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A TOURING ROUTE THROUGH THE  
**CULTURAL & HISTORIC  
HEART OF ENGLAND**

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## INTRODUCING THE EXPLORER'S ROAD

For two thousand years the English have travelled a highway which connects north to south, creating the original 500km multi-stop touring route through the historic and cultural heart of the nation.

This is a new opportunity for curious travellers to get to know the English by exploring their traditions and eccentricities, the much-loved countryside, and the hidden landmarks known only to local people.

The Explorer's Road links the historic market towns and cultural cities used by pioneering travellers, where itineraries of genuine English experiences and stories can be enjoyed at a relaxed pace and individually tailored to client preference.

In this introduction to The Explorer's Road you'll find:

### ATTRACTIONS AND EXPERIENCES

There are a huge range of experiences along the 500km Explorer's Road including gardens and stately homes, castles and museums, walks and activities and places that serve fantastic English food and drink.

Many of them are now bookable and trade ready. We can introduce you to key contacts along the route help you produce the perfect itinerary options for your clients.

### ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

From coaching inns and cosy bed and breakfasts to pubs with rooms, country house hotels and larger city based branded properties, finding rooms to suit your client's preferences and budget is made easy with our trade ready providers who are located along the length of the route.

### DURATION

We have broken the route down into six bite size portions that make it easy to plan a tour. Customers can add or subtract stopping points along the route to tailor a trip to the time available.

### THEMES

We have clustered similar product together to make it easy to create a themed itinerary.





# TRADE INFO AND RESOURCES

The Explorer's Road has been created with the travel trade in mind to make the job of putting together a touring holiday in England as easy as possible.

## MARKETING COLLATERAL AND SUPPORT

We can provide a bank of royalty free high-resolution images, branded route assets including the Explorer's Road logo and copy for use on websites and in printed materials.

[www.explorersroad.com/travel-trade](http://www.explorersroad.com/travel-trade)

## DEDICATED DMC: EXPERIENCE NORTH

Experience North delivers tour programs, professional itinerary planning services, destination management in Northern England as well as programs dedicated to The Explorer's Road for trade.

### EXPERIENCE NORTH

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### YORK PASS

The official all-inclusive sightseeing card available as a 1&2-day York city pass. Digital passes available for customers.

To find out about incorporating the pass into your Explorer's Road product contact: Elaine Moss, York Pass Product Manager

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## The Route Highlights

- The Explorer's Road
- Market Town
- Heritage City/Main City
- Airport
- Ferry Port
- Train Station





# THE EXPLORER'S ROAD HIGHLIGHTS

## BURGHLEY HOUSE

In the mid-16th century, William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth 1, created one of the most fabulous homes of the British aristocracy.

Your customers can take a guided tour through almost 500 years of history from the simplicity of the Tudor kitchen to the Baroque opulence of the Heaven Room. The house is surrounded by a Capability Brown designed landscape where experts guide visitors through grounds heady with the scent of ancient blooms and the sound of water fountains. House and Gardens open daily mid-March to early November. Paid entry. Parkland open year-round.

[www.burghley.co.uk](http://www.burghley.co.uk)



The Explorer's Road offers a huge variety of attractions and experiences along its length.

Each day of their tour, visitors can choose from sightseeing at stately homes and castles, uncovering English history at fascinating and quirky museums, walking and cycling in stunning landscapes or exploring market towns and historic cities. Among many highlights, here are four that should be on the itinerary of every Explorer's Road adventurer.

## YORK MINSTER

One of the world's most magnificent cathedrals, a masterpiece in stained-glass and stone, visitors can explore its vast spaces brought to life with the glory of worship and heavenly music. The history of the site dates back 2000 years while the current building is around 800 years old. Visitors can take a tour to learn about the Minster's art, history and music and how they have changed over the centuries. Open all year round. Paid entry. FIT rates include fast-track.



## ALNWICK CASTLE AND GARDEN

Affectionately known as the Windsor of the North, Alnwick Castle's history brims with drama, intrigue, and extraordinary people, brought to life with a range of tours including Alnwick On Location, the Historical Grounds Tour and the State Room Tour.

The Alnwick Garden is a wonderful combination of spaces, themes and quirkiness. Its many delights include the Grand Cascade, one of Europe's largest Treehouses and a Poison Garden plus a collection of over 4000 plant varieties.

Alnwick Castle open daily, April to October inclusive. Paid entry.

The Alnwick Garden open seasonally, February to October inclusive. Paid entry.

[www.alnwickgarden.com](http://www.alnwickgarden.com)  
[www.alnwickcastle.com](http://www.alnwickcastle.com)

## KIELDER WATER AND FOREST PARK

Home to the biggest man-made lake in Northern Europe and the largest working forest in England, Kielder Water and Forest Park is nature on a grand scale. Here the views are bigger, the night sky brighter and the outdoor activities as gentle or extreme as you choose. Visitors can hire a bike, walk the forest trails, go red squirrel watching or board the Osprey ferry for a trip around the lake. This is a great location for year-round star gazing at The Kielder Observatory in heart of Northumberland's International Dark Sky Park. Open year round. Some activities are seasonal, and some are paid entry.

[www.visitkielder.com](http://www.visitkielder.com)





# THE EXPLORER'S ROAD IN DETAIL

## HERTFORDSHIRE

The most southerly section of The Explorer's Road explores the beautiful county of Hertfordshire. The recommended staying bases are the county town of Hertford and Hitchin, one of England's best places to live, with additional options across the area.

## HERTFORD

Hertford is laid out to its original medieval plan and is strongly associated with Queen Elizabeth I. She spent much of her childhood here and at nearby Hatfield House. Walking through the town visitors may be surprised by the number of pubs, one on nearly every street. This is a legacy of Hertford's brewing history.



### HERTFORD HIGHLIGHTS

The Castle grounds and gardens, a weekend trip on the River Lee by waterbus, the Arts Quarter for works of local artists, the medieval timber-framed buildings along St Andrew Street, a brewery tour at McMullen's and a pint from the local Rivertown label.



## HITCHIN

With its timber-framed buildings and cobbled streets, Hitchin looks and feels like of a quaint English village yet it, supports two excellent museums, Hertfordshire's largest parish church, and a high street buzzing with life. Built on wealth amassed in medieval times on the back of the wool trade, the town sits on an ancient track, the Icknield Way which is still navigable on foot.



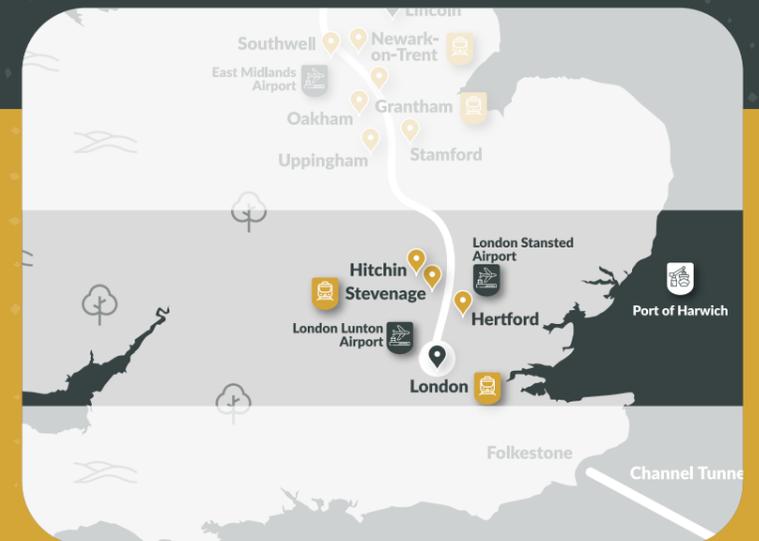
### HITCHIN HIGHLIGHTS

13th century St Mary's Church with grounds leading down to the river, the British Schools Museum which recreates the Victorian school room, the Physic Garden that grows 100 different species of medicinal plants and Hitchin Lavender in neighbouring Ickleford, at its best June to August.



### ATTRACTIONS

- Hatfield House, Hertfordshire
- Henry Moore Studio and Gardens, Much Hadham
- Knebworth House, Hertfordshire
- Mill Green Museum & Mill, Hatfield, Hertfordshire
- St Albans Cathedral, Hertfordshire





# THE EXPLORER'S ROAD IN DETAIL

## RUTLAND

Perhaps the most undiscovered section of the route, here you will find England's smallest county, Rutland, alongside one of its largest, Lincolnshire, offering big skies and vast views. Discover the four recommended market towns of Uppingham, Oakham, Stamford and Grantham while you explore the area's interesting history and rural attractions.

## OAKHAM

Small is beautiful when it comes to the town of Oakham, yet this is the capital of Rutland. Take the time to discover its charms old and new as you stroll the ancient streets, which are home to art galleries, artisan jewellers and cosy cafes. The town is also just a stone's throw away from one of Europe's largest reservoirs, Rutland Water.



### OAKHAM HIGHLIGHTS

Oakham Castle's collection of 230 decorative horseshoes, a gruesome Georgian example of a drop gallows in Rutland County Museum, its very own brewery, the twice-a-year Oakham Food and Drink Festival plus ancient carvings of a dragon, a fox, a pelican and a monkey in All Saints Church.

## UPPINGHAM

Tucked away in the green folds of the English countryside, Uppingham is little known even within these isles. Yet draw back the veil on this old-world scene and you'll reveal a huddle of honey-coloured stone houses and independent businesses cradling an ancient market place where this rural community still comes together.



### UPPINGHAM HIGHLIGHTS

The plethora of antique stores, the Fatstock show just before Christmas, an annual beauty contest for beasts, The Uppingham Heritage Trail, Saxon sculptures in the wall of St Peter and St Paul and the impressive collection of art at the Goldmark Gallery, often including works names such as by Picasso, Goya, Rembrandt and Durer.

## STAMFORD

From the gently flowing River Welland, Stamford spreads out before you. No fewer than five church spires will vie for your attention in this handsome Georgian town. The unspoilt streets of honey-coloured stone buildings reveal a place that has been called 'England's most attractive town' and has formed the backdrop for countless films.



### STAMFORD HIGHLIGHTS

Stamford Town Trails, Stamford Town Hall guided tours on Fridays, medieval St Paul's Street, a pint at the 13th Century Tobie Norris pub or the Melbourn Brewery and the world-class Burghley Horse Trials in early September.



## GRANTHAM

Originally an important staging post on the road from London to Lincoln, Grantham is where the UK's first female Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, was born and the great scientist Sir Isaac Newton was born nearby and educated here. These venerable figures hint at a town with an extraordinary influence that has stretched well beyond its boundaries down the centuries.



### GRANTHAM HIGHLIGHTS

The view of St Wulfram's Church from Swinegate, the walled garden at Grantham House, a drink at The Angel and Royal, a medieval pub established by the Knights Templar, the stories of Margaret Thatcher, Sir Isaac Newton and the WW2 Dambusters told at Grantham Museum and the Antiques Centre on the High Street.



# THE EXPLORER'S ROAD IN DETAIL

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND LINCOLN

Lincoln, Newark on Trent and Southwell form a cluster of recommended staying bases from which to explore one of England's finest Cathedral cities and the county of Nottinghamshire that folk legend Robin Hood called home with additional options across the area. Add a day in the Peak District to explore the glorious landscapes of England's first National Park.

## NEWARK

A modest-sized market town with some delightful surprises, Newark's location is where the ancient Great North Road meets the old Roman Fosse Way, a crossing point that gave this place a huge commercial advantage. Today, this history makes it a compelling place to visit.

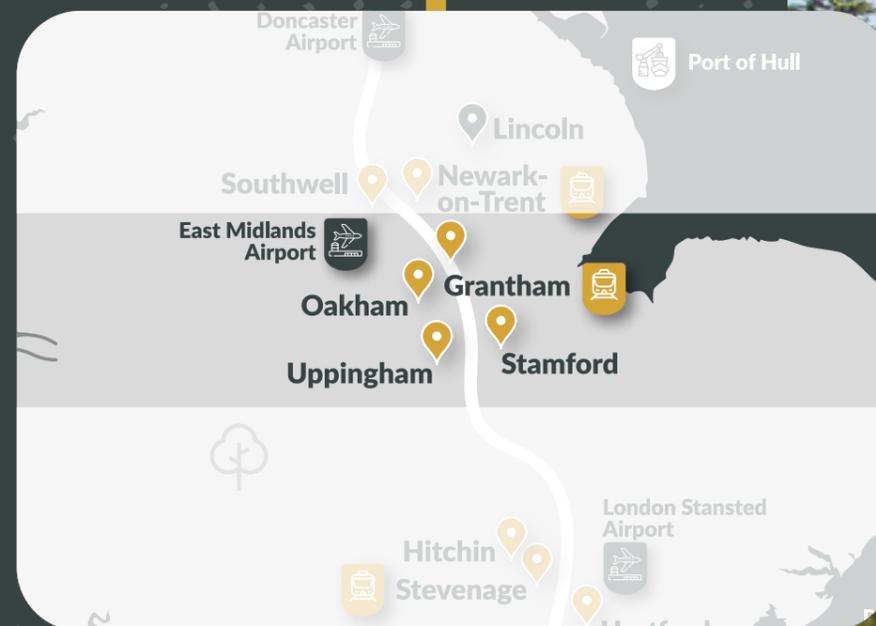


### NEWARK HIGHLIGHTS

The octagonal spire of The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Newark Castle where bad King John died in 1216, a boat ride on the River Trent, the Town Hall Museum and Art Gallery with its beautifully restored Assembly Room and the National Civil War Centre which tells the story of Britain's bloody 17th century conflict.

## ATTRACTIONS

- Barnsdale Gardens, Rutland
- Belton House, Lincolnshire
- Belvoir Castle, Lincolnshire
- Burghley House, Lincolnshire borders
- Easton Walled Garden, Lincolnshire
- Grantham Museum, Lincolnshire
- Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire
- Oakham Castle, Rutland
- Stamford Town Trails, Lincolnshire
- Uppingham Heritage Trails, Rutland
- Rutland Water, Rutland



## LINCOLN

The vertiginous, winding, cobbled Steep Hill, links modern 'downhill' with medieval 'uphill' and is brimming with coffee houses, cheesemongers, tearooms, bookstores and vintage boutiques. The Romans established Lincoln high on a hill while its cathedral and castle were built by William the Conqueror. Today the city is famous for its Christmas market and its devilish mascot, The Lincoln Imp.

### LINCOLN HIGHLIGHTS

The magnificent 17th century chandelier at St Mary le Wigford, Brayford Waterfront for restaurants and cafés overlooking the River Witham, the climb up 338 stone steps to Lincoln Cathedral's highest tower for views across Lincolnshire, the Magna Carta vault at Lincoln Castle, the Lincoln Christmas market and the Lincoln Steampunk Festival in late August.

### ATTRACTIONS

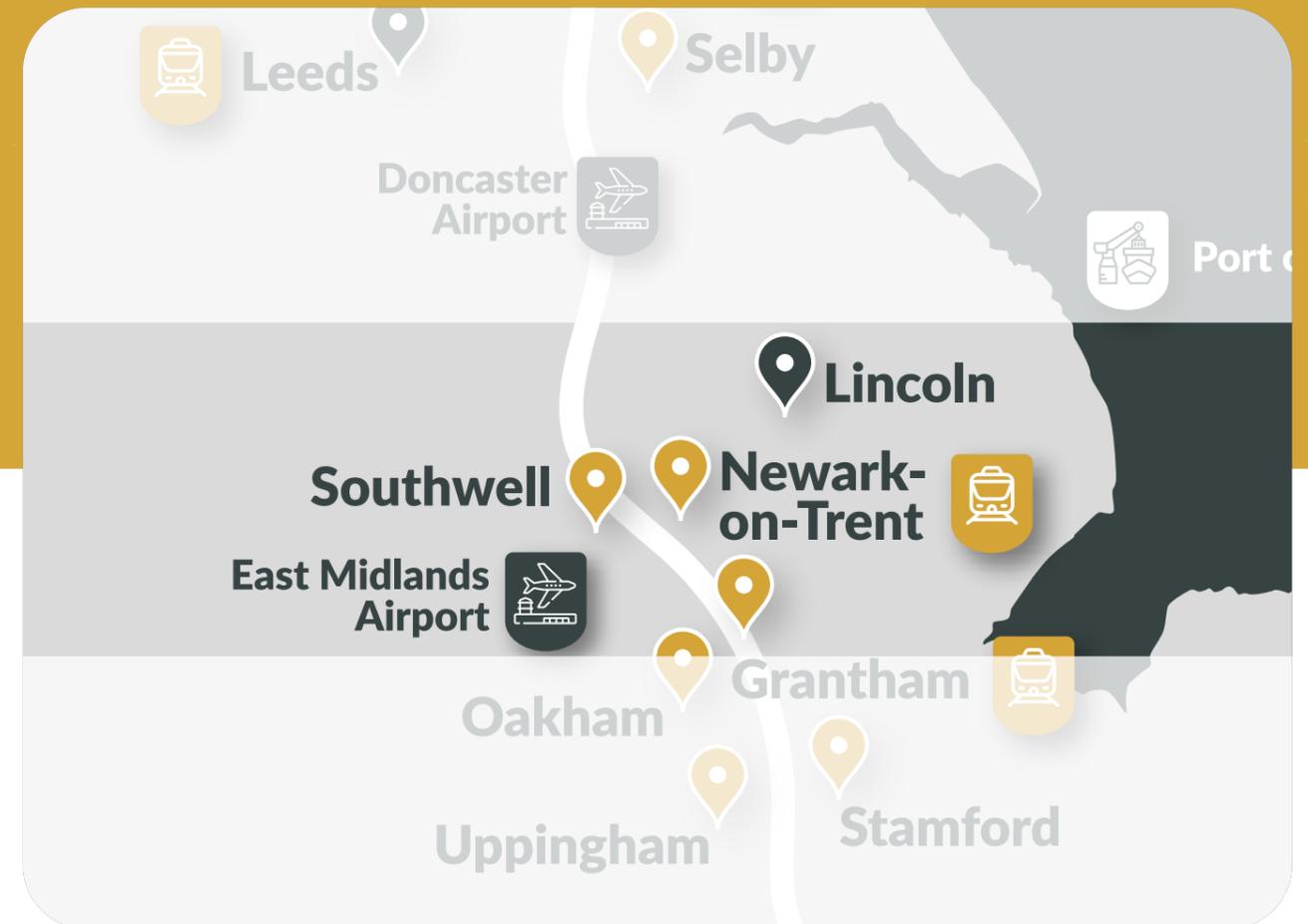
- Cresswell Crags, Nottinghamshire
- International Bomber Command Centre, nr. Lincoln
- Museum of Timekeeping, Nottinghamshire
- Newark Castle & Gardens, Nottinghamshire
- Newark Civil War Centre, Nottinghamshire
- Peak Cycling, Sheffield
- Renishaw Hall & Gardens, Nottinghamshire
- Sherwood Forest tours, Nottinghamshire
- Southwell Minster, Nottinghamshire
- Thoresby Estate, Nottinghamshire

## SOUTHWELL

Southwell may appear to be a regular English market town but delve deeper and you'll discover that it's blessed with historic sites of national importance. Situated on the River Greet, at the edge of Sherwood Forest, it has a strong sense of individuality and many royal associations as well as being the home of English people's favourite accompaniment to roast pork, Bramley apple sauce.

### SOUTHWELL HIGHLIGHTS

Southwell Minster and Chapter House containing some of the finest stone carving in England, a drink at the Saracen's Head (formerly the King's Arms) where King Charles I had his last meal as a free man, The Workhouse for a fascinating insight into this austere Victorian institution and the Bramley apple festival in October.





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# THE EXPLORER'S ROAD IN DETAIL

## YORKSHIRE

The largest county in England, Yorkshire deserves several days or more along this touring route to appreciate its beauty and diversity. The imposing Victorian city of Leeds, the market towns of Selby and Richmond plus the historic city of York are recommended places to stay with additional options across the area.

## SELBY

Home to a Norman Abbey, a once-thriving shipbuilding industry, as well as Yorkshire's first railway station, Selby has stayed true to its roots as a vital trading place for the surrounding area. Today, historical streets and heritage trails reveal stories of bygone eras, complemented by independent shops and eateries, and a traditional weekly market with history spanning over 700 years.



### SELBY HIGHLIGHTS

The Washington Window at Selby Abbey commemorating the ancestral family of the first US president George Washington, nearby Towton Battlefield, site of the bloodiest battle of the Wars of the Roses, flowers and scents of a quintessentially English garden at Stillingfleet Lodge and the Eastern stretch of the Transpennine walking trail.



## YORK

King George VI once declared: 'The history of York is the history of England.' In this city, where the Romans, Vikings, Normans and Tudors all made their marks, you can trace the timeline of Christian Britain. And while history is evident at every turn, York, with its great shopping and entertainment scene, has a very modern feel, too.



### YORK HIGHLIGHTS

Shopping in the Shambles, the inspiration for Diagon Alley in the Harry Potter films, the Cat Gallery and the Cat Trail dedicated to the feline decoration seen on many York buildings, the city skyline seen from the city walls which stretch for 3kms plus the major attractions of Jorvik, York Minster and the National Railway Museum.



## LEEDS

Leeds' cultural dynamism is one of its biggest draws for visitors and residents. One of Yorkshire's biggest and best-connected cities, it has plenty to explore from independent shops tucked in ornate Victorian arcades to dynamic cultural attractions befitting its rich heritage, as well as some of the best shopping in the North of England.



### LEEDS HIGHLIGHTS

The vast collection of Henry Moore sculptures at the Henry Moore Institute, upmarket shopping in the ornate Victorian arcades, outdoor markets and cinema in the grounds of Kirkstall Abbey and the Leeds Wool Festival in June celebrating the origins of the city as a centre for cloth and wool production.



## RICHMOND

It's said there are more than 50 other Richmonds around the world, but this northern gateway to the Yorkshire Dales is the original. In a picture-perfect location on the banks of the River Swale, its Georgian façades clustered around a commanding Norman castle, you'll soon see why this town has provided inspiration for artists down the years.

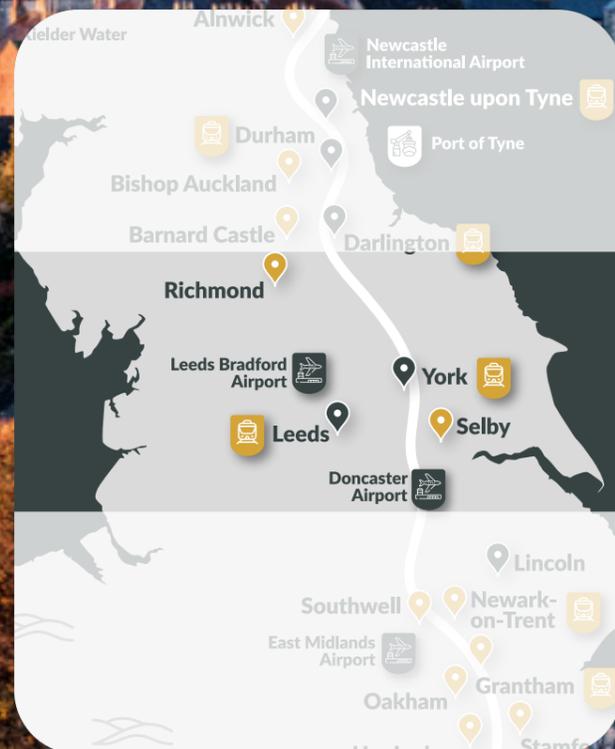


### RICHMOND HIGHLIGHTS

The walk along the River Swale from Richmond Castle to Easby Abbey both painted by JMW Turner, coffee and art at the converted Victorian station, sampling craft beers at the Richmond Brewing Company, a performance at the Georgian Theatre Royal, and Georgefest in late August celebrating the town's Georgian heritage.

## ATTRACTIONS

- Bar Convent, heritage centre, York
- Castle Howard, Historic House and Gardens, nr York
- City Cruises, York
- Cusworth Hall & Park nr Doncaster
- Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond
- Green Howards Museum, Richmond
- Inspired Chocolate, Richmond
- National Railway Museum, York
- Stillingfleet Lodge Gardens, nr York
- York Castle Museum, York
- York Minster, York
- York's Chocolate Story, York
- Jorvik Viking Centre, York
- Newby Hall, Ripon
- The Escapologist, Selby
- Selby Abbey, Selby
- Towton Battlefield, nr Selby



# THE EXPLORER'S ROAD IN DETAIL

## DURHAM AND TEES VALLEY

**An intriguing combination of industrial heritage and remote, wild countryside, this section of The Explorer's Road takes you further into Northern England. We recommend Durham City, Barnard Castle, Bishop Auckland and Darlington as staying bases for your first encounters with people renowned for their warm welcome, with additional options across the area.**

## DURHAM CITY

Durham City and its magnificent medieval Norman cathedral has been a place of pilgrimage over a millennium. Explore the timeless quality of this quintessential old English University City with its World Heritage Site peninsula, one of the most stunning city panoramas in Europe and recently named the UK's number one landmark.



### DURHAM CITY HIGHLIGHTS

The captivating city with winding cobbled streets has a peninsula crowned with the dramatic Durham Cathedral and Castle World Heritage Site. Also relax with a riverside walk or river cruise, or soak up the atmosphere with superb cafés, artisan workshops, boutiques, galleries and museums.



## DARLINGTON

This busy market town of Darlington has a rich railway heritage and is one of North East England's biggest transport hubs, making it the perfect base to explore the rest of the Tees Valley. It's also a shining example of how modernity and history can blend with beautiful results. Independent stores and eateries line historic yards, arts hubs dot the town centre, and lively markets are watched over by a statue of a 19th-century railway pioneer, Joseph Pease.



### DARLINGTON HIGHLIGHTS

Journey through the history of the Stockton and Darlington Railway at the Head of Steam Railway Museum, enjoy comedy, theatre and live music at the Darlington Hippodrome or magical shows at the only dedicated children's theatre north of London The Hullabaloo, independent shopping, eating and drinking in the town's Imperial Quarter and five-star luxury at the magnificent Rockliffe Hall.

## BARNARD CASTLE

An enchanting market town, set high above the River Tees and carved within the beautiful Durham Dales, getting lost in 'Barney' – as the locals call it – is an absolute delight. It has been painted by JMW Turner and written about by famous British poets including Sir Walter Scott and William Wordsworth.



### BARNARD CASTLE HIGHLIGHTS

Sipping real ale in the garden of The Old Well Inn sheltered by the walls of Barnard Castle, The Witham arts centre for music, theatre and film, shopping for antiques up The Bank and the Silver Swan coming to life at 2pm each day at the Bowes Museum.



## BISHOP AUCKLAND

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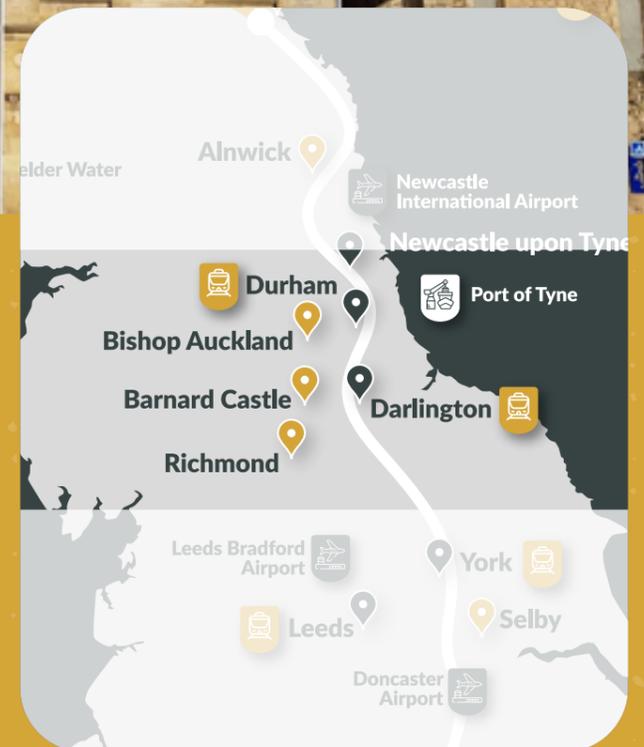
### BISHOP AUCKLAND HIGHLIGHTS

Miner's art at the award-winning Mining Art Gallery, one of Britain's best-preserved Roman bath houses at nearby Binchester, the 95-foot Auckland Tower and Kynren – An Epic Tale of England, an annual summer show on a grand scale.



## ATTRACTIONS

- Auckland Castle
- Beamish, Living Museum of the North, Durham
- Bowlees Visitor Centre, Durham
- Darlington Covered Market, Darlington
- Durham Cathedral
- Kynren – An Epic Tale of England
- Raby Castle and Deer Park, Durham





# THE EXPLORER'S ROAD IN DETAIL

## NEWCASTLE AND NORTHUMBERLAND

The northern portion of The Explorer's Road focuses on a wild, remote and beautiful English county and the largest city in North East England. Berwick, Alnwick and Newcastle are recommended staying bases with other options across the area.

### NEWCASTLE

The many modern charms of Newcastle upon Tyne and its cross-river neighbour, Gateshead, attract crowds of shoppers and nightlife-seekers all year round. But it's the visible history from the grandest Neoclassical monuments to the individual cobblestones on Newcastle's winding medieval streets, that ensures the area's enduring popularity with visitors.



### NEWCASTLE HIGHLIGHTS

The green arc of the iconic Tyne Bridge, the Gateshead Millennium Bridge that tilts to let ships pass beneath, Grey's Monument and Grey Street, an afternoon on the Quayside for art and music at BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art and Sage Gateshead, plus exploring the city's culture-hub, Ouseburn.

### BERWICK

Few settlements have been more fought over than Berwick-upon Tweed, the last English town before the Scottish border. It has changed hands 14 times in its history. It is characterised by impressive bridges that span the River Tweed and massive fortifications to keep the settlement safe, including thick Tudor town walls and the remains of Berwick Castle.

### ALNWICK

Originally a walled city regularly raided by the Scots Alnwick (rhymes with panic) packs a lot into a small space: elegant stone buildings, pretty streets lined with specialist shops and family businesses and plenty of places to drink Earl Grey tea created by the local lord. It is a great place from which to explore the coast and countryside of this stunning northern county.



### BERWICK HIGHLIGHTS

'By Beat of Drum' exhibition at Berwick Barracks, the history of the King's Own Scottish Borders regiment at the KOSB museum, watching for seals, otter and dolphins in the Tweed Estuary from the small pier, the Berwick Film Festival in September and the Berwick Literary Festival in October.



### ALNWICK HIGHLIGHTS

One of the largest second-hand bookshops in the UK with crackling open fires and a bookshop café in the former railway waiting room, interactive exhibitions on the history of the town at Baliffgate Museum, a film location tour of Alnwick Castle and the poison garden at The Alnwick Garden.



### ATTRACTIONS

- Alnwick Castle, Northumberland
- The Alnwick Garden, Northumberland
- BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead
- Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland
- Cullercoats Bike and Kayak, Northumberland
- Dilston Physic Garden, Northumberland
- Ford & Etal Estates, Northumberland
- Gallery Forty5, Northumberland
- Gibside Estate, Gateshead
- Howick Hall, Northumberland
- Jarrow Hall, Gateshead
- Kielder Water and Forest Park, Northumberland
- Newcastle Castle, Newcastle
- Northumbria Classic Cars, Northumberland
- Sage Gateshead
- Victoria Tunnel, Newcastle



# THEMES AND ITINERARIES

## HOUSES OF HISTORY

Every era of English history builds new monuments to wealth, architecture and status, be it castles that once defended the realm, or the stately homes that have come to define it. Travelling the Explorer's Road paints for visitors a vivid and awe-inspiring picture of English history, society and time with an intriguing secret hidden behind every door.



# THEMES AND ITINERARIES

## CULTURE AND CURIOSITIES

The English take afternoon tea and amass vast collections of everything from clocks to horseshoes. They made Robin Hood and Dick Turpin folk heroes. And they invented Earl Grey tea. Often shaped by these eccentric ancestors, The Explorer's Road is a chance to uncover the quirks and peculiarities which have sculpted England's cultural landscape.



### HOUSES OF HISTORY

From North to South along THE EXPLORER'S ROAD

- Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland
- Alnwick Castle, Northumberland
- Howick Hall, Northumberland
- Newcastle Castle, Newcastle
- Raby Castle, Durham
- Ormesby Hall, Middlesbrough
- Castle Howard, nr York
- Newby Hall, Ripon
- York Minster, York
- Selby Abbey, Selby
- Cusworth Hall and Park, nr Doncaster
- Southwell Minster, Southwell
- Renishaw Hall and Gardens, Nottinghamshire
- Newark Castle and Gardens, Newark
- Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire
- Oakham Castle, Rutland
- Belton House, Lincolnshire
- Belvoir Castle, nr Grantham
- Burghley House, Lincolnshire Borders
- Knebworth House, Hertfordshire
- Hatfield House, Hertfordshire
- St Albans Cathedral, Hertfordshire

### CULTURE AND CURIOSITIES

From North to South along THE EXPLORER'S ROAD

- Gallery Forty5, Morpeth
- Sage Gateshead, Gateshead
- BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead
- Jarrow Hall, nr Gateshead
- Beamish Museum, the Living Museum of the North, Durham
- Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, Middlesbrough
- Head of Steam Railway Museum, Darlington
- Bar Convent Heritage Centre, York
- Jorvik Viking Centre, York
- York Castle Museum, York
- National Railway Museum, York
- Inspired Chocolate, York
- The Escapologist, Selby
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- National Civil War Museum, Newark
- Museum of Timekeeping, Nottinghamshire
- International Bomber Command Centre, nr Lincoln
- Grantham Museum, Lincolnshire
- Mill Green Museum & Mill, Hertfordshire
- Henry Moore Studios & Gardens, Hertfordshire



# THEMES AND ITINERARIES

## DISCOVERY AND ADVENTURE

There is no better way to uncover the real England than connecting with local guides and using local resources that will take you off the beaten track to reveal sites and stories that aren't on the usual tourist trail. On two feet, two wheels, in classic cars, along rivers and into the estates of the landed gentry, there are many ways to explore the country and see it from a different perspective.



# THEMES AND ITINERARIES

## FROM ROSE TO RADISH

The English love to garden and to share their green-fingered creativity and passion. From the intriguing stories of eccentric owners to the impressive landscapes of grand estates cultivated by world famous horticulturalists, Rose to Radish is packed with botanical secrets to uncover and beautiful scenes to explore.



## DISCOVERY AND ADVENTURE

From North to South along THE EXPLORER'S ROAD

- Ford and Etal Estates, Northumberland
- Northumbria Classic Cars, Newcastle
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- Victoria Tunnel tours, Newcastle
- Tees Barrage International White Water Centre, Teesside
- Darlington Covered Market, Darlington
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- City Cruises York, York
- Towton Battlefield Trail, Selby
- Thoresby Estate, Nottinghamshire
- Sherwood Forest Explorer Tours, Nottinghamshire
- Peak Cycling, Sheffield
- Uppingham Heritage Trails, Rutland
- Stamford Town Trails, Lincolnshire

## FROM ROSE TO RADISH

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- The Alnwick Garden, Northumberland
- Howick Hall and Garden, Northumberland
- Kielder Water and Forest Park, Northumberland
- Dilston Physic Garden, Northumberland
- Gibside Estate, Gateshead
- Bowlees Visitor Centre, Durham
- The Gardens at Wynyard Hall, Durham
- Castle Howard, nr York
- Stillingfleet Lodge Gardens, nr York
- Cresswell Crag, Nottinghamshire
- Barnsdale Gardens, Rutland
- Easton Walled Garden, Lincolnshire





# THEMES AND ITINERARIES

## EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

Tour England's culinary landscape, from centuries-old inns serving flagons of dark ale, to the artisan cheeses, gins and baked goods of small-scale local producers, and the outstanding young chefs redefining modern British cuisine. Discover a country with a kitchen culture as deep, varied and delicious as any gastronomic nation on earth.



## EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

From North to South along THE EXPLORER'S ROAD

- The Lindisfarne Inn, Northumberland
- The Bamburgh Castle Inn, Northumberland
- The Hogs Head Inn, Northumberland
- The Amble Inn, Northumberland
- Battlesteads Hotel, Northumberland
- Blackfriars, Newcastle
- South Causey Inn, Durham
- Old Well Inn, Durham
- Blackwell Grange, Nr Darlington
- Rockliffe Hall, Nr Darlington
- Brew York, York
- Cookery School at The Grand, York
- The Parsonage Hotel, York
- The Drover's Arms, Selby
- Rossington Hall, Doncaster
- The Lawn Café, Lincoln

- Carriages Café, Newark
- The Bull at Rippingale, Lincolnshire
- Blue Ball Braunston, Rutland
- The Angel & Royal, Grantham
- The Falcon Hotel, Rutland
- King's Arms Wing, Rutland
- Hambleton Hall, Rutland
- The Olive Branch, Rutland
- The Brocket Arms, Hertfordshire
- Tewinbury Farm Hotel, Hertfordshire
- The Fox at Willian, Hertfordshire
- Hotel Cromwell, Hertfordshire
- The Black Horse, Hertfordshire
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