

CONFIRMATION OF 2025 TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

Monday 22nd September 2025 for four nights, five days

based at the Burn Hall Hotel, Huby, YORK

- Day 1 NT Hardwick Hall, Chesterfield, and then on to the Burn Hall Hotel
- Day 2 Castle Howard Estate and the market town of Northallerton
- Day 3 York centre with river cruise
- Day 4 Pickering and Whitby on North Yorkshire Railway, & afternoon in Whitby
- Day 5 NT Calke Abbey near Derby and then home

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*** Here's the *WXYZ* of our York holiday! ***

(NB from Katie: this one was flipping impossible to alphabetise. You try it.)

W is for Whitby, seaside fave;

X is for x-tremely fab railway;

Y is for York (this one was OK);

Z is for Zesty Castle Howard

**** Monday 22nd to Friday 26th September 2025 ****

Dear campers! Yet again, for those intrepid travellers who'd like to come with us, we're on an Abbeyhall tour: this time to York!

Love York! We've been on many hols there ourselves, including the time Ian got his first ever video camera, which we don't ever talk about now. (Once, when Ian dared to look back at the very, **very**, **very** comprehensive footage, he began to realise why I spent the holiday feeling so cross.)

We'll be staying at the Burn Hall Hotel (<https://www.burn-hall.co.uk/>) in the York Vale, where we've booked four nights, dinner, bed and breakfast.

It's a three-star, set in a rural location, with lovely grounds. (As always, Ian and I will be doing a recce. Please NB that the hotel does have some ground-floor bedrooms, as well as a lift suitable for wheelchairs, but no walk-in showers.)

Included at the hotel is a quiz on one evening. (Please also NB that this will in no way be as good as the traditional Jarvis coach-quiz we run on the way up.)

And complimentary entry to the York Bird of Prey Centre (<http://www.yorkbirdofprey.co.uk>) located at the rear of the hotel and open until 17.30-1800 hours each evening, except Tuesdays).

Five days, four nights at the Burn Hall Hotel, Huby, dinner, bed and full English breakfast from £645pp

Day 1 - Monday, 22nd September 2025:

- Depart Nailsworth and Minchinhampton
- Coffee and cake stop (included), TBD
- Our midday stop – where you'll be able to buy lunch - is at the National Trust treasure Hardwick Hall in Derbyshire: an absolute Elizabethan gem, built for Bess of Hardwick (one of Katie's heroines). The fine Elizabethan needlework here is a prize collection. (Katie is also off to the bookshop, café, and gardens, of course.)
(<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/peak-district-derbyshire/hardwick>)
- Dinner at the Burn Hall Hotel

Day 2 - Tuesday, 23rd September 2025:

- Breakfast at the Burn Hall Hotel
- Today, it's stunning Castle Howard, where both Bridgerton and Brideshead have been filmed! (<https://www.castlehoward.co.uk>). Honestly, this is a simply gorgeous house (actually, it's also been used as Mr Darcy's pile, if you'll forgive the expression). The Great Hall is a neck-cricker, 'which rises 70 feet into the air' (so the website says... Pretty sure it's just the ceiling they're talking about). Outside, there are lakes, follies, woodland, temples and stunning gardens. And – yes – we know you all want to know: cafes and a shop
- After the castle, we'll be heading to the market town of Northallerton for some free time. The county town of North Yorkshire, there's a bustling, independent high street (and even a Bettys tearoom!)
- Dinner at the Burn Hall Hotel

Day 3 - Wednesday, 24th September 2025:

- Breakfast at the Burn Hall Hotel
- A trip to the city of York – hurray! - including a city cruise on the River Ouse
As you'll all know already, York is a cracker. There's the National Railway Museum, the York Castle Museum, botanic gardens (free of charge), the JORVIK Viking Centre, the famous Shambles, and the city walls. Not to mention that Minster, of course. We'll be letting you do your own thing – except that we will all start the day with a relaxing cruise along the Ouse (while you muse), with a trip booked from 10.30am for 45 minutes.
<https://www.cityexperiences.com/york/city-cruises/york-city-cruise>
- Dinner at the Burn Hall Hotel

Day 4 - Thursday, 25th September 2025:

- Breakfast at the Burn Hall Hotel
- We'll begin the day with time in the market town of Pickering. Apart from shops (crafts, clothes, food), it's renowned for the beautiful frescoes in St Peter and St Paul's Church, as well as a 13th century ruined castle to explore in the centre.
- Then it's full steam ahead on the North Yorkshire Moors (heritage) Railway from Pickering to Whitby (<https://www.nymr.co.uk>), where you'll be free to spend the afternoon. This is a fab seaside town: the Gothic Whitby Abbey was Bram Stoker's inspiration for Dracula. (For non-vampires, we'd recommend a simple cup of tea with fish and chips.) Lots of shops, attractions, restaurants, and a sandy beach.
- Dinner at the Burn Hall Hotel

Day 5 - Friday, 26th September 2025:

- Breakfast at the Burn Hall Hotel
- Back home via another National Trust house – Calke Abbey (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/peak-district-derbyshire/calke-abbey>). This is a very singular Baroque-style mansion: rather than being done up to the nines, it features peeling paint and abandoned rooms, demonstrating the decline of a country house estate. There's a lovely walled garden with orangery and glasshouses; a preserved stableyard, restaurant, café, gift and bookshop. The 19th century St Giles Church overlooks the estate.

In general:

For those of you who haven't been on a holiday with us, it's a really friendly trip. (It's also friendly for those who have been before, by the way.) We (Ian and Katie) are around to help, support and advise – so it's an ideal opportunity, especially for those of you who haven't managed to get away recently, to do so with confidence.

We all eat our evening meal together (there's a choice of menu): three courses, followed by tea/coffee: <https://www.burn-hall.co.uk>

The cost of entry to the attractions we've organised together (detailed below) is included in the price, as well as coffee and cake on the first day.

If you need to know anything else, just let us know.

To secure a place – and they do tend to go reasonably quickly – do please pay a **deposit of £100 (per person)**

Tour costs:

£645 per person sharing a twin or double room.

That covers:

- Five-day coach tour with Ian and Katie
- Sharing a twin or double bedroom in 3-star Burn Hall Hotel, Huby
- Hotel portorage
- Tea/coffee and cake, dateTBA
- 4x dinner, bed & breakfast
- Castle Howard Estate, house and gardens Day 2
- York city river cruise Day 3
- North Yorkshire Moors Railway Day 4

Extras:

£38 Non-National Trust member supplement for admissions on Day 1 & 5

£100 Single occupancy, for the duration, of a twin/double room (maximum of eight rooms available)

NB Do let us know if you would like to share a twin with another and we will do what we can

Payment schedule:

£100 per person deposit, by cheque or bank transfer, required with booking. These will be held on file.

Balance due in before 21st June 2025.

Accommodation:

Four nights, dinner, bed and English breakfast, at the Burn Hall Hotel:

<https://www.burn-hall.co.uk/>

Trips included:

- Day 1 enroute NT Hardwick Hall, Chesterfield
- Day 2 Castle Howard Estate and the market town of Northallerton
- Day 3 York centre, with 45min River Ouse cruise
- Day 4 Pickering and Whitby on North Yorkshire Railway & afternoon at Whitby
- Day 5 enroute NT Calke Abbey, near Derby

Cancellation:

Cancelling before 1st April 2025, no charge.

Cancelling between 1st April and 21st June 2025, loss of deposit.

After then, when we have confirmed numbers, there is no refund.

Insurance:

Travel insurance – We don't insist on you having insurance, but it is advised.

If you'd like to book or know more, then drop Ian/Katie an message at bus@abbeyhall.info or call **01453 83 31 31 for a chat...**

Days 1 to 5 - The Burn Hall Hotel



Day 1 - NT Hardwick Hall



Day 2 AM Castle Howard Estate:



Day 2 PM Market town of Northallerton:



Day 3 Trip along the River Ouse and the rest of the day to explore York



Day 4 AM – Pickering



Day 4 PM - North Yorkshire Railway



Day 4 – Whitby



Day 5 - National Trust Calke Abbey

