STATION** 



**CAR PARKING** 



**MEETING POINT** 



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## HELPING YOU SELL ENGLAND'S HERITAGE CITIES

#### Why choose to sell England's Historic Cities?

Unforgettable journeys through England's Historic Cities. From full-throttle fun to full-colour history, food and drink to forts and castles, choose a path less travelled to get to the heart and soul of England. Create your own journey through our history and countryside. Hop on and off the train straight into the heart of our beautiful historic cities; each one a vibrant, richly cultural, beautiful and surprising place. Transport your customers into England's stories, into the heart of life with the locals and with a story for their own to write.

#### Who is England's Historic Cities suited for?

Anyone who has an interest in history and heritage, culture and curiosity. There are itineraries suitable for FIT and groups, millennials to those age 28-43.

#### **Trade Partnerships**

England's Historic cities provide perfect experiences for curious travellers, with specially crafted itineraries working directly with local partners ensure that you have not only a dedicated product, but one which also includes marketing and distribution support. So, whether you are an international tour operator looking to buy a bookable programme through a wholesaler or a wholesaler/tour operator wishing to develop your own programme for your customers, we are here to help.

Become an England Originals Trade Partner committing to develop and distribute England's Historic Cities / England Originals via your channels. In return we will feature you on our <u>Trade Partnerships</u> page, help distribute your <u>Bookable Programmes</u> via our channels joining up the distribution chain and work with you on joint educational and marketing initiatives.



## **HELPING YOU SELL ENGLAND'S HERITAGE** CITIES

#### How we can Help

We can offer you one-to-one support for programme development, help with content for newsletters, images, video and the England Originals brand. We can help educate your sales teams/agents/clients offering you virtual product sales training sessions and introducing you to city destination leads and supplier contacts.

If you wish to see England's Heritage Cities for yourself, we can help you identify suitable places to visit and stay and facilitate familiarisation/educational visits.

#### **Travelling Around England's Heritage Cities**

The cities are easily accessible by train so we recommend the trade to package and sell the BritRail pass as part of a multi-city programme, which allows visitors to travel across the entire National Rail network of Great Britain.



## INSPIRATIONAL & BOOKABLE SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

To help you present to your clients the rich choice of holiday experiences when visiting England's Heritage Cities, we've created multi city suggested itineraries for you to use.

The England Originals brand is also available on request for use in your marketing and promotional activity, giving inspiration to your customers so they book a tailor-made tour or fixed programme.

Simply use this trade guide to pick and mix the places to visit and stay in each of the suggested cities to create your bookable programmes. To make it easier, we've highlighted these themes on individual product pages throughout this guide.





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#### **THINKERS & WRITERS**

Featuring Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon. Lose yourself in academia, ancient and modern, at the university of 27 British Prime Ministers and a 'New College' built in the 14th century. Then visit Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon and stand where the greatest English writer was born, lived and is buried.



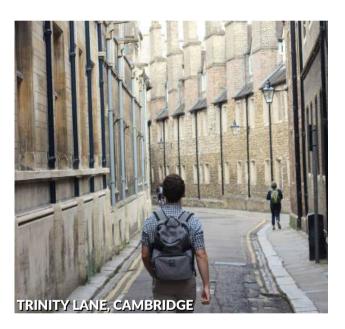


#### TIME TRAVELLERS

Featuring Greenwich, Canterbury and Cambridge. The home of time, of religious murder and of gravity itself. Sit beneath a world-famous tree, enjoy a pint with Lord Nelson and visit gloriously ancient sites of saints and pilgrimage.



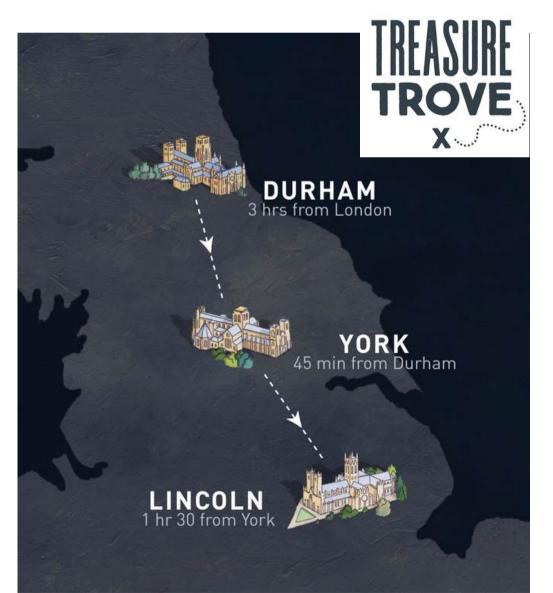






#### **TREASURE TROVE**

Featuring Durham, York and Lincoln. Find sanctuary in the Cathedral, dodge scary pigeons and Britain's wickedest woman. Harry Potter fans can wander the winding streets of medieval Diagon Alley, before ducking under them to meet Vikings. Find the tallest building in the world (in 1311), the first recognized contract between a king and his people, and the steepest coffee shops on 'Britain's Best Street'.



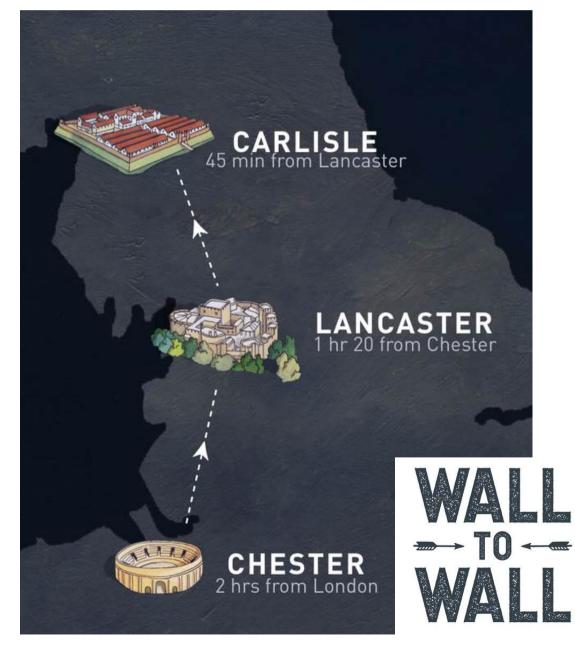






#### WALL TO WALL

Featuring Chester, Lancaster and Carlisle. From the most complete set of Roman Walls and medieval shopping galleries to famous witch hunters, a castle with Britain's oldest courtroom and a Hanging Corner. Take the train to the 'great border city', on the doorstep of Hadrian's 73 mile Roman wall and home to England's most besieged castle.









#### **WESTERN WONDERS**

Featuring Bath and Salisbury. Bathe in Roman springs, visit the house where the Planet Uranus was discovered before going further back in time to climb cathedral spires and witness Stonehenge's prehistoric stones.





#### NORTHERN CITIES BY RAIL

There are 6 Heritage Cities in the north of England that can easily be explored as a self-drive itinerary or can be travelled by train with a Brit Rail Pass.

#### Day 1 - Chester

Chester is a classic contemporary city, which boasts the largest Roman amphitheatre in Britain, the most complete city walls at almost 2 miles long, and the 1,000-year-old **Chester Cathedral** which impresses with its stunning architecture and rich history.

Take a relaxing trip on **Chester Boats** a great way to view the city from its scenic waterways. For a taste of excitement, **Chester Racecourse**, the oldest in the world, hosts thrilling horse racing events. Or **Chester Zoo** is a must-visit attraction for animal lovers.

Step back in time at the **Deva Roman Experience** and **Grosvenor Museum**, where Chester's ancient Roman heritage comes alive. Discover the cosmos at **Jodrell Bank**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, or explore medical history in a quirky way at **Sick to Death**.

Shopaholics will love Cheshire Oaks Designer
Outlet for its high-end brands at discounted prices.
For a unique historical experience, join a Chester
Viking Tour or a Roman Soldier Walking Tour to
truly immerse yourself in Chester's storied past.

Overnight: Central hotels include Hotel Indigo, Moxy Hotel or the Queen Hotel or on the outskirts of the city is DoubleTree by Hilton Chester



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#### **NORTHERN CITIES BY RAIL**

#### Day 2 - Lancaster

Lancaster is a captivating city brimming with history, culture, and entertainment. The Judges' Lodgings Museum is the city's oldest town house, where visitors can learn about Victorian legal history. Nestled below is Lancaster Castle, a stunning medieval fortress offering panoramic views and immersive historical tours. Visit Lancaster Priory, a beautiful historical church or Leighton Hall, with its exquisite architecture and gardens, provides a glimpse into local aristocratic life.

The Lancaster City Museum provides a deep dive into the area's past, while the Lancaster Maritime Museum celebrates its maritime legacy. Or the Cottage Museum which offers a cozy look at Lancaster's domestic past.

For a touch of theatrical charm, the Lancaster Grand Theatre offers a diverse array of performances and adventurers can test their wits at the Lancaster **Escape Room.** 

**Overnight: Royal Kings Arms Hotel** 

#### Day 3 - Carlisle

The largest city in England by area, Carlisle lies in the far northern corner of England, near the Scottish border, and is the urban capital of Cumbria. It links two world heritage sites - Hadrian's Wall and the Lake District National Park.

Visitors to Carlisle will find a wealth of history and culture awaiting them. Begin your adventure at **Carlisle Castle**, a formidable fortress offering a glimpse into England's medieval past. Nearby, Carlisle Cathedral stands as a stunning example of Gothic architecture, while the Cumbria's Museum of Military Life provides fascinating insights into the region's regimental history. Or appreciate the diverse exhibits at Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery.

Consider joining guided tours with **Discover Lakeland Guided Tours**, **Great** Guided Tours, or Solway Connections Guided Tours, each offering unique perspectives on Carlisle's rich heritage and scenic surroundings.

Overnight: Halston Hotel or a short drive from the city is Farlam Hall Hotel.

#### Day 4 - Durham

Continue your journey to Durham, with a visit to the historic Durham Cathedral, a masterpiece of Norman architecture, that stands as a testament to the city's medieval grandeur. Take a Durham Castle Tour which offer a glimpse into the region's storied past. Explore the Oriental Garden, devoted to the art and archaeology of the cultures of Northern Africa and Asia. Or visit the Historic Libraries at Palace Green Library which showcase rare manuscripts and offer insights into academic history.

Visit The Beamish Museum, known as the Living Museum of the North, which brings history to life with their immersive exhibits. For a serene escape, **Crook** Hall Gardens provide a beautiful retreat with their enchanting landscapes. Or **The Durham University Botanic Garden** offers a diverse range of plant species and tranquil walking paths.

Overnight: Delta Hotels by Marriott Durham Royal County, Durham University accommodation or Radisson Blue Hotel Durham

Day 5 - York

York has an array of remarkable attractions and to make the most of the city's many offerings, visitors can use the Visit York Pass, which grants access to 30+attractions in and around the city with one, two or three-day options.

#### **NORTHERN CITIES BY RAIL**



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A must visit is the majestic **York Minster** stands as a stunning centerpiece, its gothic architecture and intricate stained-glass windows captivate all who enter. Nearby, is the Jorvik Viking Centre which provides an immersive experience into Viking life, while Clifford's Tower offers panoramic views and insights into York's medieval past. Or for those with a keen interest in the past, Whitby Abbey's dramatic ruins on the coast evoke a sense of historical grandeur.

A short drive away, is **Castle Howard** which showcases grand baroque architecture and beautifully landscaped gardens, providing a taste of aristocratic elegance.

#### **Overnight: The Grand Hotel**

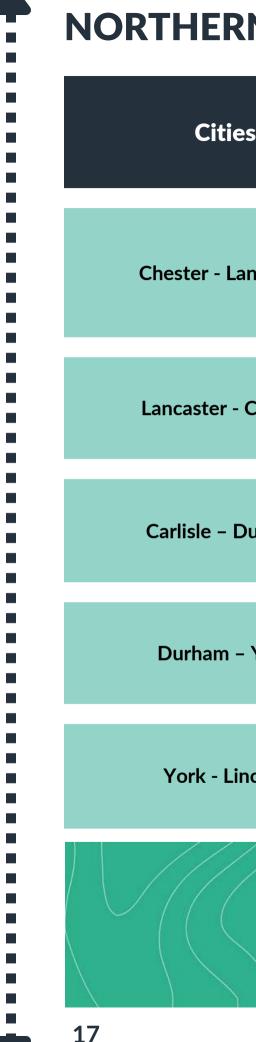
#### Day 6 - Lincoln

Journey on to Lincoln to visit the awe-inspiring Lincoln Cathedral, with its stunning Gothic architecture, as it stands as a centerpiece of the city's historical grandeur. Nearby, Lincoln Castle offers a fascinating glimpse into medieval life and provides panoramic views from its walls.

The International Bomber Command Centre honours the legacy of World War II with its insightful exhibitions and memorials. Or visit **Doddington Hall & Gardens** which showcases elegant Tudor architecture and beautifully landscaped gardens, offering a serene retreat.

The Medieval Bishops' Palace and the Museum of Lincolnshire Life delve into local heritage, while the **Stonebow & Guildhall** adds a touch of civic history. Alternatively, The Lincoln Museum provides engaging exhibits on the city's past.

Overnight: City centre hotels include Castle Hotel, The Lincoln Hotel or White Hart Hotel.



#### **NORTHERN CITIES BY RAIL**

S	Miles / Km	Train Operators / Travel Duration by Rail
incaster	77 miles / 124km	Northern/Transport for Wales/Avanti West Coast (1hr 30 mins)
Carlisle	66 miles /106km	Avanti West Coast / TransPennine Express (50 mins)
ourham	70 miles / 113km	Northern/ Cross Country / LNER / TransPennine Express (2hrs)
York	77 miles / 124 km	LNER / Cross Country/ TransPennine Express (50 mins)
ncoln	75 miles / 121km	LNER / EMR (1hr 34 mins)



#### **SOUTHERN CITIES BY RAIL OR CAR**

There are 6 England's Heritage Cities which are easy to access from the South of England. They include Bath, Salisbury, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, Greenwich and Cambridge. These cities can be explored as a self-drive itinerary or can be travelled by train with a Brit Rail Pass.

#### Day 1 - Greenwich

Discover Maritime Greenwich in East London, home to Greenwich Mean Time and the Prime Meridian of the world at the Royal Observatory Greenwich. Explore Britain's momentous naval history at the National Maritime Museum and visit Cutty Sark, the fastest ship of its time. Visit the Old Royal Naval College, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St Paul's Cathedral. Learn about the fascinating 600-year story of this site, the birthplace of Henry VIII.

Travel on the **IFS Cloud Cable** Car, travelling 90m high over London or for something a little different, experience the thrill of climbing 52m Up at the O2, with stunning views of London. Alternatively, explore London's famous sights aboard City Cruises and discover London's history with entertaining live commentary, taking in the best panoramic views from the River Thames.



Overnight: DoubleTree by Hilton London Greenwich.

#### Day 2 - Cambridge

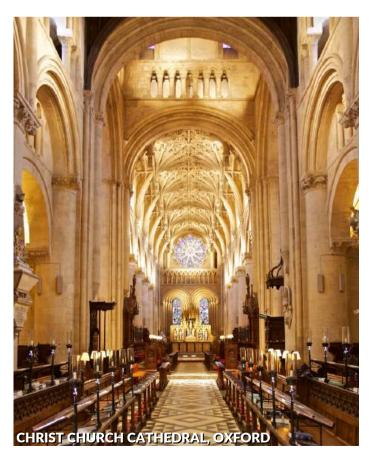
Travel to Cambridge, packed full of stunning architecture and nature, and renowned for its university and impact on English history, education and pioneering scientific research. Take a walking tour with **Cantab Tours** where you'll find out more about the history and University life with entry into one or more of the famous central colleges. Book a punting experience with Scudamore's Punting Company, either guided or self-guided and include an afternoon tea, gin or champagne package.

Take a stroll around **Cambridge University Botanic Garden**, 40 acres of green space or join a guided tour and enjoy the highlights and history of this stunning garden. Or visit **Fiztwilliam Museum** and see everything from Egyptian coffins to suits of shiny armour.

#### Overnight: Graduate Cambridge, the Ibis Cambridge, University Arms or The **Regent Aparthotel**

Day 3 - Oxford

Journey on to historic city of Oxford with a history stretching back more than 1,000 years and only an hour northwest of London. With an Oxford Official Walking **Tour** visitors can explore iconic buildings, Oxford's stunning college architecture, cobbled streets, alleyways and uncover the historical and cultural significance of the city with amusing anecdotes. Alternatively, hop on and hop off the award-winning City Sightseeing Oxford open-top bus tour.



#### SOUTHERN CITIES BY RAIL OR CAR

Visit the **Oxford Castle and Prison**, a 1,000-year-old medieval castle, where visitors can climb the Saxon St George's Tower for panoramic views of the city or descend underground into the 900-year-old crypt. Take a trip on the River Thames with **Oxford River Cruises** where sightseeing tours, private hire and catering packages are available.

For self-drive visits you may like to explore out of the city to see **Blenheim Palace** for a tour of the Palace State rooms or a Winston Churchill experience.

Overnight: In the city centre at **Malmaison Oxford** – a former prison but now a boutique hotel, or **The Randolf Hotel by Graduate Hotels** or a little further afield at **Leonardo Royal Hotel.** 

#### Day 4 - Stratford-Upon-Avon

Travel further north to explore Stratford-upon-Avon and the historic Shakespeare's England, which is the birthplace of William Shakespeare and a cultural town rich in unique offerings with award-winning museums and attractions. Visit all 3 of Shakespeare's Family Homes – Shakespeare's Birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Shakespeare's New Place.



Don't miss **Shakespeare Schoolroom and Guildhall** where visitors can experience Tudor school life with Shakespeare's teacher, in the very room where young William was a pupil in the 1570s. Plus visit the **Royal Shakespeare Company** to see a show or book a behind-the-scenes theatre tour. **The British Motor Museum** is also worth a visit as its home to the largest collection of British historic cars in the world with over 400 vehicles.

A short drive away explore **Compton Verney** an accredited art gallery housed in a Grade I-listed Georgian manor set in 120 acres of 'Capability' Brown parkland.

Overnight: In the city centre at **The Arden Hotel** or a short distance away at **Billesley Manor Hotel**. Accommodation further afield includes **Warwick Arms Hotel**, **Mallory Court Hotel or Studley Castle**.

#### Day 5 -Bath

Head to the UNESCO World Heritage City of Bath where in the heart of the city centre you will find **The Roman Baths**. Here, the Romans built a magnificent temple and bathing complex on the site of Britain's only hot spring, which still flows with natural hot water today.

For literary enthusiasts take a short walk to visit **The Jane Austen Centre** and next-door **Mary Shelley's House of Frankenstein.** For larger groups considering splitting in two and visiting both these attractions at the same time.



#### SOUTHERN CITIES BY RAIL OR CAR

Book an epicurean experience with **Savouring Bath** and discover the best of the city's food and drink scene, from markets and restaurants to18th century buns, modern patisseries, artisanal coffee and unusual tea. Alternatively, in a Georgian manor house on the edge of the city, explore the **American Museum & Gardens** with their remarkable collection of folk, decorative arts and cultural objects, showcasing American traditions from14th- 20th Centuries.

#### Overnight: Abbey Hotel, Brooks Guesthouse, Hampton by Hilton Bath City or YMCA Bath.

#### Day 6 - Salisbury

Continue onwards to visit the medieval city of Salisbury. At the city's heart is **Salisbury Cathedral**, Britain's finest 13th century cathedral with the tallest spire in Britain, the world's oldest working clock (1386) and the world's best-preserved original Magna Carta (1215). In the famous Cathedral Close, visitors can explore many attractions including **Mompesson House** and **Salisbury Museum**. Stop for a coffee and refreshments at **Fisherton Mill** – an old 1880 grain mill and now England's largest independent gallery and award-winning café and artist studios.

Don't miss a visit to the magnificent stones and visitor centre at **Stonehenge. The Stonehenge Tour Bus** runs regular services from the centre of Salisbury and the railway station to the visitor centre. The bus includes a recorded audio commentary and there is an inclusive bus and Stonehenge admission price.





Overnight: In the city centre at the Mercure White Hart Hotel, Legacy Rose & Crown Hotel, or Milford Hall Hotel. Or travel to the outskirts for Holiday Inn Salisbury Stonehenge or The Stones Hotel.

For self-drive visitors, consider exploring nearby destinations including Pewsey, Hungerford, Reading, Windsor and Richmond on-route back to London.

<b>:S</b>	Miles / Km	Train Operators / Travel Duration by Rail
Cambridge	56 miles / 90km	Thameslink (1 hr 24 mins)
- Oxford	102 miles / 164km	Thameslink & GWR (2hr 20 mins)
rd-upon-Avon	58 miles/ 94km	Crosscountry & Buses (2hr 20 mins)
Avon - Bath	85 miles / 137km	GWR & Bus (3hr 12 mins)
isbury	41 miles / 66 km	GWR (56 mins)



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#### **TRAVEL TIMES**

London to Bath 187 kms / 116.2 miles By train from London Paddington: 1h 20 By car/coach: 2h 30 45 minutes from Bristol Airport

#### **OVERVIEW**

Built for pleasure and relaxation, Bath has been a wellbeing destination since Roman times. Discover the ancient Roman Baths and the thoroughly modern Thermae Bath Spa, which houses the only natural thermal hot springs in Britain that you can bathe in. Bath's compact, visitor-friendly centre is overflowing with places to eat and drink, plus some of the finest independent shops in Britain. Immerse yourself in Bath's remarkable collection of gardens, museums and galleries, and enjoy year-round exhibitions, festivals, theatre, music, and sports.

To be surrounded by Bath's stunning honey-coloured Georgian architecture feels like being at the centre of a Jane Austen novel, or a film set. It's hardly surprising the city is so often seen on screen, including Bridgerton and tours take you to explore these locations. The city is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and one of the UNESCO Great Spa Towns of Europe giving it a rare double designation. Its incredible architecture offers stunning heritage boutique hotels, five-star splendour and cosy guesthouses, as well as global brands. As well as award winning restaurants, there are a plenty of local specialities to discover with breweries, distilleries, vineyards, cheesemakers, and the famous Sally Lunn Bunn. Bath is the perfect base to explore the beautiful surrounds of the Chew Valley, Cotswolds, Somerset, and Wiltshire market towns.



## SUGGESTED ITINERARY WESTERN K

#### **AMERICAN MUSEUM &** GARDENS





The American Museum & Gardens is truly unique. Founded in 1961 to bring American history and cultures to the people of Britain and Europe, it is the only museum of Americana outside the US.

Set within a Grade 1 listed Georgian manor house on the edge of Bath, the Museum houses fascinating period rooms and a remarkable permanent collection of folk, decorative arts and cultural objects, showing the diverse and complex nature of American traditions, focused primarily on the 14th-20th centuries. The venue also hosts a range of themed temporary exhibitions.

The Museum is situated within a Georgian estate of 125 acres of historic parkland, ancient woodland and formal gardens recognised by the Royal Horticultural Society, with a gallery shop, American Garden Deli café, and Children's Garden. Located opposite the beautiful Limpley Stoke Valley, the views from the gardens and American Deli terrace are spectacular.



10+ GROUP DISCOUNT TL/D-FOC

**1-3 HOURS** 



**GROUP LEADER AND DRIVER FOC** 



**FREE ON-SITE** PARKING



**OPEN TUESDAY-SUNDAY 10AM-5PM FROM MID-MARCH TO THE** END OF DECEMBER EACH YEAR.









A permanent exhibition that explores Jane's time in Bath and the influence it had on her books. characters and personal life. **Includes Regency Tea Room** and Gift Shop. Situated in an original period property, visits are enhanced by knowledgeable guides in regency costume. There are talks, activities and contemporary exhibits, including the opportunity to dress up in Regency costume and view an exclusive film. Various packages available and bespoke tours for groups including out of hours visits. Languages available.



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1-3 HOURS

#### THE JANE AUSTEN CENTRE









**PRE-BOOKED GROUPS. MIN 12-**MAX 25. FOR GROUPS 50+ OUT OF HOURS VISITS ARE AVAILABLE

**BATH SPA** 



SUMMER - OPEN EVERY DAY 9.45 - 6.00PM, WINTER - SUNDAY TO FRIDAY 10AM - 4:30PM, SATURDAY 10:00AM - 5:30PM

#### **MARY SHELLEY'S HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN**





In 1816, Mary Shelley wrote much of the world's first science fiction novel, Frankenstein, while living in Bath. Mary Shelley's House of Frankenstein is an award winning, multi-sensory exhibition chronicling Shelley's unconventional life and the lasting legacy of her famous creation. Featuring vintage artefacts, gothic curiosities and special effects. Plus an 8ft animatronic Creature, authentically reproduced for the first time exactly as Mary Shelley imagined.

Guided Tours – 1-hour exclusive tour (6 pax) of the house featuring detailed facts and insights about Mary Shelley. Self Guided House Visits (15 pax). Victor's Lair Escape Room - 1 hour. includes House Admission (7 pax). The Body In A Suitcase Game - 45 mins, with or without House Admission (7 pax). The Shallows Escape Room - 1 hour, includes House Admission (4 pax). Any Guided Tours need to be booked at least 1 week in advance.



MIN 6-MAX 70. LARGE GROUPS WILL BE SPLIT



**OPEN ALL YEAR. SUNDAY-FRIDAY FROM 11:00AM-**5:00PM (LAST ENTRY 4PM) AND ON SATURDAYS FROM 11:00AM-6:30PM (LAST ENTRY 5.30PM).



GUIDED TOURS 1HR. ESCAPE ROOM 1 HR. GAME 45 MINS.









The Roman Baths is one of the finest historic sites in Northern Europe. Once one of the great religious spas of the ancient world, people travelled from the far corners of the Roman **Empire to visit the Baths, to worship** the goddess Sulis Minerva and to bathe in the waters of the natural thermal springs, which still flow with hot water today.

2000 years later visitors still flock to this site to visit the remains of the Bathing complex, including the iconic Great Bath. and to discover more about the people of Roman Britain through the items they left behind, now on display in the museum. Advance booking is essential and must be made at least two working days in advance. Audio-guides (included in the cost of admission) are available in 12 languages.



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OUR OPERATORS AND GROUP ORGANISERS RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION TO THE MAIN HOUSE & OF ALL RETAIL PURCHASES.

#### **THE ROMAN BATHS**











MIN 20+. FREE ENTRY FOR 1 **GROUP LEADER PER 20 VISITORS** 



**BATH SPA** 

#### IN AND BEYOND BATH



In & Beyond Bath run small, intimate tours of discovery for discerning travellers seeking to truly connect with 'authentic' England.

Sharing the 'must-sees' with the unsung, hidden treasures, each tour seeks to take guests deep into England's hidden & not so hidden past, explore sleepy villages, enjoy amazing scenes and delectable cuisine whilst following in the footsteps of literary and historical greats. Encounter the England you've always imagined, alongside a knowledgeable, warm and friendly local guide. Enjoy the best of English hospitality and culture, make new friends and acquaintances over lunch and leave with memories you will treasure forever.



**GUEST'S ACCOMMODATION** 





10% OF PRE-DESIGNED/SHARED TOURS AND 10% OFF BASE RATE ON PRIVATE TOURS





#### **SAVOURING BATH**





Epicurean experiences of Bath: discover the best of the city's food and drink scene, from markets to restaurants, 18th century buns to modern patisseries, artisanal coffee to unusual tea, and much more. Experiences include gin tasting masterclasses, sampling tours called Food Heroes, Guilty Pleasures and Local Flavours, as well as accommodation packages and private bespoke tours for groups.



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CAN OFFER MULTIPLE GUIDES FOR LARGE



SCHEDULED TOURS OPERATE FROM TUES-SAT



CENTRAL BATH MEETING POINT AGREED AT TIME OF BOOKING.



3 HOURS

#### **ABBEY HOTEL**



A delightful independently owned boutique hotel in the heart of the city with Bath's top attractions on the doorstep. Abbey Hotel was built in 1741 and the hotel comprises of five Georgian townhouses. Guests will enjoy individually decorated bedrooms, alongside a Lanson Champagne Lounge and Tea Bar serving delicious teas and cakes from esteemed British brand Hope & Glory.











**BATH SPA** 





Brooks Guesthouse Bath is an award winning four star boutique guesthouse in Bath city Centre located just 350 meters below the world famous Royal Crescent. Their 22 bedrooms are beautifully and uniquely decorated with a mix of antique and modern décor Cole and Son designer wallpaper comfy pocket sprung mattress and modern bathrooms featuring travertine tiles and Hansgrohe power showers.

Bath has to offer.



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#### **BROOKS GUESTHOUSE BATH**





Location wise, they are a 10 min walk to all the key attractions and excellent shopping that





**BATH SPA** 

#### HAMPTON BY HILTON, BATH CITY





Located in the heart of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Hampton By Hilton Bath City features modern air-conditioned rooms equipped with mini-fridges, 24-hours state of the art fitness suite, free Wi-Fi as well as boasting a large welcoming lobby and bar/restaurant lounge area. We are a short stroll from all of Baths' famous historical sites, parks, and museums to include The Circus, Bath Abbey, Roman Baths and The Royal Crescent.

The hotel is located approximately 10 miles from the M4 corridor providing great access to Bath, Bristol, South Wales and Reading and London. Within walking distance of the hotel. The Bath Spa railway station serves direct trains from London in around 90 minutes. A warm welcome awaits you!



**MIN 1** NIGHT



COACH PARKING AT ODD **DOWN PARK AND RIDE** 



DROP OFF OUTSIDE **HOTEL 15 MINS MAX** 







**GROUP RATES AVAILABLE** 



**BATH SPA** 





YMCA Bath is a hostel in central Bath offering a choice of accommodation, including single, double, triple and quad/family ensuite rooms, as well as larger dorms with shared facilities. Its location is perfect for exploring, with many of the city's top attractions a short walk away, along with fabulous cafes, restaurants, bars and shops. The YMCA's on-site Health and Wellbeing Centre offers subsidised access to the gym and classes. As a social enterprise, the hostel's income supports YMCA's charitable work, which focuses on working with vulnerable young people and those at risk of homelessness.



80 ROOMS/ **200 PAX** 



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**LEADERS FOC** 









**BATH SPA** 

10+ FOR GROUP RATES. PRICE VARIES WITH GROUP SIZE APPROX 10% DISCOUNT WITH GROUP

# CANBRIDGE

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#### **TRAVEL TIMES**

London to Cambridge: 100 kms / 62.14miles By train from London King's Cross & London Liverpool Street: 0h 50 By car/coach: 1h 45

#### **OVERVIEW**

Packed full of stunning architecture and nature, Cambridge is a beautiful university town renowned for its impact on English history, education and pioneering scientific research. The tightly packed city centre is perfect for exploring. Ancient colleges, cobbled streets, independent boutiques, its incredible diverse culinary offer and the picturesque "Backs" alongside the River Cam all offer the visitor a real taste of quintessential England. With famous alumni such as Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin and Professor Stephen Hawking, you'll be following in some famous footsteps.

Grab a pint at the Eagle Pub, the birthplace of the discovery of DNA and haven for WW2 airmen, or take a peek inside the stunning King's College Chapel, an astounding piece of Gothic architecture which took over a century to build. Watch time go by at the Corpus Clock as the Chronophage or "time-eater" devours each minute of the day atop one of the most unique clocks in the world.

Explore the hidden gems of the city via a guided walking tour or hop on bike and you will feel at home in Cambridge. As a city Cambridge offers something for everyone; enjoy a punt along the River Cam, visit one of our many independent boutiques and restaurants, explore the world renowned Fitzwilliam Museum or Cambridge University Botanic Garden, catch a show or just relax spend your day in one of the many green spaces enjoying the essence of Cambridge .



### SUGGESTED ITINERARY TIME TRAVELLERS

#### **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDEN**





Cambridge University Botanic Garden consists of 40 acres of green space in the heart of Cambridge, offering an inspirational place to visit to a wide range of specialist groups. A short stroll from the railway station, the heritage listed landscape offers year-round colour and interest, with a collection of over 8000 plant species including rare and endangered plants from all over the world! The collection supports University teaching and research, while also providing inspiration and interest to visitors of all ages with a wide range of interests.

Weekend tours are available every Sunday at 11.30am and 2pm throughout the year. Join an experienced volunteer on a group guided tour and enjoy the highlights and background history of the stunning garden.





COACH DROP OFF NEAR BROOKSIDE GATE (15MINUTE MAX WAITING TIME)







**GROUPS OF 15 OR MORE AX GROUP ARRIVING TOGETHER 50** 









Discover award-winning exhibitions, events and a changing display of artworks and objects from throughout history to today. The Fitzwilliam Museum's collection of over half a million objects includes Ancient Egyptian artefacts, rare coins and mediaeval illuminated manuscripts, as well as modern and contemporary art, historic paintings and classical sculptures. All housed in their monumental Grade-I listed building in the heart of Cambridge.





**COURTYARD ENTRANCE** 

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#### THE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM



COACH DROP OFF/PICK UP OUTSIDE



#### **SCUDAMORE'S PUNTING COMPANY**





Scudamore's Punting Company offers the following experiences for group visits:

- Shared College Backs Punt Tours
- Private College Backs Punt Tours
- Grantchester Punt Tours
- College Backs Punt Hire
- Grantchester Punt Hire
- Grantchester Paddle Craft Hire (Canoe, Kayak, Double Kayak, Stand Up Paddleboard)
- Afternoon Tea Punting
- Champagne & Gin Punt Tours



ALL YEAR ROUND, **VEATHER PERMITTING** 



45 MIN GUIDED AND 0 MIN SELF-GUIDED



PREFERENTIAL RATES TO TOUR OPERATORS, SCHOOL AND **STUDENT GROUPS. GROUPS CAN ADD COMMISSION ON TOP OF PREFERENTIAL** RATE.











Our Private Cambridge Guided Tours last between 1 and 2 hours, and are tailored to your individual requirements. As an overview:

A 1 or 1.5 hour private tour will cover the historic heart of the city. A 2 hour guided walking tour led by one of our highly-trained and experienced Blue or Green Badge Guides will cover the rich history of Cambridge city and University at a comfortable pace and allows time for entry into one or more of the famous central colleges. Participants will learn about student life and pranks, see well-known landmarks and hear fascinating insights from more than 800 years of University history.

Tours concentrating on the Fitzwilliam Museum or King's College can be arranged and we can also offer tours in a number of different languages and on specific themes such as Science, Literature, Spies, Architecture, Religion etc.









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TAILORED TO REQUIREMENTS. **1HR-8HRS. RECOMMENDED DURATION 2HRS.** 

#### **GRADUATE BY HILTON CAMBRIDGE**





Our hotel is an ideal venue for your event, offering flexible meeting spaces with river views and a variety of inspiring catering options from our destination restaurant, Garden House. We're the largest indoor/outdoor hotel event venue in Cambridge with approximately 400 square metres of flexible event space. Our waterfront event space and stylish accommodation make Graduate **Cambridge an unparalleled and** memorable venue for your next group experience.

We can organise a variety of experiences including: team building activities, city tours, city treasure hunts, rowing experiences and punting on the River Cam.



**10 ROOM NIGHTS+. MAX 30 FOR WHOLESALE GROUPS** 







**OUOTED ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS. OFFER FIT RATES. UP TO 10%** COMMISSION. WHOLESALE GROUPS OFFERED NON-COMMISSIONABLE **NET RATES**.



NIGHTS OR MORE



PAID CAR PARK ATTACHED TO THE HOTEL. DISCOUNTED **PARKING AVAILABLE** 







The Ibis Cambridge Central Station is a modern hotel in the heart of the city. Cambridge train station is within walking distance, with services to London and Stansted Airport. Step out and explore the University of Cambridge, including King's College Chapel, Trinity, the Fitzwilliam Museum and the Botanic Garden. Our convenient location means the city's historic architecture and River Cam are on our doorstep. Many of Cambridge's best restaurants and bars are also within easy reach.

Our on-site Chill#2 artisan coffee shop is a perfect place to catch a breath. Join us at the weekend for live local musicians performing into the night. All our comfy hotel rooms boast free Wi-Fi, a soft ibis SweetBed and tea and coffeemaking facilities. Plus, a dedicated workspace lets you catch up with emails or work remotely from your Cambridge hotel.

> MIN 8 - MAX BASED **ON AVAILABILITY**



**BASED ON ENQUIRY.** 

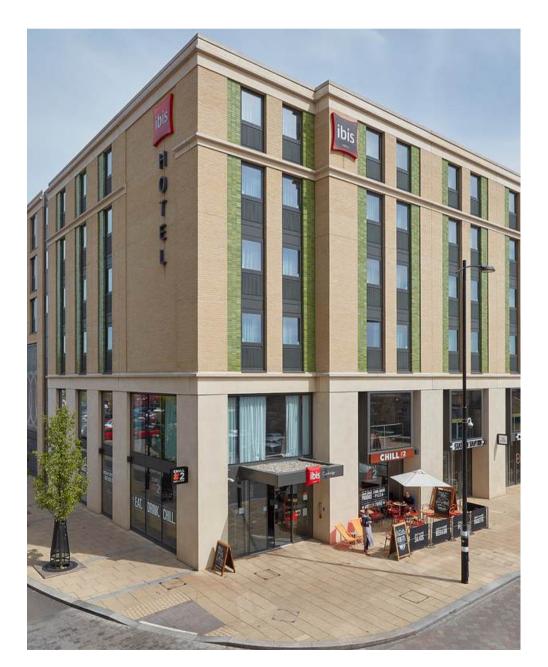
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#### **IBIS CAMBRIDGE HOTEL**





ALL YEAR ROUND



#### **UNIVERSITY ARMS**



University Arms in Cambridge offers an elegant blend of historic charm and modern luxury, making it an ideal choice for both corporate and leisure travel groups. Located in the heart of the city, this iconic hotel provides easy access to Cambridge's prestigious colleges and vibrant cultural attractions.

With state-of-the-art meeting and event facilities, 189 stylish bedrooms and an exceptional dining experience in Parker's Tavern, University Arms is perfectly equipped to host business events and group retreats, ensuring a seamless and memorable stay for all guests.













**ALL YEAR** ROUND











The Regent is Cambridge's first aparthotel in the heart of Cambridge, where flexible apartment living meets hotel convenience. Our team are on hand to make your guest experience as memorable as possible and are always keen to give restaurant and attraction recommendations.

Our rooms range from The Classic, The City, The Park or The Loft. The studio apartment or classic hotel-style room is filled with rich colours and modern shapes. The comfy bed is made with Egyptian cotton sheets and the sleek bedside tables make the most of the space. The pops of colour between the neutral kitchen and private bathroom set a serene atmosphere to rest, work and cook. Every room comes with WiFi access and a modern TV to make your stay as carefree as possible. A fantastic base from which to unlock Cambridge.



A 5 MINUTE WALK AWAY



**MIN 1 NIGHT** 

22 ROOMS

**BASED ON ENQUIRY**.

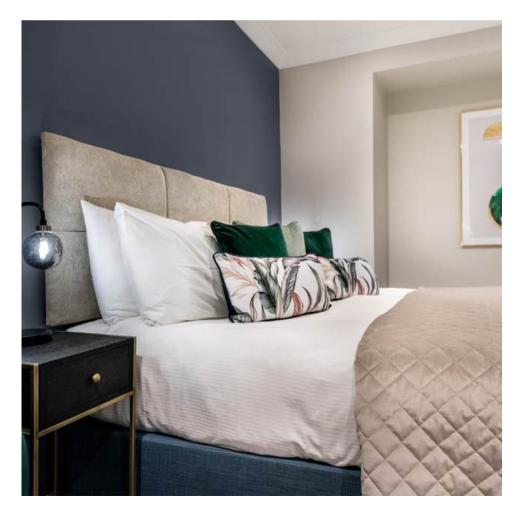
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**OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND FOR GUEST CHECK-INS EXCLUDING** THE 25TH DECEMBER

#### THE REGENT APARTHOTEL







**PARKING AT THE QUEEN ANNE -**

**MIN 5 ROOMS, MAX** 



London to Canterbury: 97kms/ 60.27miles By Train from London Paddington to Canterbury West: 55 mins By Car/Coach: 1h45

#### **OVERVIEW**

Just under an hour's train journey from London with Southeastern's high-speed trains, Canterbury is one of the most popular destinations in the world with the famous Canterbury Cathedral (part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site) at its heart.

This medieval walled city has been hosting pilgrims from all walks of life for over 1,000 years. Soak up the seasonal scenery next to world-class architecture, shop at incredible independent shops, wander winding, cobbled streets steeped in heritage and rich culture to enjoy a wonderful day or night out.

Home to three universities, the city is a melting pot for arts and creativity, with a packed calendar of events and festivals throughout the year. With plenty of accommodation options throughout the city, don't miss the scores of great restaurants and foodie outlets to satisfy your cravings – from farmers markets, rooftop restaurants, plus plenty of great pubs and bars overflowing with fine British local produce.

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## SUGGESTED ITINERARY TIME TRAVELLERS

# CARLISLE

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#### **TRAVEL TIMES**

London to Carlisle 510 kms /316.9 miles By train from London Euston to Carlisle: 3h.10 By car/coach: 6h.30

#### **OVERVIEW**

The largest city in England by area, Carlisle lies in the far northern corner of England, near the Scottish border, and is the urban capital of Cumbria and the beating heart of the Borderlands. A city linking two world heritage sites, Carlisle is a stone's throw from Hadrian's Wall, the northern frontier of a mighty empire that once covered the known world and the Lake District National Park where modern tourism was born, in the shimmering lakes and hushed mountains whose radiant beauty inspired poets and painters to turn nature into art. Explore dungeons and labyrinths at Carlisle's medieval castle, 900 -year-old cathedral and Cumbria's Museum of Military Life, all housed within the city's Historic Quarter. Britain's most impressive and important monument of Roman times, built by a force of 15,000 men in less than six years, it still evokes the feeling of standing on the edge of an empire.

Walk in the footsteps of the Romans and visit Birdoswald Roman Fort on Hadrian's Wall, next to one of the best-preserved sections of original Wall that stretches for nearly one mile to Gilsland. Enjoy the stunning far-reaching views over towards the Lake District Fells and take a moment to ponder life as one of the 1,000 Roman soldiers who lived there. Carlisle plays host to a packed calendar of events. Each Christmas the heart of the city is transformed into a winter wonderland with the annual Christmas Market. Experience the best fire and fireworks display in the North of England at Carlisle's Fireshow, and marvel at Carlisle 'City of Lights' son et Lumiere.



#### SUGGESTED ITINERARY



#### **CARLISLE CASTLE -ENGLISH HERITAGE**





Standing proud in the city it has dominated for nine centuries, Carlisle Castle remained a working fortress until well within living memory. It has withstood many sieges, held captive a royal prisoner, and been home to the King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

Explore the medieval castle rooms, discover a turbulent history with the exhibition, and walk some of the castle walls. Also home to Cumbria's Museum of Military Life.





**BLUE BADGE ONLY IN CASTLE** 





**DISCOUNT OF 15% PP FOR GROUPS OVER 11. REGISTERED TOUR GUIDE AND** ENGLISH HERITAGE MEMBERS GO FREE



**OPEN DAILY APRIL - OCTOBER** 10-5, NOV - MARCH. WEEKENDS ONLY 10-4.30









Standing on the border with Scotland for nine centuries, there are lively stories to tell at Carlisle Cathedral. Enjoy the beauty of the Cathedral and its precinct – with its refurbished Fratry and eye-catching new Cafe. A varied programme of events and activities allow visitors to discover and enjoy over 900 years of faith and history, whilst learning about the turbulent story of this jewel of the Northwest of England. FREE entry and FREE children's activity sheets.

Guided tours of the **Cathedral run daily** or book a Bell **Tower Tour. held** several times a year, with 137 steps to climb. Well situated and within walking distance from the town centre. **Carlisle Castle and Tullie House** Museum. Please follow us on social media and visit our website for further information.





#### **CARLISLE CATHEDRAL**







#### **CUMBRIA'S MUSEUM OF MILITARY LIFE**



Located within the walls of historic Carlisle Castle, Cumbria's Museum of Military Life tells the story of the county's Regimental history from 1702, through two World Wars, to present day. The Museum's principal collection includes items associated with the 34th and 55th Regiments of Foot, The Border Regiment, King's Own Royal Border Regiment, and The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (Kings, Lancashire and Border). This rich history is told through a wealth of objects and enhanced by excellent audio-visual displays.

Come and see the French Drum Major's Mace captured by Sergeant Moses Simpson in 1811, learn how Sergeant Edward Mott was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1917, see the message in a bottle thrown overboard just before the D-Day landings in 1944, find out about Lance Corporal Ashley Irving's near miss in Afghanistan in 2009, and hear more of the stories of 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'.





JAN-MAR: SAT-THURS (CLOSED FRIDAYS) 10AM-4PM. APR-OCT: 7 DAYS A WEEK 10AM-5PM. 1ST NOV-13TH NOV: 7 DAYS A WEEK 10AM-4PM. REST OF NOV-DEC: OPEN WEEKENDS 10AM-4PM (CLOSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR) CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.



**15% DISCOUNT** FOR GROUPS OF **10 AND OVER** 



**BLUE BADGE** ONLY IN CASTLE



**30 MINS - 1 HOUR** 



**ART GALLERY** 





**Our galleries and exhibitions** are open for groups to explore. Visitors can pop in for coffee or lunch in the Café at Tullie or relax a while in the gardens. Talks include: The Tullie House Pre-**Raphaelite Collection**, Behind the Scenes at the Museum, Discovering Hadrian's Wall: Tours include: Highlights of Tullie House Museum, The Tullie House Quilt Collection and **Ten Tullie Women. Duration** of visit approx. 2-3 hours covering all galleries





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## **TULLIE HOUSE MUSEUM AND**











£3 PER DAY (FREE ON WEEKENDS)



FREE IN DESIGNATED BAYS

FROM £5 PER PERSON FOR GROUP BOOKINGS OVER 8 PEOPLE. TOUR GUIDE, GROUP LEADER AND COACH DRIVER GO FREE. RATE INCLUDES FULL MUSEUM ADMISSION TO ALL GALLERIES ON THE DAY OF VISIT. PRE-ORDERED LUNCH PACKAGES FOR GROUPS FROM £7.25PP

#### DISCOVER LAKELAND GUIDED TOURS





Discover Lakeland Guided Tours are operated by Anna Gray, an experienced Blue Badge Tourist Guide. Anna is based near Carlisle and offers a variety of guided tours in the Carlisle area including:

Hadrian's Wall - Discover more about this impressive structure – the largest ever built by the Romans. Have a oneday full introductory tour or take more time to enjoy walking along some of the best-preserved sections.

**Reivers at large -** Explore this turbulent area, once dominated by marauding clans of Border Reivers. Tours can be adapted to focus on your family's connections with this infamous era of local history.

**Historic Carlisle** - A fascinating 2.5-hour guided walk around this great Border City that takes in over 2000 years of continuous occupation.

**Hidden Treasures of North Cumbria** - Follow less-travelled ways to seek out some remarkable hidden treasures in the rolling hills south of Carlisle.







Guided walks and tours of Carlisle, Hadrian's wall, the lake district and the Scottish borderlands. Tours are available in German. Private guided car tours and coach tours include: Hadrian's wall, border reivers. Walking along Hadrian's wall path. Group visits. Ask for one of our knowledgeable and entertaining team of visitor guides to join your tour to ensure an enjoyable and informative experience. All our tours can be arranged at times convenient for private groups, schools, coach parties, corporate events and conference visits.





8 HOURS



UP TO 20 IS A MANAGEABLE SIZE FOR MOST GROUP TOURS.

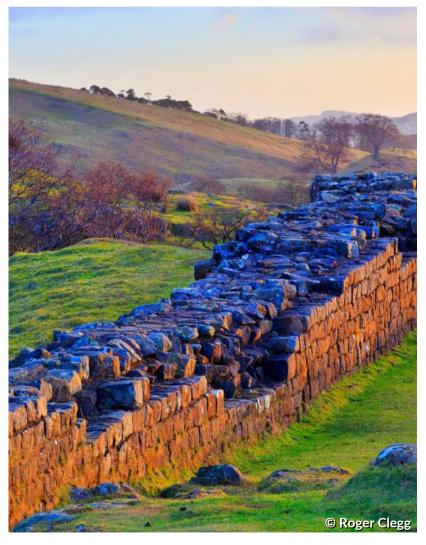


DISCOUNTED RATE FOR MULTIPLE CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF GUIDING (3 OR MORE). FOR BOOKINGS THAT COME DIRECT, THERE IS NO COMMISSION. HOWEVER, IF YOU GO THROUGH A 3RD PARTY, THE COMMISSION CHARGES MAY VARY FROM 7.5% TO 25%.

#### **GREAT GUIDED TOURS**











GROUP RATES AVAILABLE - SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

#### **SOLWAYCONNECTIONS GUIDED TOURS**





'Step on' tour guiding services for travel trade groups. Solwayconnections tour guiding services offer your clients access to less well known and unique experiences that reveal the richness of the history, natural heritage and local communities of the stunningly beautiful Solway coast, border lands of Cumbria in NW England, and Dumfries and Galloway in SW Scotland.

#### Vehicle based tour guiding services available for up to maximum 50 pax:

•tour guiding services on a day tour of the **Cumbria Solway coast** 

•tour guiding services on a day tour of the **Scottish Dumfries and Galloway Solway coast** •tour guiding services on a day tour that includes the border lands of both Cumbria in NW England and Dumfries and Galloway in SW Scotland

 bespoke vehicle based guided day tours with itineraries designed specifically to suit group interests.

#### Guided walking tours for groups up to maximum 15 pax:

•Carlisle 'off the wall' duration 2.5 hours ·low level coastal heritage guided walks up to 4 hours, maximum distance 5 miles





#### **FARLAM HALL HOTEL**





Located only 25 minutes from Carlisle and close to all major road networks, we are a 4 star luxury hotel with 18 bedrooms including our premier Stable Suites collection. We have two restaurants on site, our Michelin starred Cedar Tree by Hrishikesh Desai, operating on a Wednesday – Saturday evenings, as well as Bistro Enkel, designed to offer guests a more casual dining experience, available on a Sunday – Tuesday evening.

We are ideally located to access the many historical attractions located within Cumbria and the North Pennines, and only an hour's drive to the Lake District.











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**TRADE RATES NEGOTIABLE** 













#### THE HALSTON HOTEL





Home to award winning apartments with hotel comforts, events and meetings spaces, 2 bars and restaurants and housed in one of the city's most celebrated Edwardian buildings The Halston Hotel and Apartments offers a stylish place to stay, play or dine in lush surrounding. Our onsite restaurants (open to residents and non-residents) offer something for everyone and focus on fresh, local ingredients, great coffee, cocktails and wine. Our varied events calendar ranges from renowned Christmas parties to live music, comedy, DJ sessions and foodie nights. Planning something special? Our range of private hire spaces are suitable for a variety of events. From small business meetings to weddings and parties catering for up to 400 people.



22 APARTMENTS THAT HOLD ANYWHERE BETWEEN 2-4 PEOPLE



DEPENDANT ON REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF BOOKING

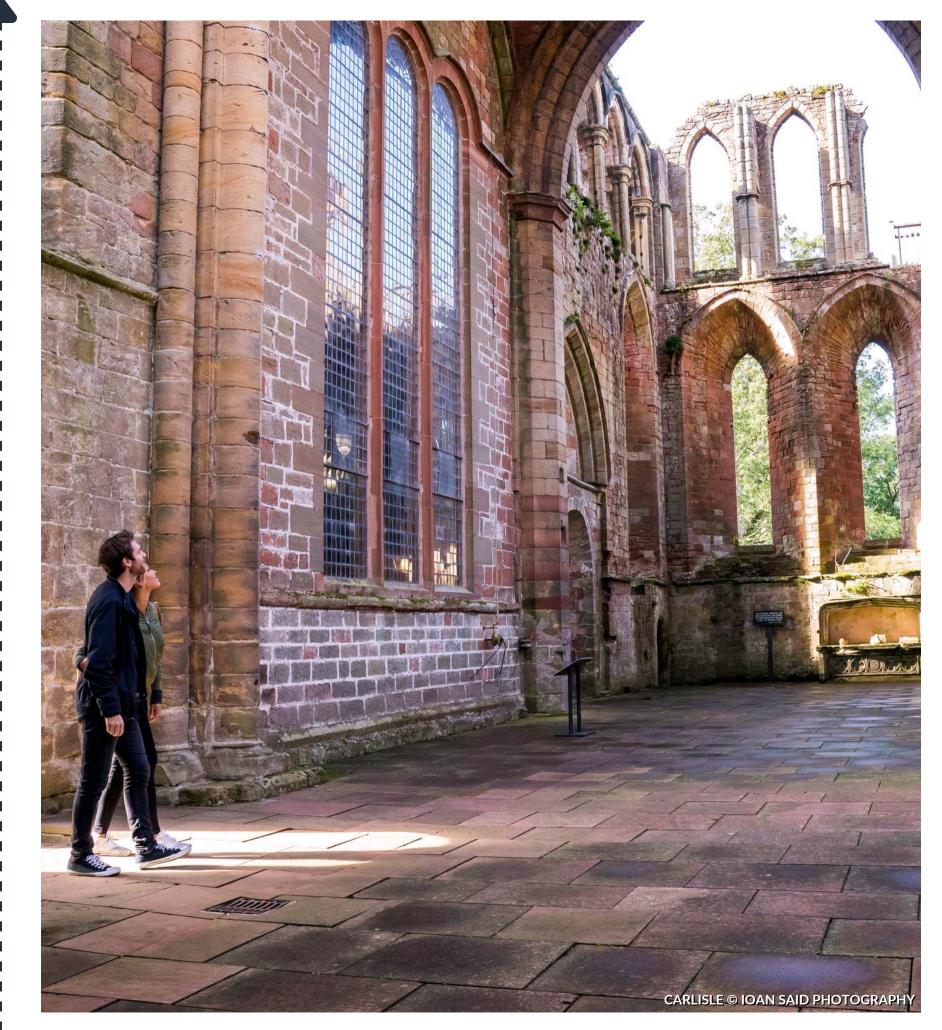




ALL YEAR ROUND



PAID CAR PARK ATTACHED TO THE HOTEL FROM £14 PER 24 HOURS.



# CHESTER



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#### **TRAVEL TIMES**

London to Chester 320km / 200 miles By train from London Euston to Chester: 2h By car/coach: 4h

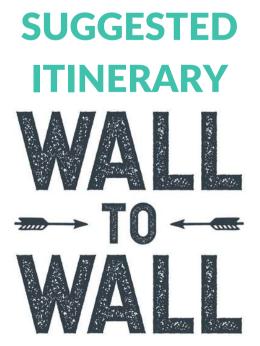
#### **OVERVIEW**

A classic contemporary city, which boasts the largest Roman amphitheatre in Britain, the most complete city walls at almost 2 miles long, and a 1,000 year old Cathedral, Chester is packed full of 'must see' history and heritage.

Founded as a Benedictine abbey in 1092, Chester Cathedral sits proudly in the heart of the city centre. Climb the central tower on a guided Tower Tour for the best views the city has to offer, and see across two countries and five counties from the top.

Follow in Roman footsteps at Chester's Roman Amphitheatre was once the largest in Britain and was used for entertainment and military training. Today, visit the remains where you may bump into a Roman solider or two.

There is unique medieval shopping brimming with character where visitors can experience the sights and sounds of The Rows' quirky two-tiered shopping galleries. Home to a haven of independent boutique shops, cafes and coffee shops.

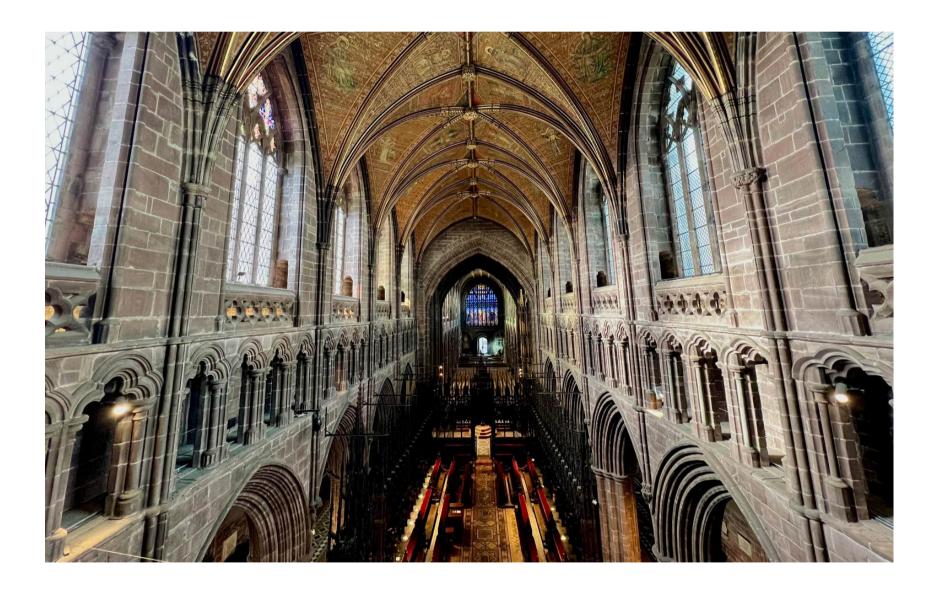


#### **CHESTER CATHEDRAL**





Chester Cathedral is many things to many people; a vibrant community of worship, an ancient abbey, an archaeological treasure, a cultural hub, a centre of musical excellence and a unique blend of medieval and modern history. Founded as a Benedictine Abbey in 1092 and became the Cathedral of the newly created Diocese of Chester in 1541. Chester Cathedral has a rich history and welcomes thousands of visitors from around the world every year.



















Chester Zoo is the UK's most popular zoo with over 37,000 animals and 128 acres of zoological gardens. We welcome both FIT and Group travellers via trade partners. FIT travellers can enjoy day admission to Chester Zoo. For groups of 15 or more we can also offer exclusive add ons including guided tours, meet the rangers experiences and lunch options.





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BOOKINGS MADE ON BEHALF OF FIT TRAVELLERS CAN CLAIM 20% COMMISSION. BOOKINGS FOR GROUPS (15 OR MORE PEOPLE) RECEIVE A DISCOUNTED NET RATE



OPEN ALL YEAR













FIT TRAVELLERS: MIN 1 - MAX 14 GROUPS: MIN 15

#### **DEVA ROMAN EXPERIENCE**



Deva Roman Experience is an interactive showcase of Roman Chester with 7 actor led shows over 2000 years of history. Designed for all ages. Meet the Romans and find out what life was like in the fortress of Deva.

Pre-book your visit for actor experience tours.





**COMMISSION UP TO 20% INCLUSIVE OF VAT** 







**FREE PARKING AT CASTLE CAR PARK ON WEEKENDS AN BANK HOLIDAYS** 

LARGE GROUPS

CAN BE SPILT









The Grosvenor Museum houses collections exploring the history and heritage of Chester with an introductory film setting the city in its historical context. Two large galleries explore life and death during the Roman military occupation. The period house displays fascinating room-sets from the 17th century to the 1920s. The museum also hosts a large natural history collection, an art gallery and a nationally important silver collection. There are three temporary exhibition galleries with changing local and national object and art exhibitions. Grosvenor Museum has a small gift shop and café.



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#### **GROSVENOR MUSEUM**









COACH DROP-OFF OUTSIDE. NEARBY COACH PARKING (PAID) AT LITTLE ROODEE

ADMISSION TO THE MUSEUM IS FREE, HOWEVER WE WELCOME A SUGGESTED DONATION FOR PRE-BOOKED GROUPS: £5

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY, 10.30AM - 5PM. SUNDAY, 1PM - 4PM. CLOSED ON MONDAY.



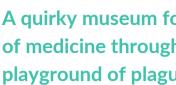
# **JODRELL BANK**





**SICK TO DEATH** 









**45 MINS** 



A UNESCO World Heritage that's long been a symbol of scientific exploration, Jodrell Bank promises a day out of wonder and discovery for all.

With four exhibitions on offer, visitors can delve deep in the world of astronomy, physics and engineering, Cold War history and space exploration. Plus, no trip is complete without heading to the Space Dome to enjoy a film in the state-of-the-art planetarium.

With discounted rates available, two cafes offering delicious, locally sourced meals for hungry astronauts and free coach parking, come to Jodrell Bank for a day out amongst the stars!











**TUESDAY - SUNDAYS 10 -5. CLOSED MONDAYS** 

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A quirky museum focusing on the fun side of sickness, illness, disease and death! The gory story of medicine through time. Sick to Death is a brand new medicine attraction in Chester. A playground of plague with a smatter of splatter and a chance to poke into our medical past.





**FREE OF CHARGE** 

WITH DEVA ROMAN DISCOVERY CENTRE AND ROMAN SOLDIER WALKING TOURS OF CHESTER - X3 ATTRACTIONS FOR A DISCOUNTED PRICE FROM £16PP. COMMISSION **UP TO 20% INCLUSIVE OF VAT** 

# **CHESHIRE OAKS DESIGNER** OUTLET





Located just 45 minutes from Manchester and 30 minutes from Liverpool, Cheshire Oaks **Designer Outlet is the perfect open-air** destination for a luxurious shopping and dining experience, with more than 140 designer brands, each offering savings of up to 60% less all year round, as well as 18 + cafés and restaurants. For groups arriving by coach or minibus, and who are staying for a minimum of two hours, book your visit in advance and receive a welcome pack including exclusive discounts. Premium Services: Premium Parking – Reserve a car parking space ahead of your visit for just £7.50 and receive an additional 10% off outlet prices at participating stores and free handsfree shopping. Handsfree Shopping - Collect your purchases at the end of your day or get them delivered to your door. Car Valet. Dog Friendly Stores & Restaurants.











**Chester Ghost Tours** explore the city's haunted heritage from the past 2000 years and go in search of the paranormal, poltergeists and things that go bump in the night. Group tours can be booked at any time throughout the year normally departing from outside the Town Hall and every one is different as the guides have their own preferred routes and stories to tell. Languages French and German languagespeaking tour guides are available. Duration each tour normally lasts 90 minutes but can be shortened or lengthened as required.

25 PEOPLE.



FROM £185 (NO VAT) FOR A GROUP OF UP TO 25 PEOPLE AND BESPOKE RATES FOR EACH **CLIENT. COMMISSION 10%** 

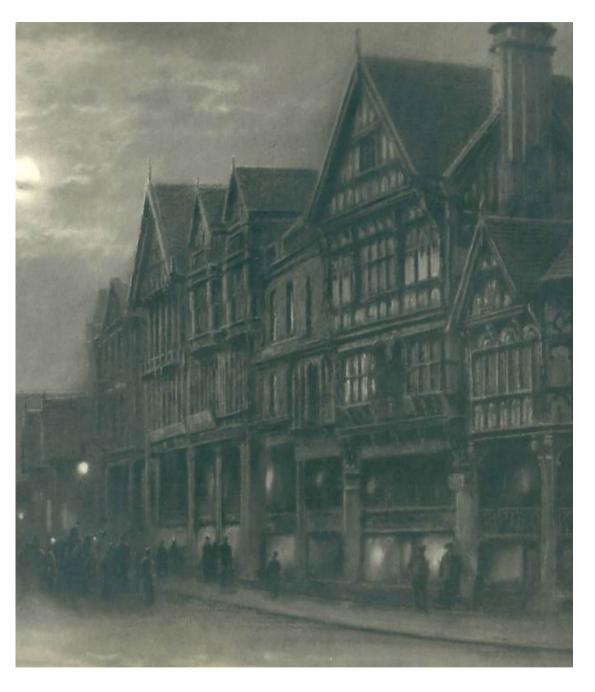


EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS FOR BOTH THE MEMBERS OF THE COACH PARTY AND THE DRIVER. FOOD OFFERS WHICH ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE COMING ON GROUP BOOKING. THE COACH DRIVER GETS A FOOD VOUCHER

# **CHESTER GHOST TOURS**







THERE IS NO MINIMUM GROUP SIZE. EACH GUIDE NORMALLY TAKES UP TO





PRE-BOOKED GROUP **TOURS AVAILABLE AT** ANY TIME

# **ROMAN SOLDIER WALKING TOURS**



Roman Soldier walking tours – Private tours with a tour guide dressed as a Roman Solider will walk you around the city to see all the Roman sites and stories will be revealed about the city's rich history.







# **VIKING CHESTER TOURS**



Viking Chester; A walk on the wilder side.

Invaders from across the North Sea swept across much of Britain over 1000 years ago and seized and stole whatever they could find, and eventually ruled over England.

Come on tour with a Viking warrior or Shield Maiden and uncover the lasting impact they made on our city and beyond.

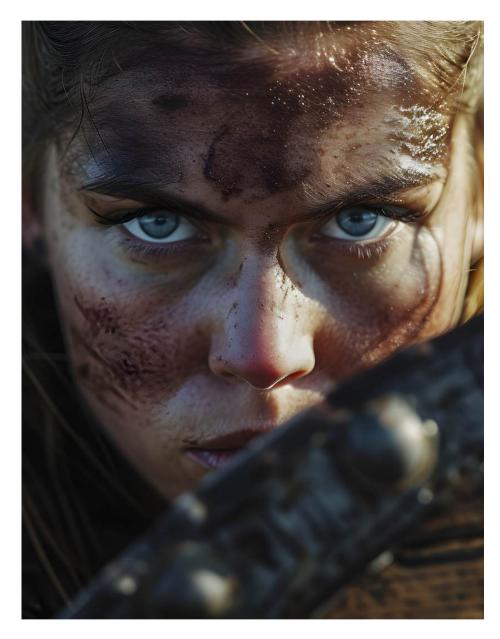
You'll find out about magic swords, cursed graves, flying cats, the undead, werewolves and the naughty god Loki!

It's an unforgettable and unmissable adventure for everyone to enjoy. You will also receive a replica Viking coin as a souvenir of your tour.

25 PEOPLE.













LITTLE ROODEE **CAR PARK** 

OFFER BESPOKE RATES FOR GROUPS BASED ON **NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS - 10%** 





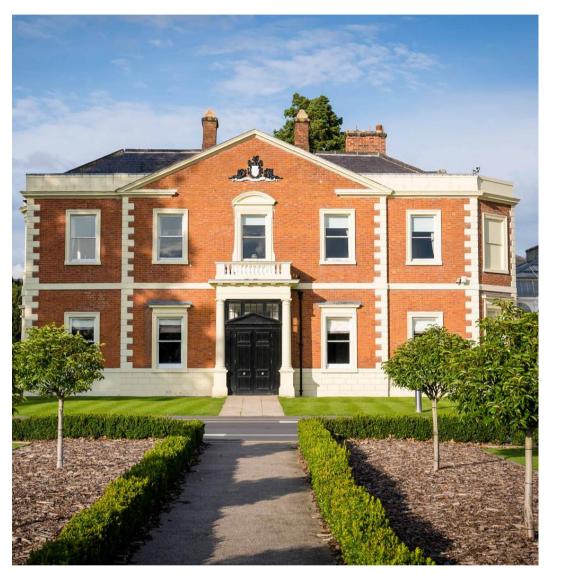
# **DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, CHESTER**





Situated in 12 acres of landscaped grounds, **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chester is an 18th Century** Manor House, offering contemporary accommodation which beautifully combines the past and present. Just two miles from the centre of the historic city of Chester, with 219 guest bedrooms and over 300 complimentary car parking spaces.

Unwind in the Garden Room and Terrace restaurant overlooking the walled gardens. Indulge in some TLC at the luxury Club and Spa. Enjoy the gym facilities, with innovative fitness equipment and state-of-the-art machines.



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PLEASE ADVISE REQUIREMENTS AND A FULL PROPOSAL CAN BE CREATED BASED ON **REQUIREMENTS AND DURATION OF STAY** 



**COMPLIMENTARY IN HOTEL CAR PARK** 





**MIN 10** 

1AX 100









Hotel Indigo Chester is a contemporary boutique hotel located in Chester city centre. Great place to stay and explore the City's neighbourhood. You can explore its famous black and white architecture, the complete 2,000 year old city walls and Britain's oldest operational Racecourse.

Please enquire about booking a unique food experiences for your group. This could include a three-course menu, topped off with a fun and interactive pastry competition for guests to recreate their desert, with the winner receiving a bottle of fizz!





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# **HOTEL INDIGO AND THE FORGE RESTAURANT - CHESTER**







SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.COMMISION UP TO 10%.

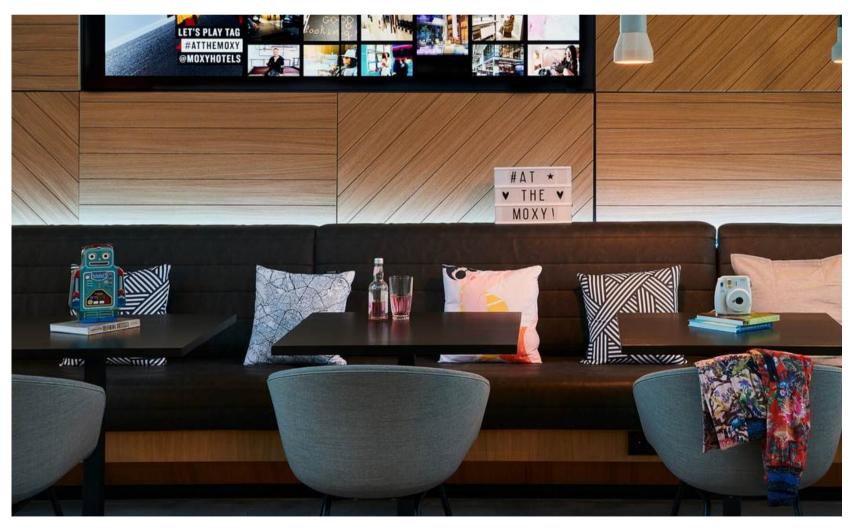






# **MOXY CHESTER**

Moxy Chester is a stylish and playful Marriott hotel located in the heart of Chester. It offers easy access to both Chester and Wrexham, making it a convenient base for exploring the area. The hotel features a vibrant lobby with contemporary furniture, ergonomic seating, and presentation-ready televisions. Guests can enjoy 24-hour food and beverage service, including a continental breakfast and an evening cocktail bar. Moxy Chester is pet-friendly, ensuring comfort for all guests, including furry friends. The hotel also provides free WiFi, a fitness center, and communal areas designed for both work and socialising.







**MIN 8 ROOMS TO GET GROUP RATES** 







walk from the centre of Chester.



**CREDIT VICTORIA GIBBS** 



218 BEDROOMS - GROUP SIZES ARE 9 - 80, LARGER GROUP SIZES ARE CONSIDERED, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY



# **QUEEN HOTEL - CHESTER**





Built opposite Chester station to serve first-class rail passengers, The Queen at Chester Hotel, is a Best Western Premier Collection with an illustrious past. The hotel is a 10-minute

This magnificent brick and stucco Italianate building was said to be the first skyscraper of its time. Since opening in 1860, it's hosted Charles Dickens, Cecil Rhodes and Lillie Langtry, to name but a few. Each floor is dedicated to a country, with every suite named after a king of that nation. When you're not relaxing in your room, enjoy a drink in one of our exquisite Victorian lounges or take arty photos on our sweeping four-storey staircase.



**GROUP PRICE QUOTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST, RATES ARE SUBJECT TO** AVAILABILITY. COMMISSION OF 8%,+ VAT ON ALL PRE-BOOKED OR CONCESSION OFFERED WITHIN THE PRICE PROPOSAL EG, 1 FREE ½ TWIN FOR EVERY 20 FULL PAYING GUESTS.



### **TRAVEL TIMES**

London to Durham: 444kms / 275.89miles By Train London Kings Cross to Durham 3h By coach/car: 4h 50

## **OVERVIEW**

Durham City sits at the heart of an amazing county, where the world famous Durham Cathedral and Castle UNESCO World Heritage Site sits proudly above the characterful streets below. This heritage city is buzzing with life – from award-winning attractions and fantastic food and drink, to exciting events, independent shops and green spaces to explore.

Author Bill Bryson called it 'a perfect little city' and Condé Nast's Traveller magazine readers voted it the 'Best city in the UK' – now Durham City warmly awaits your visit to receive another seal of approval.



# **BEAMISH, THE LIVING MUSEUM OF THE NORTH**







Award-winning Beamish Museum is a must-see part of any group visit to the North of England. Here you'll experience amazing sights, sounds, smells and delicious tastes as the past comes to life, this really is hands-on history.

Beamish is a world famous open air museum which brings the history of North East England to life at its 1820s Georgian landscape, 1900s Town, 1900s Pit Village, 1940s Farm and 1950s Town exhibition areas. Set in 350 beautiful acres, there's something for everyone at Beamish Museum including a year-long exciting events programme.



**MIN 15** 







FREE PARKING ON HARDSTANDING **AVAILABLE FOR UP TO 30 COACHES** 



**OPEN DAILY IN MAIN SEASON 10AM - 5PM** IN WINTER OPEN WED – SUN (CLOSED MON & TUES) 10AM - 4PM





Views of Durham Cathedral are a reminder that this green oasis is close to the heart of the city. **Discover a year-round events** programme, including weekly garden tours. Browse second-hand books in the hall's Jacobean room. The Garden Gate Café (free entry) offers seating indoors, as well as on an outdoor terrace. Dogs on a short lead are welcome in the gardens and café.



DISCOUNTED RATES AVAILABLE

# **CROOK HALL GARDENS**





The building has a very rich history and its timeline is littered with amazing characters, from medieval knights and romantic poets to infamous ghosts and ale merchants.

The medieval hall merges into a Jacobean manor house, which in turn merges into a Georgian town house, reflecting its development over the centuries. Please note, only the medieval hall and one Jacobean room are open to visitors.

Wander through a series of interlinking gardens, each with its own style and character. A haven for wildlife, alive with bees and butterflies collecting nectar from flowers, ducks and moorhens on the pond and songbirds in the trees. A maze provides a living puzzle to explore.



**MIN 15, LARGER GROUPS** SHOULD CALL TO MAKE **ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE** 



2-3 HOURS TO HALF A DAY. **GARDEN TOURS 1 HOUR** 





**OPEN DAILY 10AM-5PM 10 FEB UNTIL 3RD** NOV. 10AM-4PM FRI-SUN UNTIL 15TH DEC

# **DURHAM CATHEDRAL**





Durham Cathedral, part of Durham's UNESCO World Heritage Site, has been a place of worship, welcome and hospitality for almost a millennium, inspiring all who come. Enjoy a free flow visit or a guided tour and marvel at the stunning architecture, stained glass windows and medieval Cloister. Visit the Shrine of St Cuthbert and see the Treasures of St Cuthbert in the Cathedral Museum alongside early medieval artefacts. The Undercroft Café and Shop completes your visit, plus a climb to the top of the Tower to see the city and riverside views.

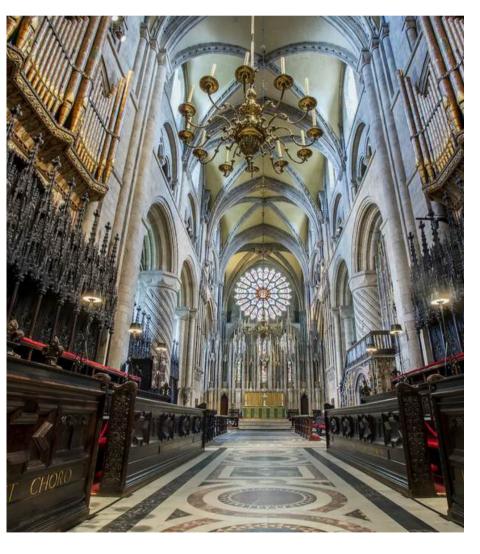




**DISCOUNTED GROUP RATE AND** PACKAGES AVAILABLE UPON ENQUIRY



**BELMONT PARK AND RIDE. DROP OFF AT FRAMWELGATE WATERSIDE TO CATCH SHUTTLE BUS** 





# **DURHAM UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDEN**



**Durham University's 10-hectare Botanic Garden is** set amongst beautiful mature woodlands on the southern outskirts of Durham City. The Botanic Garden offers a wide variety of landscapes to explore and discover, with guests young and old visiting throughout the year.

There are wonderful glass houses, where you can walk through the desert house to see the collection of cacti that thrive in this arid climate, or the tropical rainforest to see and feel what it is like to be in such an environment, you can even make it rain!

This contains a unique collection of plants and just beyond see some of its indigenous inhabitants, bugs, scorpions and tarantulas! This contains a unique collection of plants and indigenous inhabitants, bugs, scorpions and tarantulas! There is even a rare breed of Manx Loghtan sheep that can be seen enjoying the parkland in spring.





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FREE ON-SITE CAR PARK. HOWLANDS FARM CAR PARK MIDWEEK. MATHS AND COMPUTER SCIENCES CAR PARKS ON WEEKENDS AND BANK HOLIDAYS

MONDAY - SATURDAY: 10.00-16.00 SUNDAY - 12.00-14.00 (UNGUIDED OR EXTERNAL GUIDED GROUPS ONLY) OUT OF HOURS VISITS **CAN BE ARRANGED BY APPROVAL** 









SUMMER (MAR-OCT) 10AM-4:30PM WINTER (NOV-FEB) 10:30AM-4PM





# **HISTORIC LIBRARIES AT PALACE GREEN LIBRARY**





Palace Green Library is actually a collection of buildings dating back to the 15th century. Home to Durham Univeristy's special collections, the Durham World Heritage Site Visitor Centre, Museum of Archaeology, Barker Research Library and Cosins Library. Visit the website for updated times to visit Cosin's Library and the Barker Research Library.

There are no guided tours but self-guided experiences. Educational visits can discover primary sources from the archives and find out more about Durham's fascinating history, with galleries displaying treasures spanning millennia and the globe.







**BELMONT PARK AND RIDE. DROP OFF AT FRAMWELGATE WATERSIDE TO CATCH SHUTTLE BUS** 





OPEN MONDAY-SUNDAY BETWEEN 10AM-5PM. WITH LATE-NIGHT OPENING APRIL TO OCTOBER OPEN UNTIL 7PM ON THE 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AND THE 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER TO MARCH.



**PRINCE BISHOPS PLACE** 







Devoted to the art and archaeology of the cultures of Northern Africa and Asia, explore four levels of galleries. Visit the museum and learn about different cultures from prehistory to present day. There is also a regular programme of temporary exhibitions both in person and online. There are lots of family activities on regularly with museum trails, colouring activities and dress up areas.

The Oriental Museum is located just outside Durham City Centre. It is easy to reach by public transport, car or by a pleasant walk from Durham City. It is only a short walk away from the Botanic Gardens. There is also have a small café where light refreshment can be enjoyed.



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**HOWLANDS PARK AND** RIDE



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OPEN TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM. OPEN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 12 - 5PM. LATE-NIGHT OPENING APRIL TO OCTOBER OPEN UNTIL 7PM ON THE 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AND THE 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER TO MARCH.







# **DURHAM CASTLE TOURS**





Durham Castle sits at the heart of Durham's UNESCO World Heritage Site. Occupied continuously since the 11th century, the castle is now home to Durham University students. The castle can only be visited with a guided tour, where you can learn about the history and life of the castle from a specially trained tour guide. Private groups and visits for schools by our learning team can also be arranged by booking in advance.



MINIMUM GROUP SIZE 10/ MAX **GROUP SIZE 25** 



OPEN FOR GUIDED TOURS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, IN THE **AFTERNOONS DURING ACADEMIC TERM AND MORNINGS** AND AFTERNOONS DURING UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS

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PRINCE BISHOPS PLACE



45 - 50 MINUTES



**GROUP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE** 



BELMONT PARK AND RIDE, DROP OFF AT FRAMWELGATE WATERSIDE TO CATCH SHUTTLE BUS



# **DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOTT DURHAM ROYAL COUNTY**





Located in the Heart of Durham City Centre overlooking the River Wear, Durham Castle and Cathedral the hotel offers modern bedrooms, we have our Cast Iron Restaurant, bar and terrace on site and a coffee shop which guests can enjoy.



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MIN 10 ROOMS MAX DEPENDENT ON **ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS** 





COACH CAN PICK UP / DROP OFF OUTSIDE THE HOTEL BUT COACH PARKING WOULD BE AT THE BELMONT COACH PARK AND RIDE.





# **DURHAM UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION**





During University vacations Durham University offers a variety of accommodation at our Colleges, all of which are a short walk from the heart of the city, providing the perfect base from which to explore historic Durham City and the wider region.



1-25 PAX (LARGER GROUPS **CAN BE SPILT)** 

A DISCOUNT OF 10%

WILL APPLY TO GROUPS

OF 10 ROOMS OR MORE.



**PARKING IS LIMITED ON SITE, IT CANNOT BE RESERVED AND IS** SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.



**FREE COACH PARKING AT BELMONT PARK** AND RIDE



**OPEN EASTER VACATION, SUMMER VACATION. CLOSED BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. VACATION** DATES CAN BE FOUND VIA THE UNIVERSITY WEBSITE.





A stylish, contemporary hotel located in the city centre of Durham with Jozef's Riverside Bar & Restaurant. Relax in our Pace Health Club and NuSpa.





# **RADISSON BLU HOTEL DURHAM**







**OPEN ALL** 

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YEAR ROUND

FREE COACH PARKING AT BELMONT PARK AND RIDE. FREE/DISCOUNTED **STAY FOR DRIVER** 





## **OVERVIEW**

Discover Maritime Greenwich, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to Greenwich Mean Time and the Prime Meridian of the world at the Royal Observatory Greenwich, and London's only public Planetarium. Explore Britain's momentous naval history at the National Maritime Museum and visit Cutty Sark, the fastest ship of its time. Visit the Old Royal Naval College, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St Paul's Cathedral. Learn about the fascinating 600-year story of this site, the birthplace of Henry VIII. It is home to the magnificent Painted Hall, the neoclassical Chapel of St Peter and St Paul, and the Victorian Skittle Alley.

Fly 90m high on the IFS Cloud Cable Car into a world class show at The O2, the world's most popular entertainment venue. Browse designermaker arts and crafts in Greenwich Market, speed down the river in a streamlined catamaran or cruise through London's landmarks to Greenwich, the mighty Thames Barrier, Eltham Palace and Gardens and the historic Royal Arsenal in Woolwich. Greenwich is a world class destination and a great place to base yourself for a London break with comfortable and affordable accommodation just 8 minutes from London Bridge, with excellent transport links within the capital and to the rest of the country.

# SUGGESTED ITINERARY TIME TRAVELLERS

# **OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE**





The jewel in the crown of Greenwich is the magnificent Painted Hall at the Old Royal Naval College. This is only one of the reasons to come to this majestic part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is steeped in over 600 years of history and the birthplace of HenryVIII.

This is Britain's no.1 heritage film location, with the opportunity to step behind-the-scenes to discover how this stunning site has featured in everything from **Bridgerton to Bond.** 

Tickets include entry to the Painted Hall (with multimedia guide in 7 languages), the exquisite Chapel of St Peter and St Paul and the Victorian Skittle Alley. Award-winning guided tours can be added including new Film Tour experiences. A range of catering options are available in the Undercroft Café and onsite pub. A few other notable experiences include Afternoon Tea Experiences, Greenwich Gin tasting masterclasses, secret dome tours, and much more! Whether your clients have just 15 minutes or several hours - the trade team can create the package perfect for your needs with options for exclusive access and unique experiences.







RATE CARD VALID UNTIL 31 MARCH 2023 - SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.



FREE ONSITE COACH PARKING. MUST BE PRE-BOOKED







Take to the clouds and soar high, 90m over the River Thames as you soak in the extraordinary views of London. The IFS Cloud Cable Car crosses the River Thames between Greenwich Peninsula and the Royal Docks. Our round trip experience allows you to complete a 360 journey, or upgrade to fast-track to skip the queues.

Just 15 minutes from central London, and nearby popular venues including The O2 and ExCeL Centre, the IFS Cloud Cable Car is a must-do leisure attraction among Londoners and tourists alike. Providing a unique opportunity to experience the city's iconic skyline as you relax and take in aerial views of the capital.



MAX 10 PER CABIN

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**PAID CAR PARK AVAILABLE VIA** THE O2.

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ALL YEAR ROUND. **EXCEPT 24-26** DECEMBER



**CUTTY SARK ON DLR (ZONE 2), GREENWICH PIER FOR RIVERBOATS, GREENWICH STATION (ZONE 2)** 



PICK-UP/DROP-OFF POINT ON STOCKWELL STREET (SE10 9JN). TEN FREE COACH BAYS ON CHARLTON WAY (SE10 9QY) ONE PAY-AND-DISPLAY COACH BAY IN PARK ROW CAR PARK (SE10 9NL)

# **IFS CLOUD CABLE CAR**









**1 HR** 



ACCESSIBLE VIA PUBLIC TRANSPORT INCLUDING JUBILEE LINE VIA NORTH GREENWICH, DLR VIA ROYAL VICTORIA AND LOCAL BUSES.





UPON CONTACTING GROUP BOOKINGS, CLAIM A 15% DISCOUNT FOR GROUPS **10 PAX BY QUOTING 'ENGLANDORIGINALS'** 

# **ROYAL MUSEUMS GREENWICH**

### **ROYAL OBSERVATORY, CUTTY SARK, NATIONAL** MARITIME MUSEUM AND THE QUEEN'S HOUSE





A top UK visitor attraction, Royal Museums Greenwich is the place to discover sea and space exploration, British heritage, royal history, art and pioneering architecture. Four landmark attractions are located within the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of historic Royal** Greenwich and all world-class sites are within easy walking distance of each other. The Royal **Museums Greenwich Day Pass offers** discounted entry to all sites, guaranteeing unbeatable value for a day out in Greenwich. Interactive audio guides are available free of charge at all sites, in different languages. The product offer includes: Entry tickets to individual sites; Day Pass; Afternoon Tea; **Cream Tea; Private Openings; Planetarium** Shows; Private Guided Tours and much more.



**15% DISCOUNT OFFERED TO PARTIES OF 15 OR MORE. 1 FREE LEADER EVERY 15 PAYING VISITORS** 



CUTTY SARK ON DLR (ZONE 2); **GREENWICH PIER FOR RIVERBOATS; GREENWICH STATION (ZONE 2)** 



FROM 15% ON RRP PRICES. PLEASE CONTACT DIRECTLY FOR FURTHER **NFORMATION** 

**ALL YEAR ROUND.** 

(CEPT 24-26 DECEMBER



**STOCKWELL STREET (SE10 9JN). TEN FREE COACH BAYS** ON CHARLTON WAY (SE10 9QY). ONE PAY-AND-DISPLAY COACH BAY IN PARK ROW CAR PARK (SE10 9NL).













Discover stunning views of London with Up at The O2. Experience the thrill of climbing the world famous roof of The O2 and take in panoramic views over London's most iconic skyline at the summit, 52 metres above ground level. The whole experience is approximately 90 minutes. Upon arrival, you will be given briefing instructions and safety equipment to kit up in. The expert guides will take the lead and share some interesting facts about the venue's unique architecture as well as its famous visitors. Once you reach the viewing platform, enjoy the breathtaking 360-degree views of London like you've never seen before. Choose from a variety of climbing options, including daytime, sunset or twilight climbs.



**90 MINS** 

%

FIT RATES START FROM £35 (WEEKDAY DAYTIME CLIMBS). WEEKEND DAYTIME RATES START FROM £40. SUNSET AND TWILIGHT CLIMBS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK START FROM £38 AND UPWARDS. TRADE RATES FOR FIT AND GROUPS ARE AVAILABLE AS WELL AS COMPETITIVE CORPORATE AND EDUCATION RATES.



**OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND. SPRING/SUMMER FROM** 10:00 - 20:00. AUTUMN/WINTER FROM 10:00 - 18:00. THERE ARE SOME CLOSURE DATES IN JANUARY.



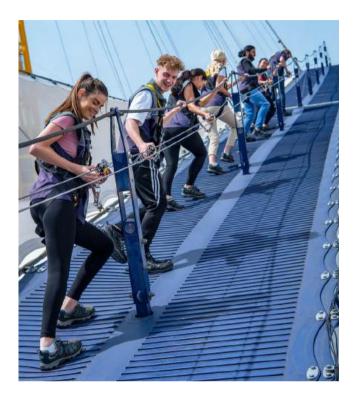
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67 COACH BAYS AT THE O2 (SE10 0ER), NON-EVENT PARKING - FEES APPLY. UBER BOAT BY THAMES CLIPPERS OFFER A PARK AND GLIDE COACH PARKING SCHEME AT THE O2 SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR COACH GROUPS HEADING TO GREENWICH.











18 OR 30 PER TIMESLOT. IF YOUR GROUP IS MORE THAN 30 CLIMBERS THEN WE CAN CUSTOMISE ANOTHER TIMESLOT 15-30 MINUTES AFTER YOUR **FIRST CLIMB SLOT** 



NEAREST UNDERGROUND **STATION - NORTH GREENWICH (ZONE 2)** 

# **CITY CRUISES**





The biggest tour boat operator on the River Thames, **City Cruises provides tourism and leisure passenger** services on the River Thames with more than four million passenger journeys taking place every year on its route through the heart of London between Westminster and the Tower of London, then under Tower Bridge and down river to Greenwich, a journey through 2,000 years of liquid history.

Explore London's famous sights on an awardwinning sightseeing or dining cruise or an exhilarating ThamesJet speedboat ride. Discover London's history with entertaining live commentary and take in the best panoramic views on this sightseeing tours. Enjoy a unique dining experience cruising along the river with delectable food and live entertainment or experience a thrilling 50-minute speedboat ride.

**City Cruises products include general sightseeing** cruise, special and themed events, ThamesJet Speedboat, Lunch & Dinner Cruise, Jazz Dinner Cruise, Afternoon Tea Cruise, Murder Mystery **Dinner Cruise and much more.** 









Once a police section house, the DoubleTree by Hilton London Greenwich is an award-winning 1940's landmark building located in the heart of Greenwich, just off Greenwich High Road. A short walk from the Maritime Greenwich UNESCO World Heritage site and near many of the city's most popular attractions.

The hotel has 150 well-appointed bedrooms, with complimentary high-speed internet, and onsite car parking is available. Hospitality begins with a chocolate chip cookie welcome upon arrival and continues with the Hilton Honors guest loyalty programme. An array of fine services and amenities has resulted in the DoubleTree by Hilton London Greenwich being awarded the 2020 Travellers choice award from Trip Advisor.



**PLEASE CONTACT DIRECTLY FOR FURTHER** NFORMATION



CENTRAL LONDON-20MIN AWAY BY TRAIN; EXCEL- 40 MINUTES AWAY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT: **GREENWICH TOWN CENTRE - 10 MIN WALK; O2 ARENA-20 MIN. NEAREST STATION IS DEPTFORD** BRIDGE (DLR) ZONE 2 - 5 MIN WALK.

**30 MINS** 



PLEASE CONTACT DIRECTLY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.





BOATS DEPART TO AND FROM GREENWICH EVERY 30 MINUTES, EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK, ALL YEAR ROUND FROM WESTMINSTER, LONDON EYE AND THE TOWER OF LONDON.

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# **DOUBLETREE BY HILTON LONDON GREENWICH**







STAY TOGETHER BY BOOKING 10 OR MORE ROOMS.





PARKING IS AVAILABLE ON SITE (£20 **PER DAY: PRE-BOOKING WITH** HOTEL REOUIRED).

# LANCASTER



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tourism@lancaster.gov.uk

## **TRAVEL TIMES**

London to Lancaster 404 kms /251 miles By train: 2h30 By car/coach: 5h.

## **OVERVIEW**

With its mix of great places to eat and drink, a castle and museums, impressive theatre and some fantastic events, Lancaster is a city which is well worth exploring for a group visit. Lancaster's history can be traced back thousands of years and that is no better discovered than by taking a guided tour of Lancaster Castle, which dominates the Lancaster skyline. Muse over fine exhibitions and collections at the city's museums, telling tales of Lancaster's past.

History runs through the quaint cobbled streets, where you'll find a coffee shop dating back to 1837, a restaurant housed in a 300-year-old former wine merchant's cellar and Lancaster's oldest pub which dates to the 15th century and is one of only two sites in Britain with an original gravity-fed cellar. There is also a huge selection of independent cafés and restaurants, many catering for groups and serving specialist foods.

Whenever you choose to visit, you'll be delighted with the evening entertainment available to group organisers with plays, musicals and shows at The Dukes and the Grand Theatre. The Dukes' annual Play in the Park is a large-scale walkabout performance in Williamson Park and is a must-see during the summer months. Lancaster Arts at Lancaster University also offers theatre and dance, concerts and music events and a public art gallery.



# SUGGESTED ITINERARY



# JUDGES' LODGINGS MUSEUM



Bringing the stories of Lancaster to life for everyone, through the city's oldest town house. Nestled below Lancaster Castle,

The Judges' Lodgings dates back nearly 400 years on a site that has been at the centre of Lancaster's history for nearly 2000 years. The current house was built around 1625 by Thomas Covell, Keeper of the Castle and famous for locking up the Pendle Witches during the infamous Lancashire Witch Trials. From 1826 the house became a lodgings for the travelling 'Red Judges' of the Assizes Courts. Dressed in their scarlet robes, the Judges decided the fate of murderers, forgers and highwaymen at Lancaster Castle.

Today the house is home to beautiful Georgian furniture by Gillows of Lancaster, elegant period rooms and the popular Museum of Childhood. Unfacilitated visit, guided tours, introductory talks.





15 MINS -HOURS



**OPEN MARCH - NOV THURS/FRI/SAT/SUN FOR** PUBLIC, BUT CAN ACCOMMODATE TOUR GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - PLEASE CONTACT US TO BOOK.



**LANCASTER CASTLE** 





Lancaster Castle's origins date back almost 1,000 years. This Grade 1 Listed Building occupies a city-centre hilltop location on the site of three successive Roman forts and has been described by English Heritage as "not only the North-West's most important historic and archaeological monument but also of international importance".

Public guided tours run regularly during opening hours (please see our website for timings). Prebooked private group tours for outside of school holidays are also available daytime and early evenings. Come and see one of the last working castles in the country, learn about the administration of justice through the last 1,000 years, and experience what it meant to be imprisoned here.



**TRADE RATES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST** 



MAX TOUR SIZE 39 PAX ON PUBLIC TOURS, 49 ON PRIVATE. ALTHOUGH MULTIPLE TOURS **AVAILABLE FOR BIGGER GROUPS** 



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NEAREST IS ON UPPER ST LEONARDGATE COACH PARK WHICH PROVIDES CONVENIENT ACCESS TO ALL CITY CENTRE ATTRACTIONS. THE PARK IS ACCESSED VIA EDWARD STREET (LA1 1QH).









**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK (EXCEPT OVER THE** CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD) FROM 9:30AM TO 5PM



# LANCASTER CITY MUSEUM







Discover more about the City of Lancaster, one of England's Heritage Cities, from the prehistoric era through to today. Our immersive galleries are packed with objects and stories exploring all aspects of the history of this wonderful city and its people. The City Museum is housed in Lancaster's former town hall, right on the edge of the busy Market Square. The elegant Georgian building was constructed between 1781-3 to the designs of Major Thomas Jarrett and Thomas Harrison.

The museum itself was founded in 1923 and its varied collection and dioramas lead visitors through the social and industrial history and archaeology of Lancaster, and the stories of the people who have made the city what it is today. Enjoy our fine art collection and the programme of changing exhibitions.

The City Museum building is also home to the King's Own Royal **Regiment Museum**, a fascinating insight into the military heritage of the city's own regiment from 1680 onwards.

















10:30AM - 4PM EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY. EXTRA OPENING OUTSIDE NORMAL HOURS CAN BE ARRANGED FOR LARGE GROUPS. FEES DEPEND ON GROUP SIZE AND REQUIREMENTS. CONTACT FOR DETAILS.







Choose one of our four award-winning escape rooms and challenge your team to escape within the hour. We also have a fully licensed whisky bar on site; and provide whisky taster experiences. We can provide food with advanced notice and can cater for approx. 30-35 visitors.





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# LANCASTER ESCAPE



Escape room experience for parties; gatherings; team building or just for fun.

10N/WEDS 3-10PM. THURS – SAT 11AM TO 10 PM. CAN OPEN OUTSIDE OF THESE HOURS WITH ADVANCED NOTICE.

FOR GROUPS OF 8-13 WE START THE PRICE FROM £15 PP AND FOR GROUPS OF 14 OR MORE THE PRICE STARTS FROM £13.20 PP.

# LANCASTER GRAND THEATRE





Lancaster Grand Theatre has been a major part of the social and cultural life of Lancaster since it opened in 1782. The Theatre is the third oldest provincial theatre in the UK and is a Grade II listed building. It has an eclectic mix of programmes for all ages to enjoy and is one of the North West's most successful venues attracting big names in comedy, music and dance. We offer Tours throughout the year and Community Tours for larger groups. "Meet" celebrated 18th century actress Sarah Siddons and Victorian theatre owner Henry Wilkinson in a 90-minute tour. Learn how a theatre works in practical terms and how the audience experience has changed over the years. Hear stories of famous actors, disasters, superstitions and ghosts... The tour takes in the auditorium, stage, dressing rooms and prop store. For tour dates and booking please go to our website.





THEATRE IS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TIMES AND DATES VARY. BOX OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY 10AM - 3PM



LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL CAR **PARKING - CHARGES APPLY** 





45 MINS -2 HOURS









Discover the story of Lancaster and Morecambe's relationship with the ocean, the challenging lives of those living and working in the places between land and sea, and how our inland waterways have shaped our lives, work, and leisure. We uncover the dark legacy that the transatlantic slave trade has left in this proud, historic city and show how the Quay where the museum stands was once a bustling place of trade and commerce from all over the world.

Lancaster Maritime Museum occupies two historic buildings on St. George's Quay, the heart of the city's 18th-century harbour. The museum was opened in 1985 in the former Custom House, designed in 1764 by Richard Gillow. It also incorporates the upper floor of the neighbouring warehouse, where goods were stored after being shipped into the port from all over the world.

**Explore these atmospheric and fascinating** buildings and discover the history of the Port of Lancaster. Experience the treacherous crossing of the sands, sit in a packet boat on the Lancaster Canal, and listen to local fisherfolk speak of life on and around Morecambe Bay. Delve into Lancaster's darker side and learn the stories of the merchant families who built the city's wealth from the trade in enslaved Africans and slave-produced goods, or discover something new in our programme of changing exhibitions.



FREE OUTSIDE FOR 3 HRS. PAY AND DISPLAY **BEHIND MUSEUM** 



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# LANCASTER MARITIME MUSEUM









**EDWARD STREET COACH PARK** 

MONDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY 12PM - 4PM



HOURS

# **LANCASTER PRIORY**





The Mother Church of the City of Lancaster, Lancaster Priory is a Grade 1 listed building, located on a site which has seen Christian worship since Saxon times. It is of huge historical and archaeological importance.



MONDAY TO SATURDAY 10AM-4PM



SOME FREE ON SITE PARKING FOR **BLUE BADGE HOLDERS** 



**DEPENDENT ON TOUR OR EVENT** 

TOURS UP TO 30 AND OTHER EVENTS UP TO 450







The ancestral home of the world-renowned Gillow furniture family, Leighton Hall is still lived in today and is no stuffy museum - there aren't any roped off areas here!

Relax and stroll around all corners of this amazing outdoor space, from the extensive lawns to the 19th century Walled Garden, with ornamental vegetable patch, path maze and bee corner leading to the woodland walk with adventure playground.

Leighton Hall welcomes day and family visitors from May to September each year. Public opening hours are restricted so groups must book in advance





FREE CAR AND **COACH PARKING** 

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3 HOURS -HALF DAY

# **THE COTTAGE MUSEUM**



Discover more about life in historic Lancaster at the Cottage Museum, the smallest and most immersive museum in the city.

The tiny staircases lead to rooms that look as though the occupants have just left. Handle objects and imagine this is your home; for a while anyway.

Facing Lancaster Castle and just a short walk from the Judges Lodgings, the Cottage is part of a 1739 house, subdivided around 1820 and furnished as an artisan's house of that date.

This wonderfully engaging museum provides an intimate glimpse of early Victorian life in an intriguing 18th century cottage, which is (you wouldn't know to look at it) spread over five floors.





EDWARD STREET **COACH PARK** 





FREE OUTSIDE FOR 3 HRS. PAY AND DISPLAY BEHIND MUSEUM



**APRIL TO OCTOBER, SATURDAYS ONLY, 1-4PM. EXTRA OPENING** OUTSIDE NORMAL HOURS CAN BE ARRANGED FOR GROUPS. CONTACT FOR DETAILS.



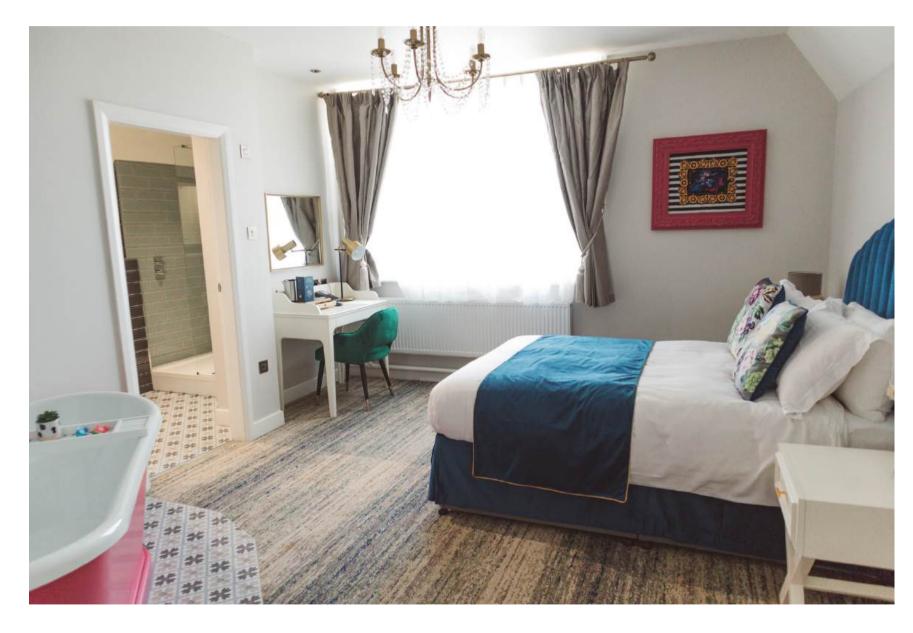
**30 MINS** 







In the heart of the historic city of Lancaster, with views of its famous castle, stands the Royal Kings Arms Hotel. Originally built in 1625 and later rebuilt after a fire, we boast 50 renovated rooms and suites. Alongside this, our Brasserie restaurant serves delicious Afternoon Tea and exciting evening meals ensuring you have everything you need for a fantastic stay with us.





**UP TO 20%** DISCOUNT

# **ROYAL KINGS ARMS HOTEL**





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## **TRAVEL TIMES**

London to Lincoln 230kms/ 143 miles By Train from Kings Cross to Lincoln: 2h30 By car/coach: 2h30

## **OVERVIEW**

There is 2000 years of history to explore in Lincoln; from it's Roman origins through to the magnificent Castle and Cathedral in Medieval Lincoln's historic Bailgate area and the engineering revolution of the 20th century as the birthplace of the Tank.

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Retrace the footsteps of the Romans, Vikings, Normans, Georgians and Victorians; traders, knights, soldiers, prisoners and law makers who lived worked and served time here. Lincoln Castle offers guided tours and a 360-degree Wall Walk offering spectacular views across the city. Lincoln Cathedral is one of the country's finest and one of the best examples of the English Gothic style to be found anywhere, available are numerous guided tours, including rooftop and historic graffiti tours.

Lincoln is the only place in the world where you can see original copies of Magna Carta (1215) and the Charter of the Forest (1217) in one place. 100





# **DODDINGTON HALL & GARDENS**





Begun in 1595 by Robert Smythson, one of England's foremost Elizabethan architects, Doddington Hall was completed in 1600 and has never been sold or cleared out since.

This lived-in and much loved family home offers guided and self-guided tours to groups to explore its rich history. Private Guided Tours of the Hall and Gardens, with knowledgeable guides are available on selected weekdays from April-September. Self-guided tours run on selected weekdays from April-September with Gardens only visits available from February. Groups can also experience the magic of Doddington at Christmas with self-guided tours in November and December.

There is always plenty to see and do at Doddington to make a day of it. Groups can pre-book refreshments in the Grain Store Café and explore the wider estate with a range of shops and free walks.



**FREE COACH** 

PARKING









Our tour guides take groups around the gardens and the Spire and take groups of up to 20 per guide. We have some who are also available to do private presentations in one of our hospitality facilities. We have events and services throughout the year which are all group friendly.





**15% FOR GROUPS OF OVER 20** 

# **INTERNATIONAL BOMBER COMMAND CENTRE (IBCC)**





**FUESDAY TO SUNDAY EACH WEEK 09.30 – 17.00 (CLOSING AT** 16.00 FROM MID-NOVEMBER TO MID FEBRUARY)

# LINCOLN CASTLE





Built by William the Conqueror in 1068, Lincoln Castle has stood for hundreds of years as a symbol of power and seat of justice. Here you can discover 1000 years of history, scale the heights of the Medieval Wall Walk, follow in the footsteps of prisoners in the Victorian Prison and immerse yourself in the Magna Carta story.

Lincoln Castle is now the only place in the world where an original 1215 Magna Carta and 1217 Charter of the Forest can be seen side by side, on permanent loan from Lincoln Cathedral.





ALL GROUP VISITS OF 15 OR MORE PAYING VISITORS RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT AND ALL GROUPS (MIN. GROUP SIZE 10) RECEIVE UP TO 2 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS









COACH PARKING DETAILS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST





Lincoln Cathedral, a stunning example of Gothic architecture, stands majestically in Lincoln, England. Constructed from 1072, it was once the tallest building in the world. Known for its impressive façade, intricate carvings, and the iconic Lincoln Imp, the cathedral houses significant historical artefacts as well as a modern visitor centre. Today, it remains an active and welcoming place of worship, an accessible and dog friendly tourist attraction, and a symbol of the city's rich medieval heritage.

A floor tour is offered as part of your admission to the Cathedral and a variety of additional tours are available including roof; tower; historic graffiti; the sacred and the strange, symbolism of Lincoln Cathedral, stained glass; and the secrets of Minster Yard.



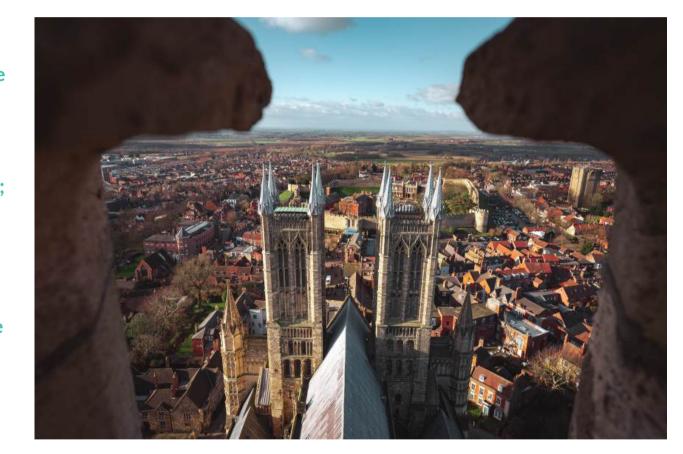
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GROUPS OF 12 AND OVER 9% DISCOUNT ON ADMISSION

# LINCOLN CATHEDRAL





COACH DROP-OFF AT LINCOLN HOTEL, WITH PARKING AVAILABLE AT PC COACHES DEPOT.



# **MEDIEVAL BISHOP'S PALACE**









Explore architecture which reflected enormous power and wealth, discover undercrofts and hidden gardens as well as one of the country's most northerly vineyards.





15% FOR GROUPS OF 11+ PAID IN ONE TRANSACTION ON ARRIVAL. 1 X GROUP LEADER. 1 X COACH DRIVER AND EH MEMBERS RECEIVE FREE ENTRY AND DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS **GROUP NUMBER.** 



DAILY 10AM-5PM. CLOSED FROM 4TH NOV 2024 - 1ST APRIL 2025











Come along and experience the largest social history museum in the county. Our rich and varied social historic collection reflects and celebrates the culture of Lincolnshire and its people from 1750 to the present. Displays include a WW1 tank, Domestic Settings, the Lincolnshire **Regimental Collection, Agricultural and Industry displays, Transport and Commercial settings.** 

iGuides - separate iGuides for adults and children which are packed with videos, audio, images and games inspired by the Museum's collections.

Although entry is free we do have an entry charge on event days.

Various events throughout the year including Family Fun Days during school holidays, WW1 & WW11 weekend events, Airfix Weekend, Christmas Event, etc.

The Gatehouse Gallery shows at least 3 temporary exhibitions each year.

The Gatehouse Tearoom offers light refreshments and drinks.

**FREE PARKING (LIMITED SPACES) COACH PARKING FREE.** 



# **MUSEUM OF LINCOLNSHIRE LIFE**





WITH TOUR GUIDE: MAX 30 **INDEPENDENT GROUP: MAX 60 SCHOOL GROUPS: MAX 50** 





MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

# **THE LINCOLN MUSEUM**





Lincoln Museum & Usher Gallery showcases Lincolnshire's rich heritage to the world, offering a unique insight into the history and archaeology of Lincolnshire, art collections and treasures. Lincoln Museum runs a variety of talks, tours and workshops, whether related to our programme of temporary exhibitions or as stand-alone events, led by our staff and by external experts.

Venue hire options are available which can be catered for, from full site hire, to room hire, including a 115 seated auditorium.



UP TO 20 PEOPLE. BESPOKE TOURS AVAILABLE FOR LARGER NUMBERS. AUDITORIUM AVAILABLE WHICH SEATS UP TO 115.



THURS-MON

10AM-4PM







The Castle Hotel in Lincoln offers luxurious, home-from-home comfort. In a fantastic hotel in Lincoln city centre setting – just a quick walk from town.

With stunning views, luxury rooms, Serviced Apartments and fantastic food available at the Lounge Bar or Reform Restaurant. The central location means guests are perfectly placed to enjoy Lincoln's many attractions. We have a wide range of room types available. All with award-winning interior design to add a hint of luxury and style.



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ALL YEAR ROUND



**TRADE RATES AVAILABLE ON** REQUEST

# **THE LINCOLN HOTEL**

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The Lincoln Hotel is a restored 1960's hotel that offers guests comfortable rooms, delicious food and incredible views. We are located just next door to the stunning Lincoln Cathedral, which means that we are ideally placed for guests wanting to explore the medieval city.





**10 BEDROOMS MINIMUM FOR GROUPS, UP TO 70 BEDROOMS AVAILABLE AT PROPERTY** 



PARKING AVAILABLE ON SITE



TRADE RATES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST







These days it is the natural choice for staying, eating and celebrating in the centre of this beautiful and historic city.

Our hotel is the region's most elegant and exclusive venue. It boasts 49 luxurious bedrooms, a range of bars and a restaurant serving a range of dishes made with the finest local ingredients. **Catering for events from private** celebrations to spectacular weddings, the hotel has it all.

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# WHITE HART HOTEL











# OXFORD

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## **TRAVEL TIMES**

London to Oxford 97 kms/ 60.27miles By train from London Paddington or London Marylebone to Oxford: 1h By Car/Coach: London to Oxford 2hrs, also connects Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

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## **OVERVIEW**

The pinnacle of English life in the heart of the country. Located only an hour northwest of London, Oxfordshire is a region replete with picturesque villages, historic market towns, cosy pubs and rolling countryside, with the river Thames running through. Its perhaps the part of England that most resembles visitor's imaginations – quaint yet full of life.

The City of Oxford and its heritage sites and streets are twin marvels with a history stretching back more than 1,000 years, so it's no wonder the city is a firm favourite of filmmakers and TV producers and has inspired countless famous writers over the centuries, not least CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien. Oxford's skyline, which inspired its moniker 'the City of Dreaming Spires', is world famous for its many conical roofs. Visitors can view these from rooftop restaurants and bars, punt and cruise on the river Thames and Cherwell or explore the city, it's heritage sites and streets, and oldest and renowned University of all on a walking tour. Whether your clients are looking for a cultured city break, romantic getaway, family holiday, or a weekend away with friends, Oxford has plenty to offer everyone.

# **SUGGESTED ITINERARY**



# **BLENHEIM PALACE**







At the touch of a button visitors can delve deeper into the history, stories and treasures of the Palace's past. Access their onsite guide on your personal device using their free WI-FI. This gives access to the Palace and Garden Tours, in 9 languages, and a whole lot more to enhance your visit.





MIN 1 PERSON, 15+ FOR GROUPS - MAX 30 PER GUIDE



CAR PARKING INCLUDED IN ENTRANCE TICKET PRICE.



TRADE, GROUPS AND FIT RATES AVAILABLE

**ALL YEAR** 

ROUND



VARIABLE 2-6 HRS



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MIN 15. MAX 20 PER TOUR

COMPETITIVE RATES TO GROUPS AND FIT'S ON ARRANGEMENTS. COMMISSION ARRANGEMENT WITH GETYOURGUIDE (25% AND TIQUETS 20%)





Oxford Castle & Prison is a large 1,000-year old medieval castle on the western side of central Oxford. Climb the Saxon St George's Tower, one of the oldest buildings in Oxford, and enjoy its stunning 360° panoramic views over the city of Oxford. Descend deep underground into the dark atmosphere of the 900-year old crypt, the only surviving remains of St. George's Chapel. Explore the austere confines of the 18th century Debtors' Tower and Prison D-Wing and scale the Mound of the 11th-century motte-and-bailey castle.



# **OXFORD CASTLE AND PRISON**









# WADDESDON MANOR







Waddesdon, a unique French Renaissance-style château, was built in the 1870s by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild to house his art treasures and entertain fashionable society. Opened in 1959 and managed by the Rothschild Foundation, a family charitable trust, it's home to the Rothschild Collections of paintings, sculpture and decorative arts. Outside, formal Victorian gardens and rolling parkland can be enjoyed year-round with spectacular seasonal displays, sweeping landscapes and the ornate Rococo-style Aviary, a registered zoo that takes part in important conservation breeding projects.



MIN 15





**AVAILABLE ON** 





FROM END OF MARCH TO END OF OCTOBER AND FROM

MID-NOVEMBER TO EARLY JANUARY FOR CHRISTMAS.

WEDNESDAYS TO SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS

PAID COACH PARKING INCLUDES REFRESHMENT FOR DRIVER

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The award-winning City Sightseeing Oxford open-top hop-on hop-off bus tour lasts around 1 hour and takes in the city's famous sights, including Oxford Castle, Christ Church, Magdalen Bridge, Sheldonian Theatre and Ashmolean Museum. With commentary in 14 languages and a single route with 20 bus stops, you can discover Oxford at your leisure. From the early settlement of the world's oldest English-speaking university to the development of life-saving medicines, from Alice in Wonderland to Harry Potter, there is so much to uncover!

**City Sightseeing Oxford** also offers various walking tour options, including a **45-minute Stepping** through Oxford tour, a 1.5hour Town and Gown tour. a 1.5-hour Historical Pubs and Taverns tour, and **Private Hire Walking Tour** options. Flexible Private Hire options are available, and bus Tour tickets are valid for either 24 or 48 hours. Combo tickets with other attractions are also available.

> MAX 75 PER **TOUR BUS**



## **CITY SIGHTSEEING OXFORD**







**1 HOUR FOR PRIVATE HIRE / OR** TICKETS VALID 24 HOUR HOP ON HOP

TRADE RATES AVAILABLE. PARTNERSHIP **AGREEMENT CAN BE SET UP, STARTING COMMISSION RATE IS 10%** 



YEAR ROUND AVAILABILITY FOR OUR **BUS AND WALKING TOURS (TIMINGS** VARY ON SEASON)

# **OXFORD OFFICIAL WALKING** TOURS





Explore the most iconic buildings in Oxford, steeped in history and recognised worldwide. Discover Oxford's stunning college architecture, cobbled streets and alleyways, the setting for many world-famous TV and film locations including Harry Potter and Inspector Morse. Uncover the historical and cultural significance of Oxford's most renowned thinkers, writers, and scientists with amusing anecdotes about many of the real-life characters who've lived, worked and studied here. Group and Private Walking Tours are available.

Themes include: Oxford On Screen, Oxford Past & Present, C.S. Lewis & J.R.R. Tolkien, Inspector Morse, Harry Potter, and more. Groups of 1-100+ can be accommodated by awardwinning guiding services.

### **Private Walking Tours**

**Oxford On Screen Walking Tour** 

**Oxford University and City Walking Tour** 

C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien Walking Tour





**MIN 1 PERSON - MAX 20 PERSON PER** GUIDE.



COACH PARKING IN OXFORD (CHARGED) WITH TWO **DESIGNATED COUNCIL COACH DROP OFF POINTS (ST GILES AND ST ALDATES)** 

**ALL YEAR** 

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**COMMISSION AT** 5% NEGOTIABLE

**1 - 2 HOURS** 

# **OXFORD RIVER CRUISES**





Various river cruise experiences available on the Thames, including sightseeing tours, afternoon tea cruises, picnic cruises, and cocktail cruises, as well as private hire of boats with a skipper to drive the passengers. Suitable for education, corporate and incentive visits.







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All boats are electrically powered with the latest technology.







SHORTEST TRIP IS 50 MINUTES, LONGEST IS 3 HOURS. BESPOKE CAN **BE ALL DAY.** 





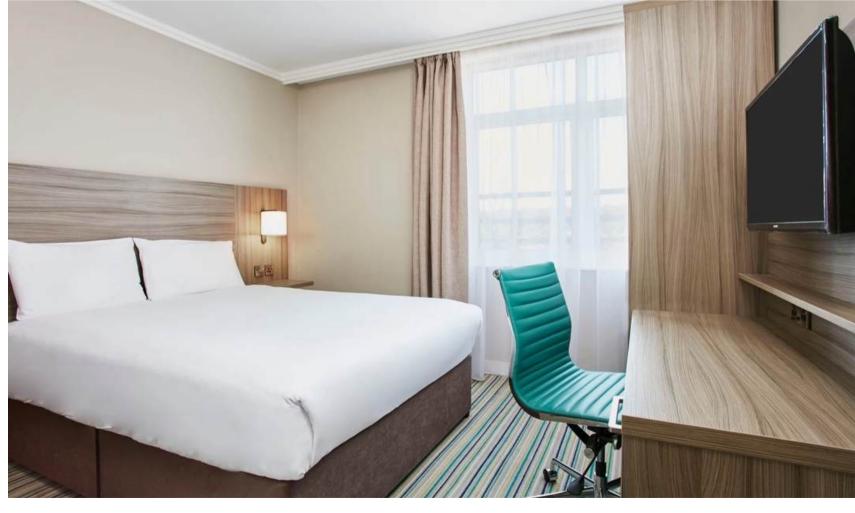
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# **LEONARDO ROYAL HOTEL OXFORD**















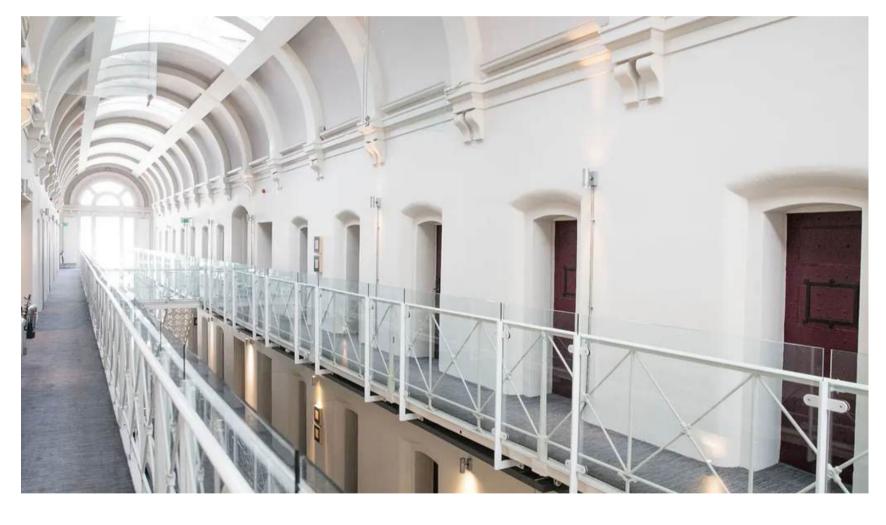
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The Malmaison Hotel is a former prison now converted into a boutique hotel situated in the centrally located Oxford Castle Quarter. Full of character and history, this is an inspiring place, offering unique luxury accommodation in historic Oxford. The rooms are complete with luxurious beds, super-fast Wi-Fi, drench showers and all the comforting amenities you would expect from a luxury hotel. The fabulous contemporary restaurant Malmaison Bar & Grill serves fresh, local and classic dishes cooked to perfection.



MIN 6, MAX 95 FOR BEDROOMS



# **MALMAISON OXFORD**





TRADE, GROUPS AND FIT RATES AVAILABLE. COMMISSION RATES GENERALLY OFFERED AT 10% NET + VAT

# **THE BEAR HOTEL**





Formerly a 13th century coaching inn, The Bear Hotel sits serenely at the centre of the charismatic market town of Woodstock. Full of period features, oak beams and rich interiors, it's a hidden gem where the combination of history, culture and exceptional facilities make it one the finest 4-star hotels in Oxfordshire. The hotel is a short walk to the gates of Blenheim Palace where you can spend the day exploring this beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the centre of Woodstock.



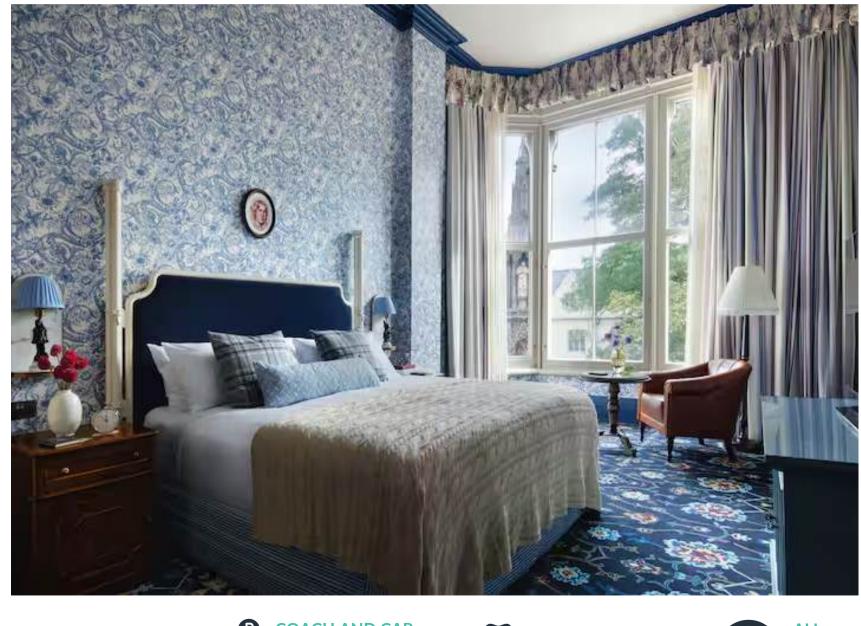








The Randolf Hotel Oxford, a Graduate by Hilton is located in the heart of Oxford, directly across from the world-class Ashmolean Museum and within walking distance of the university buildings and colleges. An Oxford landmark in the heart of the city, the iconic hotel takes inspiration from Oxford University, with nods to college architecture and notable alumni.





**MAX 54** 









TRADE RATES **AVAILABLE ON** REQUEST

# THE RANDOLF HOTEL OXFORD, A **GRADUATE BY HILTON**







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**COACH AND CAR PARKING AVAILABLE** (CHARGES APPLY)



**10% COMMISSION EXCLUDING VAT** 

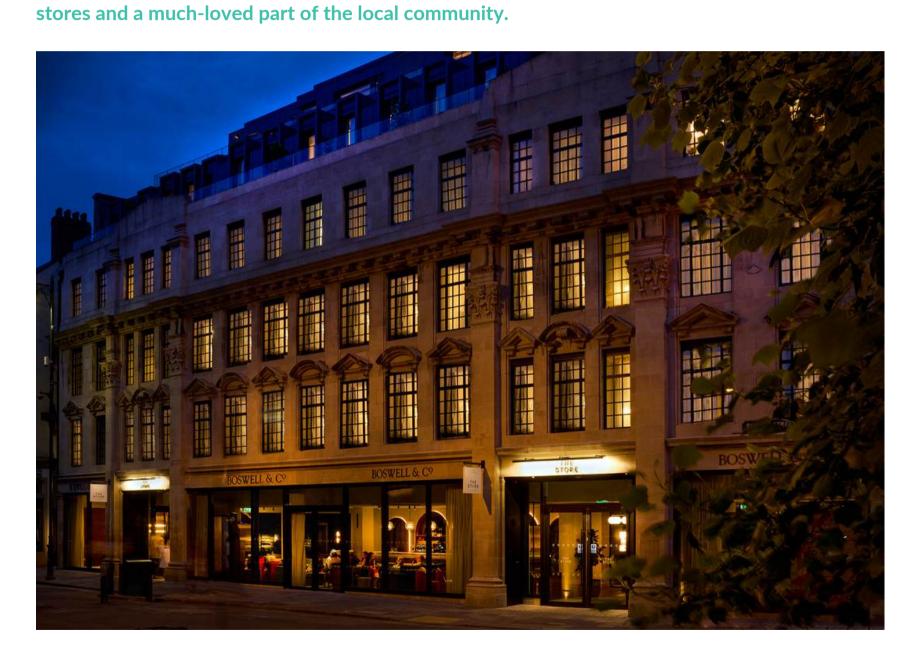


# **THE STORE**





exploration and wonder. Boswells was one of the world's oldest family-owned department











CAR PARKING AVAILABLE NEARBY AT WESTGATE OXFORD, PAID





London to Salisbury: 136.2kms/84.6miles By Train: London Waterloo to Salisbury 90 mins By Car/Coach London to Salisbury: 90 mins **Coaches also connect to Heathrow and Gatwick airports** 

### **OVERVIEW**

Salisbury. Traditional. Original. A Cathedral city of ageless beauty and captivating history, Salisbury has been welcoming travellers since 1227. At the city's heart is Salisbury Cathedral, Britain's finest 13th century cathedral with the tallest spire in Britain, the world's oldest working clock (1386) and the world's best-preserved original Magna Carta (1215). Gathered around the Cathedral is a modern medieval city. In the famous Cathedral Close, visitors can explore many attractions such as Mompesson House, The Rifles Military Museum, Salisbury Museum and Arundells.

Traditionally English with an independent spirit, the city has some of England's finest historic houses and heritage buildings which are brought to life with arts, culture, events and entertainment. It is a creative and independent hub which has captivated visitors and inspired innovation for hundreds of years.

# **SUGGESTED ITINERARY** WESTERN

WONDERS

# **MOMPESSON HOUSE -NATIONAL TRUST**





Visiting Salisbury's Cathedral Close, you step back into a past world. Mompesson House, which featured in the film Sense and Sensibility, has a warm and inviting atmosphere and many different families have called the house 'home'.

The sense of tranquillity is enhanced by the magnificent plasterwork, graceful oak staircase and fine period furniture, which are the main features of this quintessential Queen Anne townhouse.

Mompesson has one of the finest displays of **English 18th century** drinking glasses and a collection of watercolours by former resident Barbara Townsend. The garden, with its traditional herbaceous borders and pergola, is an oasis of calm.





**SALISBURY** 

**ANY, PLEASE** 

**CONTACT TO** 

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COACH DROP OFF AND PARKING IN NEARBY CENTRAL COACH PARK.

**GROUP RATES AVAILABLE.** 

**PLEASE CONTACT TO** 

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LUSH HOUSE **CAR PARK** 





**CHECK WEBSITE FOR** 

**OPENING TIMES** 







Prepare to be amazed - with Britain's tallest spire, largest close and cloisters and the best preserved original 1215 Magna Carta, this medieval masterpiece is well worth a visit! Explore at your own pace or join a behindthe-scenes tour for the ultimate experience. Salisbury Cathedral offers a range of exclusive tours to places not open to the general public including Tower tours, Library tours and Works Yard tours as well as general Cathedral tours. Self-guiding leaflets are available in five languages.





**SALISBURY** 



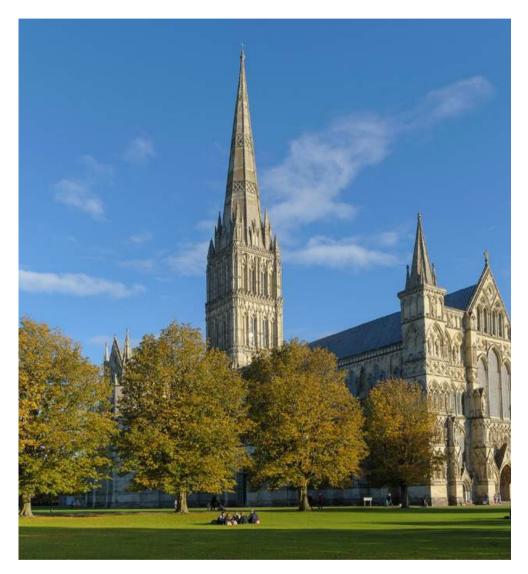
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**OPEN DAILY ACCESS MAY BE RESTRICTED** EASTER AND CHRISTMAS UNLESS YOU JOIN A SERVICE. MON-SAT: 9:30-5, SUN 12:30-4

# **SALISBURY CATHEDRAL**







### **GROUP RATES AVAIALBLE. TOUR PRICES AVAIALBLE ON REQUEST**





**CENTRAL CAR PARK. COACH DROP OFF ST JOHNS ROAD** 



**CENTRAL CAR** PARK AND **STATION** 

#### **SALISBURY MUSEUM**





Salisbury Museum is located in the heart of the Cathedral Close and houses one of the best collections relating to Stonehenge and local archaeology. The museum building is impressive being a Grade I listed medieval property where King James I of England was entertained in 1610 and 1613.

The collections range from archaeology to fine art. The archaeology collection is estimated to be in excess of 100,000 objects and digs deep into the story of the region. Highlights include finds from excavations at Stonehenge, the Amesbury Archer and the medieval finds from Old Sarum.

Visit the fantastic new galleries, opened this summer, the result of a major re-development project. Explore the extraordinary everyday objects of Salisbury's past, and not-sopast with the stories of the city being told by everything from a medieval handmade face jug made in Salisbury, to a mug with Chris Whitty's face on!





COACH DROP OFF AND PARKING IN NEARBY CENTRAL COACH PARK





GROUP RATES, SELF-GUIDED TOURS, INTRODUCTORY TALKS & BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS, BOOKING ESSENTIAL.



LUSH HOUSE

**CAR PARK** 



1-3 HOURS

**OPEN** 

**DAILY 10-5** 

## STONEHENGE -ENGLISH HERITAGE





The world-famous prehistoric Stone Circle of Stonehenge is the ultimate must-see attraction for all visitors to England. English Heritage has transformed the setting of this World Heritage Site, helping to make your group's visitor experience truly unforgettable. A fast track shuttle service takes groups directly from the coach park to the Stone Circle, your group's visit will be seamless. For a truly memorable experience, arrange a pre-booked out-of-hours Stone Circle Access visit. Downloadable audio tours app with various languages and orientation leaflet.



MIN 11



CAR AND COACH PARKING FOR 52 60-SEATERS. THE STONEHENGE TOUR BUS WILL TRANSPORT YOU ON THE THIRTY MINUTE TRIP FROM SALISBURY TO STONEHENGE



PRE-BOOKING TIMED TICKETS IS ESSENTIAL FOR GROUPS. 10% DISCOUNT FOR GROUPS OF 11 OR MORE VISITORS PAYING TOGETHER. FREE ENTRY FOR THE COACH DRIVER AND TOUR LEADER.







2 HOURS







#### **FISHERTON MILL**





Built in 1880 as a grain mill, Fisherton Mill is the south of England's largest independent gallery with an award-winning onsite Café and artist Studios. Notably, it is the only eatery in Salisbury to be included in the Good Food Guide 2024 and has recently received a Visitor Experience Award in recognition of outstanding customer service. Outside there is sunny courtyard seating and on the first floor are creative studios where you can visit artists and designers at work and take in the exhibitions in the Main Gallery.





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**SALISBURY TRAIN STATION** 



MON-FRI: 9:30-5 SAT: 9:30-5:30



30 MINS+

the world.

The tour is a great way to reach the English Heritage centre where you can then get a shuttle bus to take you closer to the stones. The tour has audio commentary in 10 different languages. It goes direct to Stonehenge and then comes back via Old Sarum through beautiful Wiltshire countryside.

On the way back we also stop by the magnificent Salisbury Cathedral where you can see the Magna Carta and the Cathedral in its full splendour.



#### **THE STONEHENGE TOUR**





Journey back in time and discover Stonehenge, probably the most sophisticated stone circle in





UP TO 70 BUT MUST BOOK IN ADVANCE. WILL NEED PRIOR NOTICE OF LARGE GROUPS, AS WE MAY NEED TO **ARRANGE ANOTHER BUS** 

#### **HOLIDAY INN SALISBURY STONEHENGE**





Holiday Inn Salisbury-Stonehenge is the nearest hotel to Stonehenge, situated conveniently near the A303. It's a stylish, contemporary hotel with 103 bedrooms. There is a range of fully accessible rooms with wet rooms, executive rooms, family rooms with a sofa bed, standard double and twin bedded rooms all with tea/coffee making facilities, smart tv's and free high speed internet access. Relax in the comfortable and stylish lounge and outside terrace, grab your favourite drink in our bar or a Starbucks drink and dine at our highly acclaimed Solstice Bar & Grill.

**Excellent for** groups with lunch, dinner and coffee stops available with bespoke menus to suit your tastes and budget.













**FRADE RATES AVAIALBLE. ON** REOUEST

## **LEGACY ROSE & CROWN HOTEL**





The 4\* Legacy Rose & Crown Hotel and Rivers Edge Restaurant is set in a picturesque location, with beautiful views across the River Avon, providing a romantic backdrop to your event or special day. The 13th century venue offers a range of event spaces that can be tailored to your wedding or special occasion's exact specifications.

The Rivers Edge Restaurant offers 180 degree views of the river, waterfront terrace and surrounding countryside making it the perfect place for both your ceremony and reception. With access to the stunning terrace from both function rooms guests can enjoy a celebratory toast whilst looking out towards Salisbury Cathedral.





**FREE PARKING ON SITE** 

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**SALISBURY** 



COACH PARKING AVAILABLE

#### **MERCURE WHITE HART HOTEL**



The Four star historic Mercure White Hart Hotel, is in the centre of the City, just opposite the Famous Cathedral and Close.

There are 80 well appointed bedrooms, including twelve newly built self contained apartments, including ground floor accessible rooms, executive, double and twin bedded rooms .All bedrooms are fully air conditioned, with hospitality trays, decorated with elegance and a modern twist. With plenty of car parking and a delightful courtyard garden the hotel can cater for any food and beverage requirements, ranging from group lunch and dinners, and afternoon teas to suit whatever needs and budget you have





COACH DROP OFF AND PARKING IN NEARBY **CENTRAL COACH PARK.** 





PARKING AVAILABLE





**OPEN ALL YEAR** 

**ON REQUEST** 

**TRADE RATES AVAILABLE** 





A grade II listed 4-star hotel in Salisbury with 45 modern ensuite traditional and executive bedrooms. The Hotel restaurant caters for all with breakfast, lunch and a variety of dinner menus, the garden room and conservatory offer a light and airy space to relax over afternoon tea or a cocktail from our bar. The Lime Tree Spa adjoins the Hotel and is a delightful Boutique Spa offering a wide selection of therapies to really compliment your stay.





**FREE PARKING ON SITE** 



**CENTRAL COACH PARK** 

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#### **MILFORD HALL HOTEL**









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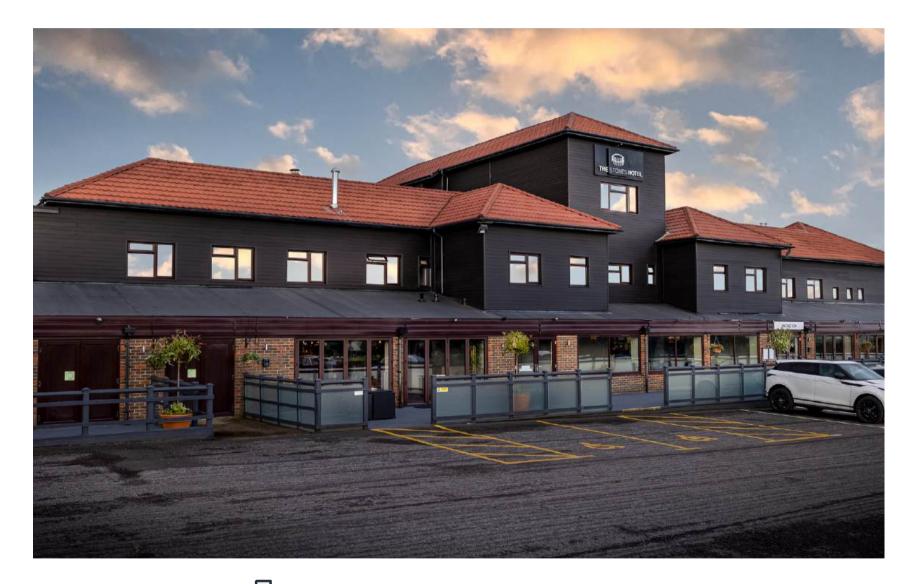
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**RADE RATES AVAILABLE ON** REQUEST

## **THE STONES HOTEL**



Located on the outskirts of the Cathedral city of Salisbury in the rolling Wiltshire landscape and a stone's throw from the World's Heritage site of Stonehenge as well as only 15 miles from New Forest National Park.















TRADE RATES **AVAILABLE ON** REQUEST





# STRATFORD

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#### **TRAVEL TIMES**

London to Stratford-upon-Avon: 162.5kms/101 miles By Train: from London Marylebone Station to Stratford-upon-Avon: 2h05 By Car/Coach: From Birmingham Digbeth to Stratford-upon-Avon: 1h30 2 hrs to Heathrow, 20 minutes to Birmingham International

#### **OVERVIEW**

Nestled in the rural Warwickshire countryside, on the picturesque banks of the River Avon, lies the charming medieval market town of Stratford-upon-Avon. As the birthplace of William Shakespeare, the world's greatest playwright, it is steeped in more than 800 years of Ye Olde English culture and history.

The Birthplace of William Shakespeare, where you can follow in his footsteps in a poetic town full of history and English charm. Venture through the cobbled streets to find Stratford's oldest Church, Holy Trinity, dating back to the 12th century, celebrate the works of the 'Bard of Avon' in a theatre dedicated to his plays and one of Stratford's last remaining Elizabethan townhouses.

A cultural town rich in unique offerings with award-winning museums and attractions. Visitors can discover its unique history and travel back in time to explore the 16th century at The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust before going on an inspiring journey of William Shakespeare's life. Explore the historic heart of Stratford-upon-Avon and take in the quintessential charm and its stunning riverside setting.



#### **SUGGESTED ITINERARY**



#### **BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM**





Home to the largest collection of historic British cars In the world - over 400 cars to explore! From famous firsts and racing classics to cars from the royal collection as well as celebrity cars from TV and film. Brands include: Aston Martin, Jaguar, Ford, Land Rover, Mini, Vauxhall, and many more. Take a walk down the 'Time Road' and discover how both motoring and family life has changed from the 1900s to the present day. Travel through 'Making British Cars' and see how influential the motor Industry has been over the years. Get 'Under the Skin' and unravel the mystery of how cars work with Interactive exhibits and let our consumed explainers bring the cars to life as you explore the best of British motoring.

**Private guided tours for fit/groups** -Museum group/fit tour -Collections Centre group/fit tour **Tour Duration: 45 minutes. min 1 pax, max 15 pax.** -Combined Museum & Collections Centre group/fit tour Tour Duration: 90 minutes. min 1 pax, max 15 pax.





**OPEN DAILY 10.5** (CLOSED 24 DEC-27 DEC AND 31 DEC-1 JAN)





WARWICK PARKWAY. **BANBURY STATION** 



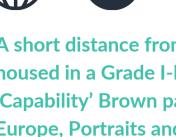
(12 PAX OR MORE) FROM £12 INCLUSIVE OF VAT, NON-COMMISSIONABLE. MUST BE PRE-BOOKED. GROUP ORGANISER & COACH DRIVER COMES IN FREE, DEDICATED COACH DROP OFF POINT & FREE PARKING, CAFE VOUCHER FOR COACH DRIVER.



CAR PARKING AVAILABLE











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#### **COMPTON VERNEY**



A short distance from Stratford-upon-Avon, Compton Verney is an accredited art gallery housed in a Grade I-listed Georgian manor house and set in 120 acres of Grade II-listed 'Capability' Brown parkland. We're home to six permanent art collections – Naples, Northern **Europe, Portraits and Miniatures, Chinese Bronzes, Folk Art, and the Marx-Lambert** Collection. We also host a critically acclaimed programme of changing art exhibitions.

**10% DISCOUNT ON ADULT INDIVIDUAL ADMISSION (MIN 15 PERSONS)** 





**FREE PARKING ON SITE** WITH DESIGNATED COACH **PARKING AVAILABLE** 

#### **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY**







The Royal Shakespeare Company offers world class theatre and much more. The building is free to enter and there's plenty to see and do. You can browse our Shop, or visit our free exhibition The Play's The Thing which is open daily from midday. Take a trip up the theatre tower, which boasts panoramic views of Stratford-upon-Avon. We have a range of places to eat and drink, such as our Riverside Cafe or Rooftop Restaurant. Book onto a Theatre Tour to explore the behind-the-scenes areas of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The Tours, The Play's The Thing (the RSC's free permanent exhibition), The Tower, The Riverside Café, The RSC Shop, and The Rooftop restaurant all remain open year-round.







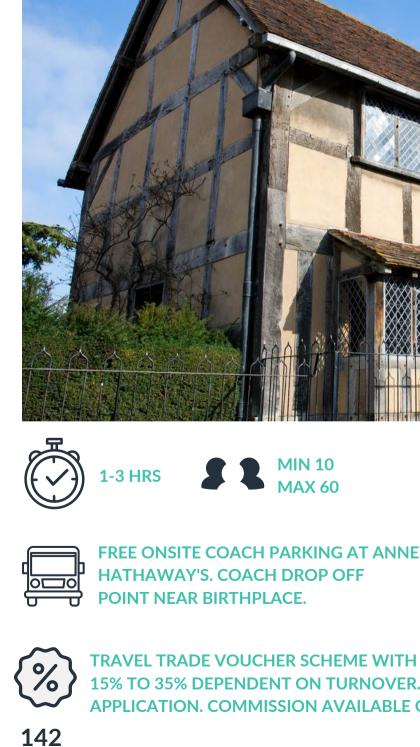


GROUP TICKET DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE ON PREMIUM PRICE, A PRICE AND B PRICE SEATS FOR MONDAY TO FRIDAY PERFORMANCES. GROUP PRICES AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE.





Group visits to Shakespeare's family homes – Shakespeare's Birthplace and Anne Hathaway's Cottage. After hours tours and events during the season.



#### **SHAKESPEARE'S FAMILY HOMES (THE SHAKESPEARE BIRTHPLACE TRUST)**









TRAVEL TRADE VOUCHER SCHEME WITH DISCOUNTS STARTING FROM 15% TO 35% DEPENDENT ON TURNOVER. FIT RATES AVAILABLE ON APPLICATION. COMMISSION AVAILABLE ON FIT SCHEME.

#### SHAKESPEARE'S SCHOOLROOM **AND GUILDHALL**



**STUDLEY CASTLE** 





stables and lodge.





**NET PRICES (UP** TO 20% OFF BAR)



MONDAY ARRIVAL FOR 4 OR 2 NIGHTS, WEDNESDAY ARRIVAL FOR 2 NIGHTS, FRIDAY ARRIVAL FOR 2 OR 3 NIGHTS, SUNDAY ARRIVAL FOR 1 NIGHT





Shakespeare's Schoolroom & Guildhall provides the missing chapter of the story of Shakespeare's life in his home-town - his education and the inspiration that led him to become the world's greatest playwright.

Experience Tudor school life with Shakespeare's teacher, in the very room where young William was a pupil in the 1570s. Listen to our prize-winning guides share stories about the building, the town and the Shakespeare family. Marvel at our 600-year-old medieval wall paintings. Learn to write with a swan's feather quill and ink











10% AS STANDARD TO GROUPS >15 PEOPLE, **RAVEL TRADE RATES NEGOTIABLE ON VOLUME** 

**OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND. 11AM** 5PM. LAST ENTRY 4:15PM

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A beautiful hotel curating more than 180 years of history, but utterly modern in outlook. It's the perfect setting for a short break exploring and relaxing in rural Warwickshire. Studley Castle offers just over 200 rooms arranged across four locations. The pick includes historic suites in the Victorian manor, a new wing and contemporary rooms in the estate's former

An oasis of calm in the middle of the action, most of the accommodation is in the contemporary Studley wing, close to the restaurants, bars and Guest Services at the heart of the hotel. Arranged over three floors (with lift access) the 156 rooms are classically elegant and thoughtfully designed with king-size beds and contemporary bathrooms. Many offer a private balcony or patio overlooking Warwickshire's fields and grazing sheep.



**FREE** PARKING **ONSITE** 





#### **BILLESLEY MANOR HOTEL & SPA**





A warm welcome awaits in historic Stratford-upon-Avon. Set in 11 acres of Warwickshire parkland, five miles from Stratford-upon-Avon, grade II listed Billesley Manor Hotel & Spa hosted Sir William Shakespeare in 1599 and the outcome was his comedy As You Like It.

From the time of the Norman Conquest the manor house at Billesley was one of a number of Midland properties belonging to the increasingly influential Trussell family. In 1327 Sir William Trussell was among those Parliamentarians who deposed King Edward II, going on to serve his son, the warrior King Edward III as soldier and diplomat. Billesley at that time consisted of a wooden manor house and nearby village, but in the middle of the fourteenth century the Black Death decimated the village, leaving just the manor occupied and a church. Foundations of the medieval village of Billesley can still be discerned in the fields to the east of the hotel.

Our historic venue will give your gathering a special touch turning moments into cherished memories.















**MALLORY COURT** 





Mallory Court Hotel and Spa, Learnington Spa, prides itself on offering guests exceptional hospitality, which is also reflected in the four Red Stars awarded from the AA. The beautifully grand Lutyens style main house is set in 10 acres of lush, green grounds and is the epitome of a quintessentially English country house hotel. Step inside and discover what we have to offer, including 43 blissful bedrooms, 3 AA Rosette restaurant, events suite and our heavenly Elan Spa adorned with Temple Spa products.















FREE ON-SITE PARKING



**GROUP TRADE RATES** AVAILABLE. COMMISSION **ON BAR 10%** 

## **THE ARDEN HOTEL**

EXT.1814



Located in the heart of historic Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare and directly opposite the world-renowned Royal Shakespeare Company Theatres, The Arden Hotel, Stratford is an elegant and sophisticated 45 bedroom boutique hotel.

The star of Stratford-upon-Avon's hotel scene and set in an unrivalled town centre location with parking and electric car charging points, The Arden combines luxurious accommodation with all the comforts you would expect from a sophisticated and contemporary boutique hotel including our all-weather terrace, cosy afternoon tea lounge and award-winning No. 44 Brasserie.





COMMISSION ON BAR AT 10% TRADE RATES AVAILABLE ON **REQUEST.** 



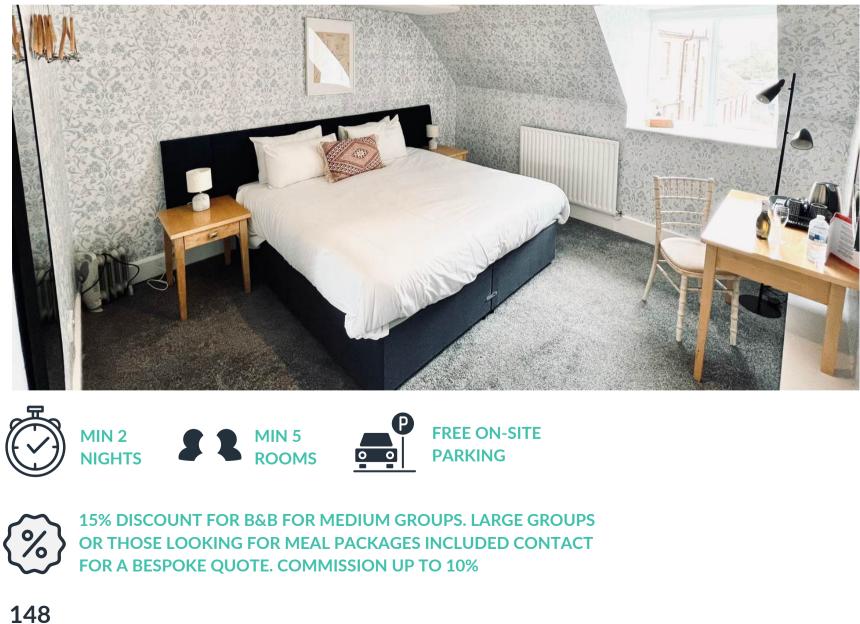








With a traditional exterior, 40 unique guest rooms, stylish communal spaces and a well-stocked bar and restaurant, The Warwick Arms Hotel offers everything a traveller needs in the heart of historic Warwick! Discover our charming hotel, right in the centre of the ancient town. No need for a bus, taxi or hired car when exploring our local landmarks, as you can walk to the Castle, St Mary's Church, Warwick Racecourse and marketplace and still have masses of energy to enjoy the treasures of the town. At the same time, our lounge and guest bedrooms offer you a place to rest at the end of a tiring, action-packed day.



#### **WARWICK ARMS HOTEL**









#### **TRAVEL TIMES**

London to York: 324 kms 202.32miles By Train: London Kings Cross to York: 2h By Car/Coach: London to York: 4h

#### **OVERVIEW**

Perfectly placed half-way between Edinburgh and London and with the Yorkshire Dales, North York Moors and Wolds on the doorstep, York is unlike any other English city. Step into 2,000 years of history, from the ancient walls of Roman York to the Viking remains of Jorvik and the grandeur of Georgian York, offering more attractions per square mile than any other destination in the UK, you're never far from one of York's awe inspiring offerings.

The Romans knew it as Eboracum and the Vikings called it Jorvik. There's the iconic York Minster and architecture from medieval times, its magnificent Georgian town houses and its Victorian railway station. Within its ancient, encircling walls, York's medieval streets and buildings are beautifully preserved in the historic heart of the city. Shambles is a must-visit, as one of the most recognised historic streets in England, often referred to as the best-preserved medieval street in Europe.

"The history of York is the history of England" (King George VI)



#### **CASTLE HOWARD**





Sustainability - The responsible stewardship of the natural environment has always been a priority for Castle Howard House, Grounds, and wider Estate. We are creating new habitats, changing how we farm, protecting woodlands, planting more trees, removing plastic from hedges, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, stopping shooting, opening doors to scientists, and working to become somewhere that inspires our visitors, our staff, and our communities to continue to change the world.



MINIMUM 12, NO MAX. SMALLER GROUPS ARE CONSIDERED SUBJECT TO ENQUIRY.



**GARDENS OPEN DAILY EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY** HOUSE OPEN APRIL - OCTOBER



TRADE RATES FOR GROUPS AND FIT. GROUP LEADER AND COACH DRIVER FREE OF CHARGE









**FREE ON-SITE** PARKING



## **CLIFFORD'S TOWER**





Built to subdue the rebellious north by William the Conqueror, Clifford's Tower has been a royal mint, a medieval stronghold and a Civil War garrison. In 1190, one of the worst antisemitic massacres of the Middle Ages took place on the site of the tower when York's Jewish community were trapped there by a violent mob and many Jews chose to commit suicide rather than be murdered. Today, a new roof deck gives unrivalled views over York's historic skyline, with its medieval buildings and famous Minster. Inside, new walkways and staircases have opened up parts of the tower that have been off-limits for centuries, and immersive soundscapes and stories are bringing the tower's turbulent history to life like never before.



**MIN GROUP SIZE 11+ PAYING MEMBERS** 



**15% DISCOUNT FOR TRADE** FREE ENTRY FOR TOUR LEADER, COACH DRIVER AND ENGLISH HERITAGE MEMBERS.

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PAID COACH PARKING AT ST GEORGES FIELD



#### **JORVIK VIKING CENTRE**







Where else can you interact with Vikings whilst taking in the sites, sounds and even smells of Viking Age York. You'll start by observing old Coppergate through our glass floor before travelling through the streets of Jorvik on our ride. Once in our galleries you can see artefacts up close with more Vikings on hand to answer any questions and fill in any history gaps, you may have. Pre-booking only.



LARGE GROUPS MAY NEED TO SPLIT INTO SMALLER GROUPS AND BOOK MULTIPLE TIME SLOTS. RECOMMEND GETTING IN TOUCH IN ADVANCE.

YEAR ROUND EXCEPT 25,26 DEC AND 1 JAN



**APPROX 1 HOUR** 



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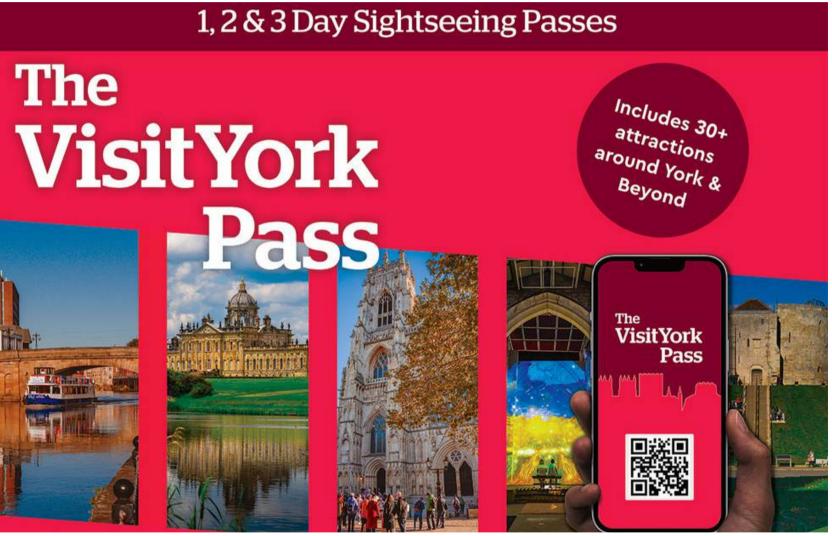


WITH SPECIAL GROUP PRICES AVAILABLE FOR PARTIES OVER 15 PEOPLE AND WITH SPECIAL **INCENTIVES FOR GTOS INCLUDING GUARANTEED ENTRY TIMES, FREE FAMILIARISATION VISITS** FOR GROUP ORGANISERS AND FREE ADMISSION FOR GROUP LEADERS AND COACH DRIVERS THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO DISCOVER JORVIK VIKING CENTRE.





The Visit York Pass is the city's official sightseeing pass with entry to over 30 attractions in York and beyond. With a one, two or three-day digital pass, there's no need to arrange and pay for separate tickets at different attractions, it's the only ticket you'll need.









1, 2 AND 3 **DAY PASSES** 

#### **THE VISIT YORK PASS**

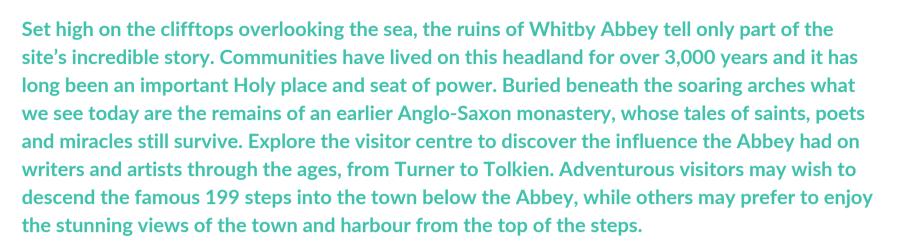






#### WHITBY ABBEY















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PARKING AND DROP-OFF IN ABBEY HEADLAND CAR PARK (CHARGE PAYABLE TO LOCAL AUTHORITY). PASSENGERS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FRONT OF THE VISITOR CENTRE.



15% DISCOUNT FOR TRAVEL TRADE AND ORGANISED GROUPS OF 11 OR MORE PAYING VISITORS WHEN PAYMENT IS MADE IN A SINGLE TRANSACTION. PER GROUP YOU ALSO RECEIVE: FREE ENTRY FOR ONE TOUR LEADER FREE ENTRY FOR ONE COACH DRIVER. THE TOUR LEADER, COACH DRIVER AND ANY ENGLISH HERITAGE MEMBERS DO NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE GROUP TOTALS.









York Minster is one of the world's most magnificent cathedrals. Since the 7th century, the Minster has been at the centre of Christianity in the north of England and today remains a thriving church rooted in the daily offering of worship and prayer. The Minster was built for the glory of God. Every aspect of this ancient building - from the exquisite, handcrafted stone through to the unrivalled collection of medieval stained glass - tells the story of Jesus Christ. We invite you to discover this sacred place and the love of God at its heart, which has attracted people from across the globe for more than 1000 years. Group admission includes access to the cathedral's Undercroft Museum.



**GROUP RATES ARE 10+ PEOPLE** 

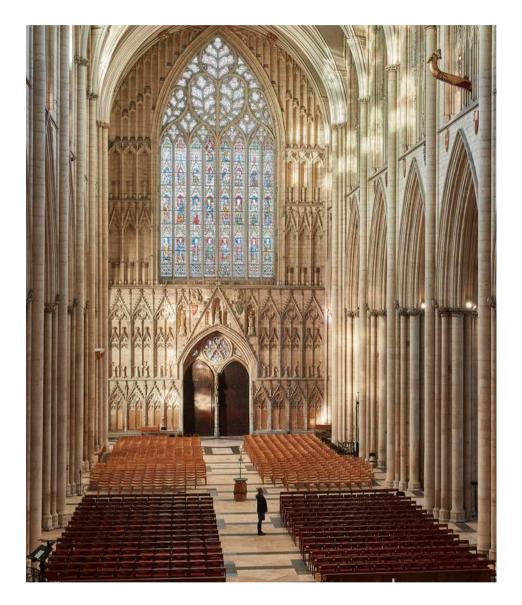


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OPEN FOR GROUP VISITS BETWEEN 9.30AM AND 3.30PM MONDAY TO SATURDAY. HOWEVER, THESE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PRE-BOOKING RECOMMENDED FOR GROUPS.







AVAILABLE FOR GROUPS OF



**1-2 HOURS** DEPENDING **ON VISIT** 



GROUP SIZE 10 - 30 MAX. LARGE GROUPS WILL BE SPLIT.

#### **CITY CRUISES YORK**





**Explore York on the waterway** that has helped shape and build the city over the centuries. City Cruises offers visitors a riverside view of our beautiful city, from regular sightseeing tours with full on-board expert commentary to self-drive boats and special dining cruises, you are guaranteed an engaging, immersive experience – picking up a TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award in 2022, thanks to the thousands of satisfied customers who shared their experiences online. Wheelchair access is available on two of our vessels; one of which also has an accessible toilet.



**ON-SITE** 

PARKING

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**SIGHTSEEING - 60 MINS DINING - 90 MINS** 





COACH PARKING LESS

THAN 100M AWAY AT



RATE PLUS 1 FREE FOR 20 PAYING PAX FOR SIGHTSEEING OR 1 FREE FOR 40 PAYING PAX FOR DINING. TRADE PARTNER PROGRAM FOR TRADE COMPANIES ABLE TO **DELIVER HIGH VOLUME. TRADE PARTNERS RECEIVE BETTER TRADE RATES (MIN 15%)** 









The Grand is housed in one of the historic city's most iconic buildings, offering guests a unique approach to inclusive luxury. A destination for memorable experiences and unforgettable service, The Grand delivers the finest of Yorkshire hospitality, from locally sourced food and beverage to bespoke experiential packages. The award-winning hotel features 207 rooms alongside an intimate and relaxing Spa, state-of-the-art **Cookery School, world-class event facilities** and exclusive food and beverage outlets including The Rise Restaurant for breakfast, afternoon tea and dinner, Legacy for fine dining and the 1906 cocktail bar.

There are a host of experiences and packages available for the trade which include. stargazing, spa, fine dining tastings, City Sightseeing, cookery school and outdoor adventures.



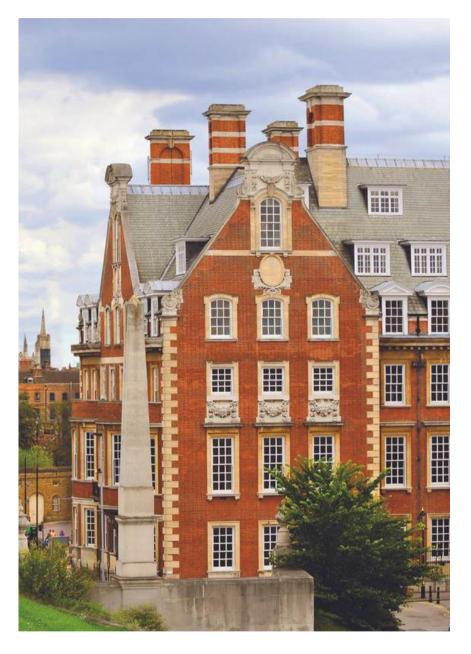


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UP TO 15% GROUP **DISCOUNT. 8% PLUS VAT** COMMISSION



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