



Lake District & YORK CITY

7
Day
Tour

Day 1 - Sunday

We leave Belfast on the mid-day HSS and travel to the Lake District. We pass through Cockermouth and along the edge of Bassenthwaite, the most northern of the 'Lakes', on our way to our first hotel just outside Keswick.

Hotel: Lodore Falls Hotel ★★★★★
(3 nights)

Day 2 - Monday

After a leisurely breakfast, with time for a walk in the hotel's extensive grounds, we travel the short distance to Grasmere. We visit Dove Cottage and then continue south to Ambleside where we have some free time before returning to our hotel. A relaxing first day in the Lake District.

Day 3 - Tuesday

Immediately after breakfast this morning we travel south to visit the county's premier stately home, Holker Hall and Gardens.

Afterwards we drive down to Newby Bridge and Lakeside where we take a steam boat ride on Lake Windermere, as far as Bowness-on-Windermere, where we have a little time to explore before returning north, to our hotel.

Day 4 - Wednesday

We leave Cumbria and the Lakes today and 'cross the border' into the "White Rose County", travelling through the Yorkshire Dales National Park, along Wensleydale and into the city of York and our hotel within the ancient walls.

Hotel: Hilton, York City ★★★★★
(3 nights)

Contrast Cumbria, much beloved by Wordsworth and others for its rural beauty, with the historic capital of Yorkshire, England's largest county. Compare the wild grandeur of the lakes and mountains of the Lake District with the very different skyline of the ancient City of York, dominated by the majestic Minster, England's second largest Cathedral.

This 7-day, two-centred tour enjoys the comfort of 4-star hotels in both areas. We spend three nights in the splendid Lodore Falls Hotel, on the edge of Derwent Water, in its own secluded estate just outside the town and another three nights, in similar luxury, in the Hilton, York City - overlooking Clifford's Tower and a short walk from the Minster, within the historic city walls.

Day 5 - Thursday

A free day in York City with all the attractions just a short walk away. Stroll through the "Shambles" to the Minster and back along the edge of the river Ouse, calling perhaps at the "Viking City of Jorvik" and maybe the shops - a relaxing day with no travelling.

Day 6 - Friday

This morning we leave the city and make the 15 mile journey towards the Moors to visit the fabulous Castle Howard, of 'Brideshead Revisited' fame. We spend a relaxing few hours here at one of Britain's finest historic houses with time to enjoy the magnificent gardens before returning to York - in time for some last minute shopping or to squeeze in another visit.

After dinner, on this our last evening, we discover the magic of Ancient York, in the capable hands of an eloquent storyteller, on a Ghost Cruise on the River Ouse.

Day 7 - Saturday

Our journey home today takes us north between the Moors and the Dales through "Herriot Country". Alf Wight, author of the James Herriot Vet stories, spent his working life in Thirsk, the inspiration for the fictional Darrowby, in his stories of life as a country vet and we make a slight detour at the beginning of our last day to visit "The World of James Herriot".

We then proceed to Stranraer where we catch the evening HSS back to Belfast, arriving at the Europa Buscentre around 9.45pm.

HOTEL

Lodore Falls Hotel ★★★★★

☎ 01768 777 285
www.lodorefallshotel.co.uk
Overlooking Derwent Water, this elegant hotel is set in stunning Lake District scenery - in 40 acre grounds. There are woodland trails and the dramatic Lodore Falls is nearby.



Hilton York City ★★★★★

☎ 01904 648 111

www.hilton.com

Situated right in the centre of historic York, beside Clifford's Tower - a perfect base from which to explore the city on foot.



PRICE INCLUDES

- 4 star hotels
- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Tour information pack
- Insurance
- Visits to Dove Cottage; Holker Hall; Castle Howard; Thirsk and "The World of James Herriot"
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- Ghost Cruise on the River Ouse

DATES

Depart	Return
Sun 11.00am	Sat 9.45pm
26th Jun	2nd Jul
10th Jul	16th Jul
24th Jul	30th Jul
21st Aug	27th Aug

PRICE

Adult £579 SC £559

