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This itinerary starts in the famous spa town of Harrogate. Popular among the English elite in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Harrogate is a charming place to visit, with beautiful parks and handsome tree-lined boulevards. Today the town is perhaps best known for being the home of Bettys and Taylors - the makers of Yorkshire Tea and proprietors of the finest tea rooms in England - not to mention Farrah's Harrogate Toffee.

Harrogate is the perfect place from which to explore the Yorkshire Dales National Park, a region with a rich rural heritage and famed for its delicious produce. There are several excellent cheese producers in the Dales and this is thanks, in part, to the Cistercian monks who started making cheese when they came over from Normandy, settling at abbeys such as Fountains Abbey back in the 11th century.

Day 1

Harrogate Food Tour, RHS Garden Harlow Carr & the Slingsby Gin Experience

### Harrogate Food Tour

Day one begins with a culinary and cultural discovery of the elegant Spa town of Harrogate, with Yorkshire Appetite's Harrogate Food Tour. With stops at five of Harrogate's thriving independent food and drink establishments, to taste some delicious local Yorkshire fare, the tour is led by a knowledgeable local guide who offers a real insight into the life and history of one of Britain's happiest places to live. The food is carefully chosen to provide a long progressive lunch which will leave participants feeling more than satisfied.



#### Tour details

<b>Min - Max capacity:</b>	Min 2 / Max 15 Discounted rates for groups of 5-
<b>Frequency:</b>	Public Tours run Thursday to Sunday starting at 11.30 am for 3 hours.
<b>Private tours:</b>	Available on request
<b>FIT or Groups:</b>	FIT or groups.
<b>Translation:</b>	Not available

[Website: Yorkshire Appetite](#)

## RHS Garden Harlow Carr

In the afternoon we recommend a visit to RHS Garden Harlow Carr, one of four public gardens run by the Royal Horticultural Society. Set in a valley and very much a part of the Yorkshire countryside, the garden offers a variety of landscapes, from streams and lakes to woodland and wildflower meadows.


Highlights include Streamside, which runs the length of the site and is one of the longest streamside gardens in the country. The Winter Walk is also a magical part of the garden at any time of year, but especially when low light and frosts highlight the shapes, textures and colours.

On site there is even a branch of Bettys Café Tea Rooms and Shop, perfect for sampling fabulous food, delicious hand-made cakes, and the best teas and coffees.



### Tour details

<b>Min - Max capacity:</b>	Rates available for groups of 10+
<b>Gardens Opening times:</b>	1 March - 30 October: 9.30am - 6pm 31 October - 28 February: 9.30am - 4pm
<b>Bettys Opening times:</b>	9am - 5.30pm (April - October) 9am - 4.30pm (November - March)
<b>Private tours:</b>	Available on request (minimum group size of 10)
<b>FIT or Groups:</b>	FIT or groups.
<b>Translation:</b>	Not available

[Website: RHS Garden Harlow Carr](#) 

## Slingsby Gin Experience

In the afternoon or evening, the perfect way to switch from food to drink is with the unique Slingsby Gin Experience, at the Spirit of Harrogate. There are three different fun and immersive experiences available, each including a range of activities - all including gin tasting of course!

Participants can sample the bar's very own Slingsby Gin, as well as a selection of over 80 other gins and 30 tonics they stock, and take mixology lessons while learning about the history of gin.



### Tour details

<b>Min - Max capacity:</b>	Experiences available for groups of 10 - 20 Some experiences available for FIT/small groups
<b>Frequency:</b>	Wednesday - Saturday 2pm & 6.30pm (2.5 hours) Friday 6.30pm or Saturday 2pm for FIT/Small Groups
<b>FIT or Groups:</b>	FIT or groups.
<b>Translation:</b>	Not available

Overnight in Harrogate.

[Website: Slingsby Gin Experience](#) 

## Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Water Garden

A busy day of sightseeing, and some of Yorkshire's best producers, await today, starting with a short journey north to one of the largest and best-preserved Cistercian monasteries in England. Fountains Abbey was one of the most important in the region until it was abandoned in 1539, when Henry VIII ordered the Dissolution of the Monasteries, and now, along with the parkland in which it is situated, it has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The Royal Water Garden of the neighbouring Studley Estate was developed in the 18th century, inspired by the work of the great French landscape gardeners of the time. Visitors can enjoy the gardens, classical statues and follies much as they would have looked over 200 years ago.



### Tour details

<b>Min - Max capacity:</b>	Group rates available for groups of 15+
<b>Frequency:</b>	Open daily 10am - 6pm Closed 24 & 25 December and Fridays November - February Guided tours can arranged on request
<b>FIT or Groups:</b>	Groups
<b>Translation:</b>	Foreign language tours can be arranged

[Website: Fountains Abbey](#)

## Wensleydale Creamery

A journey into the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park to Hawes, home of Wensleydale Creamery, is the next part of this tasty itinerary!

Visitors to the creamery can enjoy a real taste of Yorkshire, from learning about the history and watching the cheese being made, to savouring the finished product in the on-site Cheese Shop. Those with a little more time can tuck into a home-made lunch that uses locally sourced ingredients and is inspired by the use of the cheese, milk and butter produced on site, before browsing the extensive shop for gifts.

The creamery welcomes groups and offers a range of packages which can be tailored to individual requirements.



### Tour details

<b>Min - Max capacity:</b>	Group rates available for groups of 15+
<b>Frequency:</b>	Daily 10am - 4pm Please contact the Creamery to make a booking - +44 (0)1969 667664
<b>FIT or Groups:</b>	Groups
<b>Translation:</b>	Not available

[Website: Wensleydale Creamery](#)

## Black Sheep Brewery Tours

On the way back to Harrogate, Masham, a small market town with a big brewing history, offers a great pit stop.

A tour of the Black Sheep Brewery guarantees a quintessential Yorkshire beer experience. The traditional brewery can be seen in action with a visit to the fermenting rooms, where visitors will learn how the award-winning beers are brewed, and of course get to try a few of the famous beers back in the bar. One of the most popular beers is the Black Sheep Ale, and fans of Monty Python might be keen to try the Holy Grail Ale - the official Monty Python beer.



### Tour details

<b>Min - Max capacity:</b>	Min 10 Max 25 Group rates available for groups of 10+
<b>Frequency:</b>	<b>Visitor centre open:</b> Monday - Wednesday: 10am - 5pm Thursday - Saturday: 10am - 11pm Sunday: 10am - 5pm. Scheduled daily tours, and private tours available (tours last one hour) Evening tours are available on Thursdays & Fridays Please contact the team on +44 (0)1765 680101 for more information and group bookings
<b>FIT or Groups:</b>	Groups
<b>Translation:</b>	Not available

Overnight in Harrogate.

[Website: Black Sheep Brewery Tours](#)