



Dales and Heart

This four-day itinerary has been developed to provide the perfect experience for customers looking to explore North Yorkshire before travelling onward to the Lake District. It is packed with ideas and locations that take in the heart of North Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Dales, while also allowing free time to explore, and giving suggestions for added extras that allow visitors to make the most of their time.

Locations in bold are bookable online, those in bold italics are not bookable online but have a charge to enter, and those in italics are free of charge.

Day One

Whether arriving by ferry or flying, North Yorkshire is easy to get to. Arrive by ferry into Hull with P&O or to Newcastle with DFDS. If you prefer to fly, you can choose from Leeds Bradford Airport, Teesside International Airport or Newcastle International Airport. York, which has many connections to the wider North Yorkshire area, can also be easily reached by train, direct from London King's Cross or Manchester.

Once you have settled into your accommodation, take time to explore the beautiful spa town of Harrogate. For those who would like to soak up some history and culture, step inside the free-to-enter *Mercer Art Gallery*. Just a short stroll away, you'll uncover the **Royal Pump Room Museum**, which brings Harrogate's spa heritage to life, from medicinal waters to Victorian treatments.

Don't miss...

A visit to **RHS Garden Harlow Carr** which offers year-round horticultural beauty. Explore its vibrant landscapes and gentle woodland pathways, a true haven for garden lovers seeking tranquillity.



If relaxation calls, immerse yourself in the warmth and tranquillity of the **Turkish Baths Harrogate**, one of Britain's most fully restored Victorian Turkish Baths. Afterwards, wander through the sweeping lawns and colourful borders of the 17 acre *Valley Gardens*, a peaceful green oasis perfect for a gentle stroll.

Day Two

Make your way to one of the UK's smallest cities, Ripon, a short 25 minute drive or 40 minute bus ride from Harrogate via the number 36. Although small, this city has a big character, a beautiful cathedral at its centre and cobbled streets lined with cafés and shops to browse and explore. Visit *Ripon Cathedral*, which is free to enter and take time to discover everything this charming city offers.

After exploring the city, make your way to the beautiful **Newby Hall & Gardens**. Here you will find one of Britain's finest Adam Houses with an exceptional example of 18th century interior decoration, all set amongst 25 acres of award-winning gardens, including one of Europe's largest double herbaceous borders. Enjoy a guided tour of the house, while away a few hours wandering through the gardens, and stop by at the charming bear and dollhouse exhibitions.

Day Three

Start making your way towards the Yorkshire Dales and visit the picturesque market town of Masham. The town is famous for its two breweries, and a visit to one of them is a must. Stop at the **Black Sheep Brewery** for a tour, and a well-earned refresher in the bar.

Just moments away, the **Swinton Estate** offers something for every visitor. Food lovers can join a hands-on cookery school session, indulge in an exclusive Chef's Table experience or dine in one of the estate's exceptional restaurants. Those seeking relaxation can unwind in the spa, while adventure seekers can try a Birds of Prey encounter, an Escape Room challenge or one of the many other countryside activities set across the estate's 20,000 acres.



Day Four

Your final day in North Yorkshire will take you to the beautiful landscapes of the Yorkshire Dales. Travel through the sweeping landscapes of Wensleydale, discovering stone-built villages and far-reaching views along the way. Make your way to the market town of Hawes, where you can browse cafés and shops. For those interested in history and heritage, a visit to the **Dales Countryside Museum** is a must, where you can see exhibits on rural life in this part of the country. No trip to this part of Yorkshire is complete without calling into the **Wensleydale Creamery**. Watch expert cheesemakers at work, sample artisan cheeses and enjoy hearty dishes in the café, you can even enjoy a cheesy afternoon tea.

End your day at the legendary **Tan Hill Inn**, Britain's highest pub. Set within the dramatic moorland scenery of Swaledale, this 17th-century inn serves warming, traditional food and offers cosy, characterful rooms for those wishing to stay overnight.

Don't miss...

There are plenty of places to stop off on your journey from Masham to Hawes.

History buffs will enjoy stopping at **Middleham Castle**, once home to Richard III. For those interested in stunning scenery, make sure you call in to see **Aysgarth Falls**. The area around this beautiful waterfall features both long and short walks, and was made famous on screen through the Hollywood film, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*.

From here, head west through the Dales, leaving North Yorkshire behind as your journey leads onwards to the Lake District, where you can continue your journey and discover more spectacular scenery.