



North York Moors
National Park

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By Rail & Bus



For eco-conscious travellers eager to explore the lesser-known gems of North East England, the North York Moors present a captivating escape. This itinerary will guide you through the breathtaking landscapes and historic landmarks of the region, all while minimizing your carbon footprint by using public transport. Prepare for an adventure that values the journey as much as the destination.



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Day 1 - Beginning your journey

PM - Berlin Start

Embark on The European Sleeper, the recently inaugurated sleeper train service connecting Berlin and London. Departing Berlin shortly before 11pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, you'll experience a 16-hour scenic journey. A brief stopover in Brussels for a breakfast transition to the Eurostar sets you on course to arrive at London's iconic St Pancras Station by approximately 2pm.

Overnight

– on board the train, there are a choice of sleeping options.

www.europeansleeper.eu/en

Day 1 - AM - Amsterdam/Brussels Start

For those starting the journey in Amsterdam/Brussels - there are a number of journey options using the Eurostar arriving in London St Pancras Station in the late morning/early afternoon.

Day 1/2 - First glimpse of London and Journey to York.

PM

Begin your London experience with a toast at **St Pancras Champagne Bar**, boasting the title of Europe's longest champagne bar. A short walk takes you to London's King's Cross station, where a train awaits to whisk you away to the historical city of York. Within two hours, find yourself amidst the ancient walls of this Roman city. Check into a central hotel, and as evening approaches, get a taste of local flavours with a pint of Yorkshire Bitter at a traditional pub.

Overnight

– Choose from a range of hotels nestled within York's city centre.

Links

<https://stpancrasbysearcys.co.uk/>



Day 2/3 - Delving into York's Rich History

AM

Dedicate your morning to uncovering York's treasures. Stand in awe of the **York Minster**, a cathedral with roots tracing back to the 7th century. Meander through the **Shambles**, a medieval street that transports you back in time with its well-preserved architecture.

PM

Experience the Viking era at the **Jorvik Centre** and later, indulge in an authentic English afternoon tea at the renowned **Bettys Tea Rooms**. If trains pique your interest, the **National Rail Museum** beside York station offers an insight into the evolution of rail travel. As night falls, join a Ghost Walk to hear chilling tales of York's past, and wrap up with a relaxing evening in a cosy local pub.

Overnight

– Return to your chosen York city centre accommodation.

Links

<https://yorkminster.org/>

<https://www.visitYork.org/business-directory/category/shambles>

<https://www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk/>

<https://www.bettys.co.uk/cafe-tea-rooms/our-locations/bettys-york>

<https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/>





Day 3/4 - Exploring Helmsley's Charm

AM

Hop on the x31 Bus to Helmsley, a picturesque market town nestled within the North York Moors National Park. Revel in history at the ruins of **Helmsley Castle**, find serenity in the **Helmsley Walled Garden**, and shop unique finds at the independent local boutiques.

Alternatively, if you're up for a trek, embark on the 7-mile circular route from Helmsley to **Rievaulx Abbey**, marking the initial stretch of the Cleveland Way National Trail.

Overnight

– Stay at the **Black Swan Inn**, a perfect blend of modern comforts and traditional charm.

<https://www.inncollectiongroup.com/the-black-swan/>

Links

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/helmsley-castle/>
<https://helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk/>

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/rievaulx-abbey/>





Day 4/5 - Steam Railways and Rail Trails AM

Board the 128 bus towards Scarborough and disembark at Pickering. Step back in time with the **North Yorkshire Moors Railway**, embarking on a steam-powered odyssey to Goathland. Movie buffs will recognize Goathland station as Hogsmeade from the first Harry Potter film!

PM

Spend your afternoon diving deep into the natural allure of Goathland. A must-do is the **Rail Trail**, a walking route that traces the old railway line connecting Goathland and Grosmont. This trail is not only an easy trek with stunning views but is also sprinkled with historical railway artefacts. If you're lucky, you might even spot steam trains chugging along the nearby active railway. After your walk, enjoy the local hospitality with some refreshments at a local café or pub.. Use your steam railway ticket to take the 20-minute journey on North Yorkshire Moors Railway back to Goathland.

OVERNIGHT

– Settle down for the evening at the **Inn on the Moor**, a cosy and welcoming establishment that promises a comfortable night's rest amidst serene surroundings.

<https://theinnonthemoorhotel.co.uk/>

Links

<https://www.nymr.co.uk/>

Day 5/6 - Whitby's Maritime History and the Charm of Robin Hood's Bay

AM

Begin your day exploring Whitby taking the **Coastliner** bus from Goathland. Delve into its rich maritime history at the **Whitby Museum**. Walk up the 199 steps leading to **Whitby Abbey and St. Mary's Church**, offering panoramic views of the town and harbour. You can also learn about Captain James Cook's early years at the **Captain Cook Memorial Museum**.

PM

Take a short bus (X93/X94) or taxi journey to Robin Hood's Bay, a picturesque fishing village known for its narrow, winding streets and charming cottages. The bay is a favourite among fossil hunters, with the rocky beach revealing remnants of ancient marine life. Spend time wandering the village, perhaps visiting the **Robin Hood's Bay Museum** to understand the smuggling history of this coastal hideaway. As the day winds down, enjoy a seaside meal at one of the local inns or cafés.

Overnight

– Consider staying at one of the bed and breakfasts in Robin Hood's Bay, offering cosy accommodations with a touch of local charm.

Links

<https://whitbymuseum.org.uk/>

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/whitby-abbey/>

<https://www.cookmuseumwhitby.co.uk/>

<https://museum.rhbay.co.uk/>





Day 6/7 - Return Journey

AM

After a hearty breakfast, catch the X93/X94 back to Whitby, then the **Coastliner** bus back to York. Soak in the scenic views one last time as you traverse the beautiful landscapes of North Yorkshire.

PM

Once in York, board a train to London's King's Cross station. Relive the memories of your journey as you head back to the capital. Head to London's St Pancras Station for a return journey to Brussels or Amsterdam. From there, board The European Sleeper back to Berlin, ensuring a restful night's journey.

Overnight

On board The European Sleeper, comfortably resting as you travel across countries.





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