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COURSE



HOW TO GET TO YORK

HOW TO GET TO YORK IF YOU'RE TRAVELLING FROM OUTSIDE THE UK

From Leeds Bradford Airport:

- TRAIN: Transdev A1 bus from Leeds Bradford to Leeds City Square,(Transdev.) then a short 4 min walk to Leeds Station, catch a train to York : [TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS](#)
- TAXI: Taxi from Leeds Bradford Airport to York for £68 (recommended if you have a lot of luggage): [FLEETWAYS](#)
- COACH: Transdev A1 to Leeds City centre, (Transdev) Coastliner bus from Leeds City centre to York: [COASTLINER](#)

From Manchester Airport:

- TRAIN: [TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS](#)
- TAXI: Taxi from Leeds Bradford Airport to York for £68 (recommended if you have a lot of luggage): [FLEETWAYS](#)

From Anywhere Else:

- Trains run regularly from London to York, you may have to catch a train or bus from certain airports to London Kings Cross station, check online, or on your airport website for any information.
- Long distance taxis are often expensive, but they can occasionally work out cheaper than trains at peak times, and they can be more convenient if you have a lot of luggage. [FLEETWAYS](#)

Train travel times These are approximate travel times to York from main cities across the country, using the fastest trains.

LONDON: 1h 50m
BIRMINGHAM: 2h
EDINBURGH: 2h 25m
MANCHESTER: 1h 25m
GLASGOW: 3h 25m
NEWCASTLE: 55m
LIVERPOOL: 2h 15m

BRISTOL: 4h
NOTTINGHAM: 2h
SHEFFIELD: 1h
CARDIFF: 4h 35m
DERBY: 1h 35m
LEEDS: 25m

WHERE TO STAY

ACCOMMODATION IN YORK

York is a popular tourist city, so there is a wide range of accommodation to suit all budgets. In the city there are a range of bars and restaurants to choose from in an evening. Outside of the city, you can be limited on choice.

Booking.com have a wide range of Hotels and B&B's to choose from:

<https://www.booking.com>

Quite a few students use Airbnb: <https://www.airbnb.co.uk/>

CENTRAL HOTELS

There are hundreds of Hotels in York to suit all budgets.

Hotels recommended by past students include:

- Best Western Monkbar Hotel • Galtres Lodge Hotel • Travelodge Monks Cross
- Moxy York • Roomzzz Aparthotel • Multiple Premier Inns in and around York.

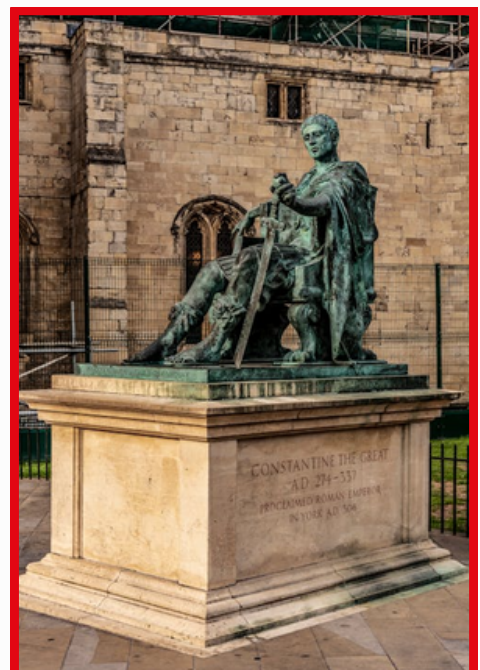
B&B's

For those on a short stay looking for homely accommodation, there are plenty of affordable Bed and Breakfasts in the area. Some of the accommodation students have stayed at include:

- Red Lion Country Inn
- Friars Rest Guest House
- Burton Villa Guest House
- Bootham Guest House
- Moorgarth Guest House

OTHER:

- A Breks Away Holiday Cottages
- Grantchester Caravan and Camping
- The Little Hide– wood panelled glamping pods with barbeques
- York Meadows Caravan Park is within walking distance



Statue of Emperor Constantine outside York Minster

HOW TO GET TO MCSS FROM CENTRAL YORK

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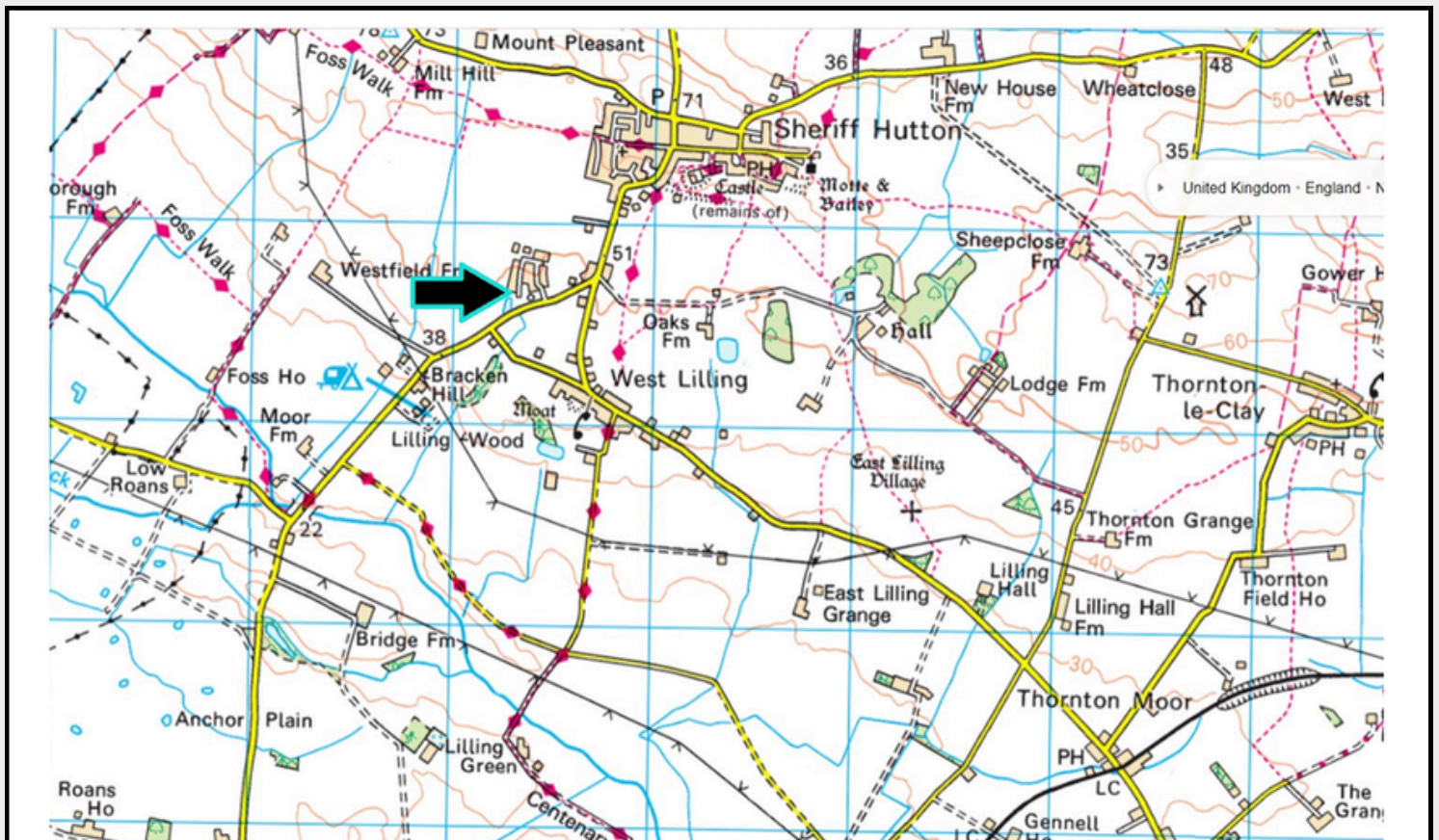
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Sheriff Hutton
York
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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Unfortunately there isn't any public transport from York to Sheriff Hutton. The number 5 and 5A buses run regularly from York Station and Exhibition Square to Strensall.

TRAVELLING BY CAR

Leave the A1237 York ring road at the roundabout signposted for Earswick and Strensall. Travel approximately 3 miles to Strensall. Carry on past the army barracks and turn left at the mini roundabout. When you're on the main street, turn left at the Ship Inn, the road is signposted to Sheriff Hutton. Travel 3.5 miles to Alan Farnaby Way which is on the left hand side before you reach the village. Loop around the estate and the Suspension School is on the right at the end of the road.



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York City Walls

Art Gallery: The newly refurbished art gallery is famous for its extensive ceramic collection.

Walk the City Walls: See all of York's famous attractions in one walk. The medieval walls that surround the city are full of history and are free to walk. Beware if you are taking young children that some areas of the walls do not have safety barriers.



York Minster

National Railway Museum: One of York's star attractions, an excellent place to visit for families and train enthusiasts alike.

York Minster: York's most iconic building, one of the best examples of Gothic architecture in the world, so a must-visit for anyone interested in Church architecture. Also check out the Undercroft of the Minster, which contains an exhibition of recently discovered Roman ruins. Admission prices start at £20 per adult and accompanying children (17 and under) go in free.



Clifford's Tower

Clifford's Tower and Castle Museum: Clifford's Tower is a medieval Motte and Bailey structure with lots of History. While Clifford's Tower itself is a rather small medieval castle which was partly destroyed by Oliver Cromwell, it offers amazing views of York and beyond (you can see up to the Pennines on a good day). The castle museum next door is a fantastic museum full of interesting exhibits, a particularly good place to take children.

Yorkshire Museum and Museum Gardens: The Yorkshire Museum specialises in natural history with some exciting exhibits which will interest children and enthusiasts alike. Situated in the heart of the museum gardens, which contains the ruins of St Mary's Abbey, it makes a great place for a picnic.

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Jorvik Viking Centre

York Dungeon: Perhaps not one for young children, but a must visit for thrill seekers and fright lovers.

The Shambles: One of York's most historic streets, full of interesting little shops and medieval buildings. As the street is very small it gets easily crowded, so perhaps visit before or after shop opening times if you aren't too bothered about shopping.



The Shambles

Jorvik Viking Centre: An excellent museum to visit with children, with an onsite tour through York's Viking history, the former capital of Viking Britain. It also has some of the most astounding Viking artefacts in the world, all found in or around York.

Cold War Bunker: One of the more modern pieces of history in York, the Cold War bunker offers a chilling insight into the world's preparation for nuclear war.



York Railway Museum

York's Chocolate Story: Just round the corner from the Shambles, a new museum devoted to York's history as the capital of chocolate making (free samples provided) .

Theatre Royal/Grand Opera House: If you are into theatre, York is home to two fantastic theatres with a variety of shows on at any one time. The Theatre Royal is newly refurbished, whilst the Grand Opera House has kept much of its original interior design giving it a more traditional feel.

Treasurer's House: A grand house dating back to medieval times, contains furniture, paintings and ceramics that are around 300 years old. There are guided tours available, and a large garden to explore.

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Castle Howard

Castle Howard and the Howardian Hills: A great day out for anyone. Drive through the Howardian Hills, an area of outstanding natural beauty, and through the grand gateways to Castle Howard. Castle Howard, one of Britain's grandest stately homes and the set of *Brideshead Revisited*, has enough on-site to entertain you for a day. Huge gardens, a fun play park for kids (and certain adults), cafes, glass works, and tours of the grounds and buildings.

North York Moors: Fans of the Brontë sisters must visit the moorland which inspired their classic novels. The national park contains many beautiful walks. The village of Howarth where the Brontës lived has a museum dedicated to them.

Whitby + Sandsend: Whitby is one of the most beautiful coastal towns in the North, and is home to the Abbey ruins which inspired Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. Magpie's fish and chips is a must, you haven't tried proper fish and chips until you've been to the North (but don't feed the seagulls!). If you have a hire car, park in the small village of Sandsend and walk down the beach to Whitby. Don't worry if you don't have a car though, there is a bus that takes you from York to Whitby, and it runs through the moorland. Donkey rides available.



Whitby



Robin Hood's Bay

Robin Hood's Bay: Scenic coastal area situated in the Moorland which is popular with families. The village of Robin Hood's Bay has lots of interesting small shops and houses, and is another excellent place for fish and chips.

Theme Parks: There are two theme parks in North Yorkshire, Lightwater Valley and Flamingo Land. Flamingo Land is home to the world's steepest rollercoaster and doubles up as a zoo, whereas Lightwater Valley has Europe's longest rollercoaster and offers amazing views of the countryside on their rides.

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Brimham Rocks

Helmsley and Rievaulx Abbey: Helmsley itself is a picturesque old town on the outskirts of the Moorland with its own castle. There is also a beautiful walk from Helmsley to Rievaulx Abbey.

It's a three mile walk, so maybe too far for young children unless you're prepared to carry them (there is a car park at the Abbey if not), but it is well worth it for the scenery. The Abbey was destroyed in Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries in the 1530s, but it still feels spectacular when you walk through the ruins. There is an information centre on site which goes through much of the Abbey's interesting history, and a café which serves fantastic sandwiches, soup and cakes.



Yearsley Woods



Rievaulx Abbey

White Horse Kilburn: The image of the white horse on the hill face is actually visible on a clear day driving down Sutton Road on your way to MCSS! Situated on the edge of the moors, the White Horse Kilburn is also home to an air field, with gliders regularly swooping over your head. The steps to the top of the hill are quite exhausting, but the walk along the top of the hill offers amazing views that are well worth the exercise.

Other monastery ruins: North Yorkshire is dotted with Monasteries and Abbeys which were reduced to ruins by Henry VIII, such as Fountains Abbey, Byland Abbey and Kirkham Priory. All are worth a visit if this is what interests you, and there are plenty of scenic walks to take in those areas. Perfect day out if you have kids who like running around aimlessly until they're exhausted.

Yearsley Woods: Perfect for keen hikers, the woods are situated in the heart of the Howardian Hills, with multiple paths running through it, one which will take you down to the lake. Be sure to take wellies if it has rained, as the woods can be very boggy in places.

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Ingleborough- Yorkshire Dales

Yorkshire Dales: Yorkshire's second national park, full of rich farmland and old country villages, it makes a great day out for keen hikers and cyclists. There are some very good walks down the river Wharf: there is a car park in Grassington where a path takes you down to the river. Walk down to Burnsall where there are pubs and cafes to stop off for lunch. Alternatively you can turn in the opposite direction from Grassington and walk down the river Wharf to Kettlewell. This is a much longer walk, but it is certainly worth it for the scenery.

Aldbrough Roman Site: A historic site just outside Harrogate, which contains lots of Roman artefacts and ruins, including mosaics and ceramics.

Nidderdale: An area of outstanding natural beauty, makes a nice drive on route to the Dales, but contains many fantastic walks itself.



Ribbleshead Viaduct



Malham Cove

Yorkshire Air Museum: For those interested in the history of aircraft, this museum specialises in WW2 aircraft.

Beningbrough Hall: Mansion with National Portrait Gallery paintings, so a great day out for classic art lovers, and has lots of garden area to explore.

Black Sheep Brewery- Masham: Beer lovers take note, Yorkshire's most famous beer brand offers an hour long tour of its brewing facilities in Masham with free beer available.

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK

Pubs in York

York is full of great gastro pubs, whether you fancy a night out or just something to eat and drink, here is a brief selection of our favourites:

- **The Fat Badger**– Located just around the corner from the Minster, great pub atmosphere which serves delicious food and ale.
- **Eagle and Child**– Best place in town for a Gin and Tonic as well as a good old fashioned pint. Great pub atmosphere, serves good food.
- **Kings Arms**– Located on the riverside, you can grab a drink and sit on the riverfront during the day, or stay in the cosy pub at night. Because of its location, the pub is often flooded when river levels rise, but definitely worth a visit when its not under water.
- **Ye Olde Starre Inne**– York's most famous pub, very traditional old English Pub serving traditional pub food with a good selection of Ales and drinks.
- **The Old White Swan**– A traditional pub menu with great local ales and it's very own ghost!
- **The York Tap**– Next door to the station, set in an old Victorian tea room, serves craft beers.
- **Plonkers Wine Bar**– Has an upstairs bistro, a cellar bar downstairs and riverside seating for the summer.

Restaurants in York:

If you want traditional English food then the pub is the place to be, but don't just limit yourself to pub grub. York has an incredible range of global restaurants with many cuisines that you will not have tried before. Here is a selection of some of the very best:

- **Il Paradiso**– Highly recommended, best Italian food in the city, great service and even better food. Very cosy with not many tables so book in advance. They also have a restaurant between the workshop and the village of Sutton on the Forest, called IL Paradiso on the Forest.
- **El Gaucho**– Laid back Argentinian steakhouse, nice atmosphere and friendly staff. Definitely worth trying Argentinian cuisine if you haven't already.
- **Rustique**– Bistro serving rustic French dishes, stylish interior décor great value for money.
- **The Blue Barbakan**– Rustic Polish dining room serving great traditional Polish food and a good selection of beer. Soup and homemade bread is highly recommended.
- **Khao San Road**– Thai bistro serving delicious food. Some of the dishes are quite spicy, as you would expect, but definitely worth a visit if you like Eastern food.
- **Kapadokya**– Relaxed modern Turkish restaurant with amazing Mediterranean food and fantastic service.
- **Oscars**– Huge portions of food, a great place for burgers and wings.

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Cafes:

If you're out during the day and only fancy a coffee and a light bite then try out one of York's many cafes:

- **Coffee Culture**– One of our favourites for many years, serves the most delicious coffee and paninis. Set in an old medieval house so watch out for the steep steps.
- **SOPHiE**– Very unique cafe as it is set in a small bridge tower, so definitely worth a visit if you want to see some of York's history as well as have a drink. Hot chocolates highly recommended.
- **Harlequins**– set in an attic opposite the Shambles with retro decor, serves delicious artisan coffees.
- **Spring Espresso**– Great coffees, tasty paninis and exotic platters.
- **York Cocoa House**– Café which celebrates York's chocolate history, serves a great selection chocolate based food and drinks, the best place in town for a hot chocolate and brownie.

A note on Betty's Tea Rooms– you can't miss the queue which weaves around the famous tea rooms, so you'll probably be wondering what all the fuss is about. It's very popular with tourists for its traditional tea and cakes and tea room atmosphere. However, if you aren't willing to wait, the entrance also leads to a shop where you can just buy the cakes to take away, which is certainly recommended. Fat Rascals and fondant fancies are the best.

Snacks and Takeaways:

- **Licc ice cream parlour**– No words can justify how good this gelato is, so many interesting and out-of-this world flavours.
- **Roberto Authentic Italian Gelato**– more traditional Italian gelato shop, doubles up as a coffee shop which serves delicious crepes and waffles.
- **The York Sweet Shop**– traditional sweet shop which sells all your favourites. Great souvenirs for the kids.
- **Monk Bar Chocolatiers**– artisan chocolate shop down the Shambles.
- **Dough**– Italian Bakery which is well worth the walk to get to. Delicious pizzas and traditional Italian snacks.
- **Chi Yip Supermarket**– authentic Chinese supermarket with lots of interesting things that you aren't sure whether you should eat or not. Great for sightseeing even if you don't fancy buying anything.
- **Jaipur Spice**– situated on the outskirts of town just opposite the hospital, probably the best Indian takeaway in York.
- **Miller's Fish and Chips, Haxby**– It's well out of your way if you're staying in town, but if you want to try real fish and chips then this is the place to be– no where else in the area matches the quality. There is a small restaurant area or you can take away.



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