



Coach Trips from London Ltd

Harrogate and the Moors & Dales

Sunday 23 May 2021 for 4 days

An escorted short break tour by luxury coach - coach supplied by Bessway Travel Ltd of Wembley

Our short break which was based at the famous **Old Swan Hotel** in Harrogate in 2018 proved very popular. Several people told us that they wished it had been a day longer so this time we shall be staying at the Old Swan for three nights instead of two. It gives us an extra day to explore the scenic Yorkshire Dales and to visit a few of the key attractions on the Yorkshire Moors beyond Helmsley. This very old hotel has impressive public rooms and an abundance of single rooms for which no single supplement is charged. It enjoys a very central location within a short walk of the shops and the attractive Valley Gardens. The famous Betty's Tea Rooms are also quite near.

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Day 1 (Sunday) We shall set off from West London and travel via the A1 to our coffee stop in Hertfordshire and our lunch stop in delightful **Buckden** in Cambridgeshire. This afternoon will see us visiting the richly furnished **Belton House** near Grantham which featured in *Pride and Prejudice* on BBC tv (the version that featured Colin Firth as Mr Darcy). A National Trust property. **Dinner** and a three night stay at the Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate.

Day 2 (Monday) Today we plan to explore the Dales with visits to **Richmond** in Swaledale and **Askrigg** in Wensleydale. Both places were seen in the James Herriot tv series on BBC tv *All Creatures Great and Small*. At **Hawes** we shall visit the **Wensleydale cheese factory** and see Wensleydale cheese being made. There will also be a brief stop to see the **Aysgarth Falls**. **Dinner** at our hotel.

Day 3 (Tuesday) The splendid North Yorks Moors await us today. Our route will take us via Ripon and Thirsk (where James Herriot had his veterinary surgery) to the market town of **Helmsley**. Here you will have an hour to look around and obtain coffee if you wish. Subsequently we shall drive past the ruins of **Rievaulx Abbey** and through charming **Hutton le Hole** before we arrive at Pickering. This afternoon you can choose between a ride on a North Yorkshire Moors steam train to **Goathland** (where ITV's *Heartbeat* was filmed) or visit **Castle Howard**, one of England's most impressive historic houses. It was designed by the playwright and architect Sir John Vanbrugh who also designed Blenheim Palace. **Dinner** at our hotel this evening.

Day 4 (Wednesday) Our final day sees us having the morning at leisure in **Harrogate** until 12 noon. We shall then commence our homeward journey with a stop at 1.00pm at **Nostell Priory** near Pontefract where you will be able to obtain a light lunch. This very special National Trust property has an amazing collection of furniture (more than 100 items) designed and supplied by Thomas Chippendale. In addition, the house has interior designs by the brilliant Robert Adam. Subsequently we shall stop in the East Midlands for a 2-course **dinner** at about 5.30pm. We expect to be back at Hillingdon by 8.45pm approximately and at our other set-down points slightly later.

NB: Please see the booking conditions that apply to this tour.

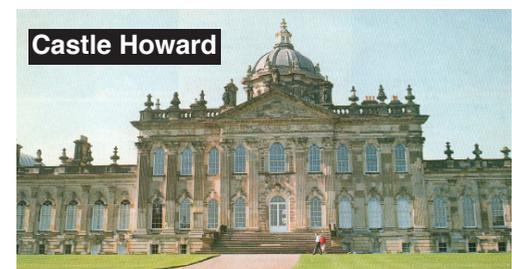
Pictured right: the impressive ruins of Rievaulx Abbey



How to Book

A deposit of **£80 per person** will secure your place on this tour. Please send your deposit cheque (made payable to **Coach Trips from London Ltd**) to Graham Jenkins at 2 Wood End Gardens, Northolt, Middlesex UB5 4QH or phone Graham on **020 8422 2751** to pay your deposit by debit card or credit card. Balances fall due eight weeks prior to departure. Early booking is recommended as two of our 2019 tours sold out early.

There are coach boarding points in Shepherds Bush, Acton, Ealing, Hanwell, Greenford, Northolt & Hillingdon. Also, a **home pick-up service** is available on request for a nominal extra charge.



This is what the tour price of £469 includes:

- ❖ Travel throughout in a comfortable modern coach supplied by Bessway Travel Ltd.
- ❖ Three nights' Dinner, Bed and Breakfast at the Old Swan Hotel in the centre of Harrogate.
- ❖ Morning coffee and Lunch on Day 1 plus an early Dinner on Day 4.
- ❖ Entry fees at each property visited by our group as a whole (but not National Trust properties as NT members can gain free entry). The train fare to Goathland is also included if you do not visit Castle Howard. NB: Bar drinks & wine are not included.
- ❖ The services of our tour manager throughout

No Supplement for single rooms

A double room for sole use will be £60 extra