

2026 - Yorkshire 7 with Linda!

			
Castle Howard	Black Swan Helmsley	Rievaulx Abbey	Whitby

Friday 5th June to Monday 8th June 2026 - 3 Night/4 Day Tour

Following the success of our previous Yorkshire tours it's time to bring you Yorkshire 7!

We have another wonderful and varied programme for Yorkshire 7. We are going to be based in Helmsley this year, a beautiful market town in the North Yorkshire Moors on the edge of the National Park. We are exploring a walled garden, a stately home, a ruined Abbey and a working Abbey. We delve into industrial heritage, rural heritage, maritime heritage and of course local food!

Accommodation and Food

We are staying at the Black Swan Helmsley, Market Place, Helmsley, York YO62 5BJ. We are on a bed and breakfast basis with dinner at the hotel on Friday night. Plus while we are out and about we have a late lunch included on Saturday, Sunday lunch and cream tea on Sunday and lunch on Monday.

Entrance fees and specialist tour costs are included

Travel

You will make your own way to and from the hotel in Helmsley. We will then have coach transport for our days out with, of course, your very own Yorkshire Blue Badge Tour guide! I will provide commentary throughout the tour and ensure you see as much of Yorkshire as possible during your stay, whether it be your return visit or your first visit - all are welcome.

Highlights

- Castle Howard - considered one of Britain's finest stately homes
- Rievaulx Abbey - historically renowned as one of the "three shining lights of the North" in Yorkshire
- Captain Cook Museum, Whitby - Captain Cook is regarded as one of the greatest navigators and explorers of all time
- Ampleforth Abbey - one of only a handful of working monasteries in the UK
- Helmsley Walled Garden - a historic and tranquil garden spanning 5 acres
- Helmsley itself - a picturesque, lively market town located at the edge of the North York Moors National Park

- The Ryedale Folk Museum - with its wealth of history and heritage of the area
- The Land of Iron - an award-winning museum on the site of the historic Loftus Mine

Itinerary

Day 1 - Friday

You will make your own way to Helmsley and to the hotel and check in

Helmsley is a gateway to the moors and is one of my favourite places to take visitors when in Yorkshire! It's a picturesque market town with lovely independent shops, boutique cafes and pubs. Friday is market day so we will have free time to explore.

TBC pm We meet in the hotel and walk to the walled garden. It is an historic 5-acre kitchen garden established around 1759 to supply Duncombe Park, the local country house and estate. It thrived until WWI, after which it fell into disrepair. Rediscovered in the 1980s, it has been restored into a beautiful public, therapeutic garden sitting beneath the imposing ruins of Helmsley Castle.

7.00 pm dinner in the hotel

Day 2 - Saturday

Breakfast in the hotel

9 am Depart Hotel by coach

10 am A visit to the Land of Iron at Skinningrove. We take a tour around the immersive, award-winning museum on the site of the historic Loftus Mine (1865-1958) which explores Cleveland's ironstone mining heritage.

11.30 am We depart from there and head along the coast, those who want to get some exercise can enjoy a walk from Sandsend to Whitby, everyone else can head straight into Whitby and enjoy free time there.

2 pm Fish and Chip lunch at the famous Magpie Restaurant in Whitby. Rick Stein has high praise for the Magpie often citing it as one of the best, if not the best, fish and chip shops in the UK!

3.30 pm A visit to the Captain Cook Museum which is located in the original 17th-century Grape Lane house where he lodged as an apprentice. The museum celebrates his life, voyages to the Pacific and Arctic, and highlights his legacy, seamanship, and the maritime history of the town.

5 pm Depart Whitby and head back to Helmsley where we are free to dine in any of the restaurants or pubs in Helmsley if we have any room left after our fish and chips!

Day 3 - Sunday

Breakfast in the hotel

9.45 am Depart Hotel by coach

10 am A visit to Rievaulx Abbey with its breathtaking ruins and nearly 1,000 years of history. A ruined Cistercian monastery which farmed 12,000 to 14,000 sheep by the late 13th century! Yes of course we will be talking about sheep!!

11 am depart Rievaulx and head to the beautiful village of Hutton Le Hole

11.30 am A visit to the Ryedale Folk Museum. Here we explore the rural heritage of the area with over 20 heritage buildings—including a medieval manor and Iron Age roundhouse

12.45 Depart the Folk Museum

1 pm Sunday lunch at The Lion Inn at Blakey Ridge, located at the highest point of the North York Moors National Park.

2.30 pm depart Blakey Ridge and head to Ampleforth Abbey which is an active Benedictine monastery founded in 1802. It has a Grade I listed church designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, an orchard and is surrounded by 1,200 acres of countryside.

3.15 pm A guided visit around Ampleforth Abbey and a visit to their orchard where they make their cider!

5 pm Cream tea at the Abbey

6 pm The opportunity to attend Vespers (Evening Prayer) at the Abbey and listen to the Monks sing psalms in Latin

7 pm Arrive back in Helmsley for a free evening

Day 4 - Monday

Breakfast in the hotel, check out and leave your luggage

09.30 am Depart hotel by coach

10 am Visit Castle Howard, described by Lonely Planet as one of the top ten houses to visit in the world! Historic Houses say, "Arguably the finest Baroque stately home in Britain, with a spectacular Great Hall under the painted and gilded dome 80 feet high, with a fabulous collection of paintings and classical sculpture".

12.15 pm Depart Castle Howard

12.30 pm Lunch at The Crown and Cushion Pub in Welburn

2 pm Depart the Crown and Cushion and head back to Helmsley expecting to arrive around 2.30 pm and say our fond farewells!

Day Guests

For those of you who live locally and would like to join us as 'day trippers' please contact us for prices and availability

Booking

For the tour prices please see the booking form below.

Please note payment is by bacs only. All payments are made to Unlimited Voices Travel, my company which operates my group tours.

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Please note once we have sufficient numbers we will confirm your application to you.

Please make sure we have confirmed your place before you book your transport.

In order to secure our hotel accommodation, the initial deadline is Friday 20th February 2026. when we must make our first hotel bookings. After this date bookings will still be taken but we cannot guarantee bedroom availability and prices. Please therefore respond as quickly as you can if you know you can join us!

Please return your application forms as soon as possible to:- Yorkshire 7 with Linda, 92 Thirsk Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 1PL.

We will send all correspondence by e-mail, please supply us with an up to date e-mail address.

Yorkshire 7 with Linda - Booking Form - Friday 5th June to Monday 8th June 2026

Lead Name

Address

Post Code

Home Phone No.

Mobile No

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Please note that all correspondence relating to the payment for this trip will be forwarded to the lead name only as our system does not enable us to duplicate it. PLEASE THEREFORE MAKE SURE YOU PASS IT ON TO EVERYONE ON YOUR FORM. With regard to other information relating to the trip if you wish us to send it to everyone on your form please include their email address below.

Individual names of all participants including lead name	Age/DOB	Are you a National Trust Member Yes/No	**E-mail address

Room Requirements - Please circle - **Single** **Double** **Twin**

The Full Tour - as per the itinerary above including dinner at the hotel on Friday night and lunch included on Saturday, Sunday lunch and cream tea on Sunday and lunch on Monday	Price Per Person
Single - Price per person	£1165
Double/Twin - Price per person	£970

Special Requirements (i.e. Mobility) and dietary requirements

Please note an administration fee of £50 will be applied to all changes after the initial booking and to any late payments.

Deposit & Balance Due

Deposit upon Application - £200 per person, Balance due Friday 10th April 2026.

Please note payment is by bacs only. Please make a direct payment into our bank account, see details below. **Please note that once the trip is confirmed all monies are strictly non-refundable.**

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Yorkshire 7 with Linda - Bacs Payments

Bank Transfer Details

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