



## Luxury Heritage Tours®

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### LHT 2 : Yorkshire and The Lake District

11-19 July 2019, 20-28 October 2019

9 Days 8 Nights £3,000.00/Person

**English Cottage, The Morrith Hotel & Spa  
(Double Room, Shared or Single Room Supplement on request )**

For those with less time and geared to suit a smaller budget, we are offering a number of eight-night stays in a country house hotel and spa in Lower Teesdale. This itinerary continues to offer an unusual, but delightful tour of some of the best and most wonderful attractions of England's finest in North Yorkshire and the Lake District. The programme allows more shopping and freedom to explore towns and villages. It overlaps with our longer tour programme of Durham and Northumberland for 2019 with Raby and Bowes.

#### Itinerary LHT-2

##### Day 1

Pick up from **Newcastle International Airport**.

Travel to country house hotel. Relax in the historic lounge, use the spa, enjoy the grounds.



## Day 2

One of Britain's best preserved medieval buildings is the very beautiful **Raby** castle. It was recently used in the filming of *Victoria*. We go inside and view the formal gardens and deer park. Then on to the glorious collection of costume furniture and china in **Bowes Museum**.



## Day 3

The first of 2 days in England's most beautiful mountain region – The Lake District. We tour the gorgeous 250 year old **Dalemain** mansion gardens.

Then on to **Castlerigg Stone Circle**, which is northern Britain's stone henge. It is over 5000 years old and probably Europe's oldest, most ancient temple.

Stonehenge in Wiltshire was started around 1000 years after Castlerigg.

Castlerigg bears witness to many millennia of sacred activity. At Castlerigg you can walk right up to and touch the mighty stones which are up to 2.3m high, in their

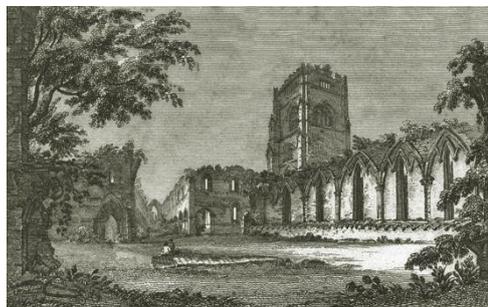


fabulous, magical mountain setting. Legend has it that touching the stones brings great fortune, especially at times of change like marriage or retirement. That may originate in the rites of passage in ancient worship. There is no restriction on access or photography. His Majesty King Vajiravudh was so impressed when he visited this ancient sacred site of Castlerigg, that his courtiers documented the reverence with which he gave a recitation here.

After a cruise around *Derwentwater Lake*, amongst some of the most fabulous mountain scenery in Northern Europe, we stop to *shop* at the lovely market town of *Keswick* and then go on to what is arguably Britain's most fabulous viewpoint above *Derwentwater*.

#### Day 4

To the hugely-impressive remains of *Fountains Abbey*, one of England's most famous romantic abbeys, set in gorgeous 18<sup>th</sup> century parkland and temples. We explore the medieval monastery, manor house and folly temples. We call in at the delightful market town of *Richmond* on the way back to see its castle and *shops*.



#### Day 5

A relatively gentle day to see the beautiful 18<sup>th</sup>-century *Ormesby Hall* and gardens. A unique collection of paintings and antique furniture from different centuries.

Then, on to visit Europe's oldest floating warship, *HMS Trincomalee*, built of teak in Bombay, India in 1817. Exploring the part-open air National Museum of the Royal Navy which houses the ship and the adjoining Museum of Hartlepool, before viewing some of the historic old town and returning to the hotel.



#### Day 6

A trip down *Teesdale*, starting with *High Force* waterfall where the whole of the River Tees drops 21 metres into a plunge pool. Then, to the town of *Barnard Castle* to view remains of the castle itself, perched above the river, as well as the chance to *shop* for gifts and antiques. A short stroll by the river at beautiful *Winston Bridge*, then explore the village of *Piercebridge*, built within a 2000-year old Roman fort, some of which can still be seen.



## Day 7

We explore more of the beautiful *Yorkshire Dales*, visiting 400 year-old *Kiplin Hall*, then the ancient Royal *Middleham Castle* and on to *The Wensleydale Creamery*. This is England's world famous cheese factory, popularised by the Oscar-winning animated films *Wallace and Gromit*.



## Day 8

A day in *York*, the fabulous 2000-year old capital of Yorkshire. We will take you into the *Minster*, one of England's loveliest architectural gems. We also show you *The Shambles*, where the ancient timber houses nearly touch each other across the street. We explore *The Treasurer's House*, which is a restored church mansion dating back to the time of King Naresuan, and the 18<sup>th</sup>-century *Fairfax House*, which shows the life of the English wealthy from the days of late Ayuthaya, in original beautiful objects. Then you can *shop* at your leisure.



## Day 9

Pick up from hotel to return to **Newcastle International Airport**