### **WELCOME TO YORK!**

Today you'll explore the magnificent medieval city of York – home of Viking warlords and Roman Emperors, and one of the most haunted cities in the world! You're going to see the largest gothic cathedral in northern Europe, the remaining parts of the walls and a couple of bars - here, it's the city's gates that are called that, although there are plenty of those with drinks too! Whatever you do, watch out for the ghosts and ghouls!

**Did you know...** There is no York Street in York! However there are such bizarrely-named streets as Whipmawhopmagate, Jubbergate or Grape Lane.

#### **Attractions**

**Yorkshire Museum Gardens** (6) - Explore the beautiful remains of St Mary's abbey and the Roman fortress or relax by the river. The squirrels are particularly friendly!

07:30-16:00 (later in October). Cost: free!

**York Dungeon** (7) - Prepare to be scared in this spooky attraction – with live actors and gruesome shows to really bring the bloody history of York to life!

①11:00-16:00. Adult: £15.60, concession £14.40 (1/3 cheaper if bought online).

Clifford's Tower (8) - Site of a terrible massacre in 1190 and all that remains of York castle. Climb up for views of the surrounding area. ①10:00-16:00 (Oct 17:00). Adult: £4.20, concession £3.80

**York Castle Museum** (9) - Take a trip back in time to experience everyday life as it was in the olden days with recreated streets and houses from Yorkshire's past in the same prison that once held highwayman Dick Turpin.

①09:30-17:00. Adult: £8.50, concession £7.50.

#### **Orientation**

Being very compact, York is quite easy to navigate and can be certainly visited on foot. Remember there are the walls which enclose the old town with most of the city's attractions. The Minster is located towards the northern corner and most sites are south from here. Only the rail station and Railway museum are outside of the walls, to the west (just south of the River Ouse).

BE CAREFULL Use your common sense, don't flash cash, stick together with a friend and beware of pickpockets! In an emergency call 999 or 112 from a mobile.

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#### **Best Viewpoint**

For unparalleled views of York it is certainly worth climbing the Minster's tower (1). However, if you want awesome pictures of the Minster itself try the north corner of the city walls (10).

#### **Eat & Drink**

Good value pub food can be found in **Ye Olde Starre Inn** (11), **Old White Swan** (12) or York's most haunted pub – **Golden Fleece** (13). For afternoon tea go to **Mollys Tearooms** (14) or the famous (and expensive) **Betty's** (15) tearooms. For all the fudge fans, you can't leave without visiting the **Fudge Kitchen** (16) - there are live demonstrations and maybe even some free samples!

# 1

#### **York Minster**

Be amazed by the largest gothic cathedral in northern Europe, with more stained glass than anywhere else (about 2 million individual pieces!) and fascinating archaeological remains in the undercroft, or fantastic views over the city from the tower!

①Mon-Sat 09:00-17:00, Sun 12:00-17:00. Adults £15, concession £14. Includes Minster and Tower. Other tickets available.

## 2 York City Walls

Take a walk around one of the best surviving parts of York's medieval city walls and see the ancient gateways – **Bootham Bar** (2a; built on the site of one of the Roman fortress' gates), **Monk Bar** (2b; one of the most elaborate and ornate of the gates) or **Micklegate Bar** (2c; the traditional ceremonial gate for monarchs entering the city)! ODawn till dusk! Cost: free!

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#### National Railway Museum

Learn all about one of Britain's most famous inventions in this enormous museum full of famous locomotives and royal saloons used by Kings and Queens. It's a great attraction for a rainy day!

①10:00-18:00. Cost: free! Donations welcome.



#### Jorvik Viking Centre

See (and smell!) a recreation of York as it was in Viking days, as the city of Jorvik, ruled by Erik Bloodaxe.

①10:00-16:00. Adult: £9.75, concession £7.75. Other tickets available.



#### The Shambles

This tiny street is the most visited street in Europe and the most picturesque in England. Come and see why for yourself!



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12 Old White Swan (C2)

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