

# Coast and COUNTRYSIDE



North York Moors  
National Park



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Our five-day sample itinerary has been developed using newly commissioned market research around the perfect short-break holiday for the target customer, 'Explorers' aged 45 years+ from near Europe, who like to experience the culture and heritage of a new English destination, full of little surprises, at a more relaxed pace. They include experiences taking in the beautiful surroundings of the **North York Moors National Park** and its stunning coast, along with free time to visit the area's 'must-sees' and engage with the local culture.

All products highlighted in the itineraries in **BOLD** are bookable in advance, all others are either payable at the attraction/venue or free of charge.

Take a breath of fresh air as you explore the stunning coast and spectacular countryside of the North York Moors. Step back in time with a scenic journey on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, discover atmospheric coastal towns and villages and majestic abbey ruins. Visit local artists' studios and unique galleries, enjoy the English tradition of afternoon tea and delicious fish and chips.

**WELCOME TO THE NORTH YORK MOORS – WHERE PEACE AND BEAUTY AWAITS YOU.**

## **DAY ONE: Meet the locals**

Arrive in comfort by car ferry, from either Rotterdam to Hull (P&O), or from Amsterdam to Newcastle (DFDS), both operate a daily service. Your onward drive is around 1½ hours (100km) to your North York Moors accommodation located near the village of Goathland.

Take time to get to know this lovely village; pop into the Goathland Tea Room for an English afternoon tea served with delicious scones, jam and cream and visit the gift shop to take home some English fudge sweets.





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## DAY TWO: North Yorkshire Moors Railway

After a relaxing breakfast, leave your car behind and head over to Goathland Station, featured as Hogsmeade Station in the original Harry Potter Film. Step back in time with a leisurely scenic train journey on the **North Yorkshire Moors Railway**, an iconic heritage steam railway running along 39km of National Park countryside from the market town of Pickering across wide sweeps of moorland to the coastal town of Whitby.

Enjoy stunning views of the North York Moors National Park from your carriage before alighting at Grosmont Station,

where you can see the historic engine sheds and world's oldest passenger railway tunnel, built by railway pioneer George Stephenson.

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**INSIDER'S TIP:** see a waterfall: Head to Beck Hole and take a walk through ancient woodlands and valleys, passing the Thomason Foss stunning waterfall, and possibly visit one of England's quirkiest small pubs, Birch Hall Inn.

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It's a short 30 minute (2km) walk back to the village of Goathland along George Stephenson's original railway line.





## Day three: Whitby & Staithes

Take the 21 minute (17km) drive to Whitby, an atmospheric coastal town overlooked by the famous clifftop ruins of Whitby Abbey, with its cobbled Georgian streets and unique shops clustering around a vibrant harbour and sandy beach. Climb the famous 199 steps from the town to the magnificent ruins of **Whitby Abbey**, where a state-of-the-art exhibition tells the tale of 3,000 years of history and how the town inspired Bram Stoker's Dracula. Visit the **Captain Cook Memorial Museum** to learn how all of Cook's famous vessels were built here.

Whitby is a great place for a spot of shopping; from jewellery made from the local black Jet to smoked kippers, and make sure to explore some of the quieter and quirkier streets where you'll find a selection of independent stores selling all sorts of unusual surprises. Don't leave Whitby without trying some of the best fish and chips for miles around, perfect with a delicious Yorkshire ale, brewed in the shadows of Whitby Abbey.

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### **INSIDER'S TIP:** take a boat trip:

*Enjoy a 3½ hr cruise down the coast to Robin Hood's Bay with Whitby Coastal Cruises, perfect for wildlife spotting - you may even see some local seals.*

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Take the 30-minute drive to the atmospheric fishing village of Staithes, with its traditional Coble boats in the picturesque harbour. Take time out to visit local artists' studios and unique galleries. See local sculptor, Emma Stothard's striking blue lobster and then follow the Staithes Illusion Trail, all painted by renowned trompe l'oeil artist and Staithes resident, Paul Czainski. Finish your day with tea and scones in the vintage café, Dotty about Vintage - sit outside with a blanket as you watch the world go by.

It's a 30-minute (27km) drive home through the North York Moors National Park to your B&B.



## DAY FOUR: Robin Hood's Bay

Take the 25 minute (20km) drive to Robin Hood's Bay and then leave your car at the village car park, taking in the stunning views before you begin the steep twisting descent through this timeless seaside village of cobbled alleyways and tiny fishermen's cottages, tumbling down to the sea. Pop into the Robin Hood's Bay Museum – a small, village museum packed full of artefacts and stories of the area. The coastal scenery around the Bay is spectacular, perfect for a coastal walk or fossil hunting before enjoying a pint of local ale in a village pub.

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**INSIDER'S TIP:** Go rock pooling. Reached at low tide along the shore is Boggle Hole, great for a spot of rock pooling. Pop into The Quarterdeck Café at the YHA, for tea and cake; take a book and sit by the wood burning stove as you listen to the sound of the waves.

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It's a 25-minute (20 km) drive home through the North York Moors National Park to your B&B.

## DAY FIVE: Heritage 'must-sees'

Today is your own to take in one or two of the area's heritage 'must-sees', all within easy distance by car, before you return home. Our recommendations include:

Hutton le Hole - one of the most picturesque villages in the North York Moors. A clear moorland stream tumbles through the centre of the village green. The village is home to the marvellous outdoor **Ryedale Folk Museum** where you can learn all about the local history. See local artisans at work and then enjoy a pint of local beer at the pub on the green.

**Rievaulx Abbey** - explore the impressive ruins of one of England's most powerful Cistercian monasteries, reflecting nearly 1,000 years of spiritual, commercial, and romantic history, since its founding in 1130. Stop by the museum to get up close to previously unseen artefacts including medieval stone carvings, chess pieces and gold coins.

Return by car ferry from either Hull to Rotterdam or from Newcastle to Amsterdam, both are around a 1 hour and 30-minute drive from North York Moors.

**To find out even more about the local culture of the places you visit, why not arrange a local guide – a list of guides can be found in the Supplier Listing.**

**Times and dates are subject to change, please check with suppliers.**

**Other accommodation options are available. Day passes to the heritage attractions can be included.**