

North York Moors

Highlights

On this sample itinerary, aimed at international visitors, suggested bookable accommodation is mostly inside the National Park.

(alternative options available)*

While accommodation and the breath-taking scenery is open for business all year, most attractions open from April to October.



**North York Moors
National Park**

Day 1

AM

Arrive via gateways of York, Newcastle (DFDS), Hull (P&O) and drive to Helmsley.

Gateway	Distance to Helmsley	Drive Time
York	39km	46mins
Newcastle	102km	90mins
Hull	89km	90mins

PM

Wander the pretty market town of Helmsley, have Afternoon Tea and visit Rievaulx Abbey 5km away.

↗ english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/rievaulx-abbey

OR

Enjoy a potter around Helmsley Walled Garden, a tranquil space of apple orchards and wildflower meadows, first established in 1758.

↗ helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk

Overnight

Stay at Black Swan Hotel, Helmsley, YO62 5BJ

↗ inncollectiongroup.com/the-black-swan/



Day 2

AM

Drive 20 minutes/ 21 km to visit Castle Howard, the magnificent 18th-century house and estate, home to eight generations of the Howard family, as well as doubling as the Duke of Hastings' country residence in the Bridgerton series.

↗ castlehoward.co.uk

PM

Have a late afternoon pint at the Crown Inn pub in Hutton le Hole, a North Yorkshire village of character with a folk museum.

↗ crownhuttonlehole.com

↗ northyorkmoors.org.uk/huttonlehole

↗ ryedalefolkmuseum.co.uk

OR

Return from Castle Howard via Sutton Bank National Park Centre to experience the view from the dramatic Sutton Bank escarpment, which vet and author James Herriot declared as 'the finest in England'

↗ northyorkmoors.org.uk/suttonbank

Overnight

Stay at Black Swan Hotel, part of Inn Collection Group (see above for more details)



Day 3

AM

Drive 45 minutes/42km to Goathland and see Hogsmeade, the railway station in the first Harry Potter film, which is actually on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. Ride a steam train to nearby Grosmont and see where the locomotives are housed and restored in the engine sheds, then walk a scenic 5.1km/80 minutes back along the old railway line to Goathland.

↗ nymr.co.uk

PM

Drive 20 minutes/16km to Robin Hood's Bay and explore the picturesque, narrow streets of this fishing village, renowned for its beautiful coastline and history of smuggling from the Continent to the North East of England.

↗ robin-hoods-bay.co.uk

Overnight

Stay at Inn on the Moor Hotel in Goathland, YO22 5LZ.

↗ theinnonthemoorhotel.co.uk

OR

Fox and Hounds at Ainthorpe, YO21 0LD.

↗ foxandhoundsainthorpe.com



Day 4

AM

During the drive from Goathland to Whitby, stop off for a short walking excursion to glorious Falling Foss waterfall and its tea garden (20 minutes/14.5km). Continue 15 minutes/9.5km to Whitby.

↗ fallingfossteagarden.co.uk

↗ visitwhitby.com

PM

Visit the spectacular ruins of Whitby Abbey, then go next door to Whitby Brewery for a tour including a restorative sample of Whitby gin before enjoying a delightful wander down to the cobbled streets of this historic town, topped off with Fish and Chips on the beach.

↗ whitbydistillery.com

↗ english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/whitby-abbey/

Overnight

Stay at Raithwaite Sandsend just outside Whitby, YO21 3ST

↗ raithwaitesandsend.co.uk



Day 5

Enjoy a scenic drive across the ancient heather moorland back to your ferry or train port of embarkation.

*Alternative accommodation options on the edge of the North York Moors National Park:

Wrea Head Hotel

Scarborough, YO13
0PB (On coast, east of
National Park)

👉 wreaheadhall.co.uk

Gisborough Hall Hotel

Guisborough, TS14
6PT (North of National
Park)

👉 gisborough-hall.com

Kings Head Inn

Newton Under
Roseberry, Great Ayton
TS9 6QR (North of
National Park)

👉 [inncollectiongroup.
com/kings-head-inn](http://inncollectiongroup.com/kings-head-inn)

