


York day trip



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York is an ancient city which has known everything from Roman rule to life as a Viking capital. Later, it was medieval England's bastion against attacks from the Scots. The mark of this colourful history is to be found all around this city, in its great wealth of historic buildings, its winding streets full of traditional shops, cosy old pubs, delicious Victorian style tearooms, brilliant museums and great family attractions.

Start your journey


Direct trains to York from London King's Cross take 1 hour 50 minutes. From Manchester Piccadilly it's 1 hour 20 minutes, and from Manchester Airport 1 hour 40 minutes.

For short trips like this one, individual rail tickets can be booked in advance through [the Trainline](#). For longer journeys, one of the easiest and most relaxing ways to explore Britain is with a [BritRail](#) Pass, which allows unlimited journeys and the freedom to explore.

Things to do In York

York Minster

It's hard to miss the massive edifice of York Minster (a 'minster' is a church attached to a monastery, where the clergy are taught). Its grand gothic interior is best explored on a guided tour which gives an insight into 2000 years of history, before heading down into the undercroft for its fantastic interactive museum.

[Website: York Minster](#) 




York Dungeon

York's gruesome past is brought to life at York Dungeon with actors, sets and scary sounds! From brutal Vikings to a medieval tavern, an execution, torture and witch burning this is not for the faint hearted or easily frightened.

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Ghost tour of York

A city as old as York has more than its fair share of grisly tales and ghosts. The York Ghost Bus makes for a spine-tingling tour of this spooky city's most haunted parts, including the grave of famed highwayman Dick Turpin. Actors and some technical trickery really make this tour entertaining. The Ghost Bus leaves from stop RE by York station in Station Road on the south side of the Royal York Hotel.

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Jorvik Viking Centre

The Jorvik Viking Centre reveals the houses, workshops and backyards of the Viking city of Jorvik as it stood nearly 1,000 years ago. The centre also has state-of-the-art galleries and a fantastic ride experience.

[Website: Jorvik Viking Centre](#) 

York Castle Museum

This recreated Victorian Street demonstrates how 19th century York residents lived and entertained themselves. A fun-packed activity for the whole family, it also has an interactive chocolate experience.

[Website: York Castle Museum](#) 



York Sightseeing Bus Tour

An open-top bus tour gives a great insight into the sights and attractions that tell the story of York's 2,000 years of history. There are 22 stops across the city and there is an audio guide in 9 languages. The bus stops at all of the key attractions, including: York Minster, York Dungeon, Clifford's Tower and the city walls.

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York Pass

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