

CITY TO COUNTRY **GUIDE**

Holiday Inn Express® York





CITY OF YORK

Explore York, which sits less than a 10-minute drive from our hotel or head to the nearby park and ride for a hassle-free way to get to the city. See the sights, shop at the many independent shops dotted around the quaint streets, enjoy the bars, and have a bite to eat.

Make the most of sunny days with a leisurely [boat trip on the River Ouse](#), a meander by the riverside, or a picnic in the [Museum Gardens](#). Cool down with ice cream from the [Luxury Ice Cream Company](#).

There are plenty of places within the city to do a spot of sightseeing. [Clifford's Tower](#) stands tall at the eye of York and offers panoramic views across the city on a clear day. The impressive [York Minster](#) towers across the city, and the inside is just as spectacular as the outside. Join one of the guided tours to learn fascinating facts, and don't miss the undercroft either!

Put your nerves to the test at [The York Dungeon](#), if you dare, or take a terrifyingly terrific tour around the city on one of the many [ghost walks](#).

Take a ramble down one of England's best-preserved medieval streets, the [Shambles](#), and enjoy the eclectic mix of quaint and quirky shops, you will also find the [Shambles Market](#) off here where you can feast upon street food. Nearby the Shambles lies [Fossgate](#) - a firm favourite with locals. Bars and delis line the street.

Not too far from Fossgate is [Spark:York](#), Colourful shipping containers filled with independent shops, street food and bars make this a great place to visit, whatever the weather.

[Stonegate](#) and [Petergate](#) are amongst some of the prettiest shopping streets in York filled with a mixture of high street names, and independents. The shops on Stonegate are worth visiting to see characterful buildings (hint: Oliver Bonas)

The city has an excellent calendar of events throughout the year, from the food and drink festivals, Chocolate Festival, Jorvik Festival, Ice Trail, Yorkshire Balloon Fiesta and the ever-popular Christmas festival.

There's plenty to see and do in the compact city which is within easy reach from [Holiday Inn Express York](#).





YORKSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE

When staying with us, we are within easy reach to explore more of North Yorkshire. From charming coastal towns to quaint market towns, the stunning moors to whimsical woodland, there's plenty to see and do.

Head to [Whitby](#) for traditional fish & chips. Climb the 199 steps to Whitby Abbey, the place which inspired Bram Stoker's Dracula, shop for Whitby Jet, and enjoy the arcades. Just along the coast is [Sandsend](#), a surfer's paradise with its stretch of Golden Sand, rockpools, and beach cafés. While in this neck of the woods, discover [Robin Hood's Bay](#), a Smuggler's bolthole with a fine beach and rockpools aplenty, plus a museum which tells its past.



You may spot whales, dolphins, and porpoises in the North Sea at certain times of the year, with whale watching boat trips available in September. [RSPB Bempton Cliffs](#) in Filey and [Yorkshire Wildlife Trust](#) at Flamborough are home to the largest colony of mainland birds in the UK. The best time to see puffins, gannets, razorbills and kittiwakes are between April and August.

Foodies will love [Malton](#), dubbed as 'Yorkshire's Food Capital'; the town has many artisan producers with plenty of local produce seen on the town's menus. Discover some of the artisan producers with [Malton Food Tours](#).



Five miles from Malton is the stunning [Scampston Hall](#), a regency country house with a fine collection of art, furniture, and porcelain. Here you'll find one of the finest walled gardens in England, open to guests from Easter to October.

On the edge of the North York Moors lies the busy market town of [Pickering](#) with its [medieval castle](#), but it is best known for its heritage [railway](#) which runs for 24-miles through the North Yorkshire Moors to Whitby.

Head to the stunning stately home of [Castle Howard](#) which has been seen in many period dramas including Brideshead Revisited, Victoria, and most recently Bridgerton. Enjoy a peaceful walk around some of the 1,000 acres of grounds with its astonishing views, children will love Skelf Island - a treetop adventure.

[Woldies Lavender Farm](#), located near Malton, makes for a fun day out for all the family. Jump aboard the mini railway for a whistlestop tour of the lavender farm, find discoveries on the nature trail, play giant games in the willow maze, and enjoy a competitive game of footgolf.



Explore more of the North York Moors on foot or on two wheels at [Dalby Forest](#). With 8,000 acres, The Great Yorkshire Forest has 55 miles of cycle trails, waymarked walking trails, BBQ and picnic areas, and an adventure playground. A Go Ape is also situated here.

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