

## A Taste of Yorkshire with English Heritage

### **Day 1:**

Arrival to hotel in York.

### **Day 2:**

#### AM visit to **Clifford's Tower:**

No trip to York is complete without a visit to Clifford's Tower to experience the best panoramic views of the city.

Groups will discover a shameful and bloody past and can view and touch the three-dimensional model of the original castle.

### **Day 3:**

#### Half-day visit to **Brodsworth Hall & Gardens:**

This amazing hall offers groups a fascinating and unique journey through the intriguing passage of time. From the luxurious life of England's landed gentry more than a century ago right up to the late 1980s, Brodsworth proudly bears the marks of over a century's continuous occupation. Today, the house exists as a picture of faded Victorian grandeur, rich in history.

The 15 acres of garden, a rare survival from the Victorian Age, have been restored to their 1860s heyday. A collection of grand gardens in miniature they are a delight in any season.

*Why not arrange a tea party after the tour with cake or scones or perhaps a lunch buffet?*

### **Day 4:**

#### Morning visit to **Rievaulx Abbey:**

Explore the extensive remains of one of the largest monastic establishments in Britain. From modest beginnings in 1132 sprang one of the wealthiest monasteries of medieval England and the first Cistercian monastery in the North. The abbey was suppressed in 1538 but the story of Rievaulx can still be read in the magnificent Gothic architecture of its ruined buildings, which retain a record of the drastic changes that happened in monastic life during its 400-year history.

Why not let 'Brother Anthony' guide your group around the site.

Stop for lunch at the English Heritage gastro-pub 'The Abbey Inn' located opposite the hauntingly beautiful ruins of Byland Abbey. Don't forget to sample the Inn's very own 'Abbey Ale'. Pre-booking a must: 01347 868 204

#### Afternoon visit to **Whitby Abbey:**

Whitby was the very site where the Synod of 664 agreed on the date of Easter. Bram Stoker was inspired by the atmospheric clifftop ruins of Whitby Abbey for his horror story classic "Dracula".

**Day 5:**  
Departure.