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Beningbrough Hall

Castle Howard

A place like no other

ENGLISH
HERITAGE

Rievaulx Abbey

Eden Camp

History coming to life

Bempton Cliffs

RSPB Nature Reserve



TOWERING
ATTRACTIOnS

Rangeford Villages create stunning homes exclusively for the over 60s, set within exciting and contemporary communities. With an abundance of lifestyle and wellbeing activities, along with exceptional support and care services if needed, our villages are an idyllic setting to live life to the full.

We're really lucky to live in this part of the world. There are so many interesting and beautiful places to see. And being next to the North York Moors, Yorkshire Coast and Dalby Forest, it's the perfect base to immerse yourself in your surroundings.

From charming villages and bustling towns to museums and historic buildings. Not forgetting an abundance of gardens, parks, stately homes and castles. We're spoilt for choice!

We've put this handy guide together so you can see what's in your local area and further afield. We hope you find it useful in planning your days out and discovering new places to visit.

The Mickle Hill Team

Timings are approximate driving times from Mickle Hill.

WITHIN 30 MINUTES



1 PICKERING, 5 MINS

This quintessentially English market town is well known as the 'Gateway to the North York Moors'. In the historic centre, you'll find a beautiful 12th century parish church with its extensive medieval wall paintings. There's also an abundance of independent shops, quaint cafés, traditional tea rooms and pubs, as well as leisure facilities, theatres and parks.



2 BECK ISLE MUSEUM, 5 MINS

Housed in a magnificent Grade II listed building, the story of Pickering is brought to life, celebrating its people, trade and history.

www.beckislemuseum.org.uk

Image courtesy of Pickering Beck Isle Museum

3 PICKERING CASTLE, 5 MINS

Originally built after the Norman Conquest, this motte and bailey fortification was extensively developed throughout the 12th, 13th and 14th centuries. It has been a royal hunting lodge, holiday home and a stud farm by a succession of medieval kings.

📍 www.english-heritage.org.uk - search 'Pickering Castle'

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4 NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS RAILWAY, 5 MINS

Starting from the quaint Pickering Station, you can travel 24 miles along the North Yorkshire Moors Railway through stunning scenery. Embark on the historic carriage to visit local beauty spots such as Whitby, Goathland and Levisham for a fantastic day out with your family or friends.

📍 www.nymr.co.uk



5 FLAMINGO LAND, 10 MINS

Family fun park with over 100 attractions, five shows and Europe's largest privately-owned zoo. A great day out with the grandchildren.

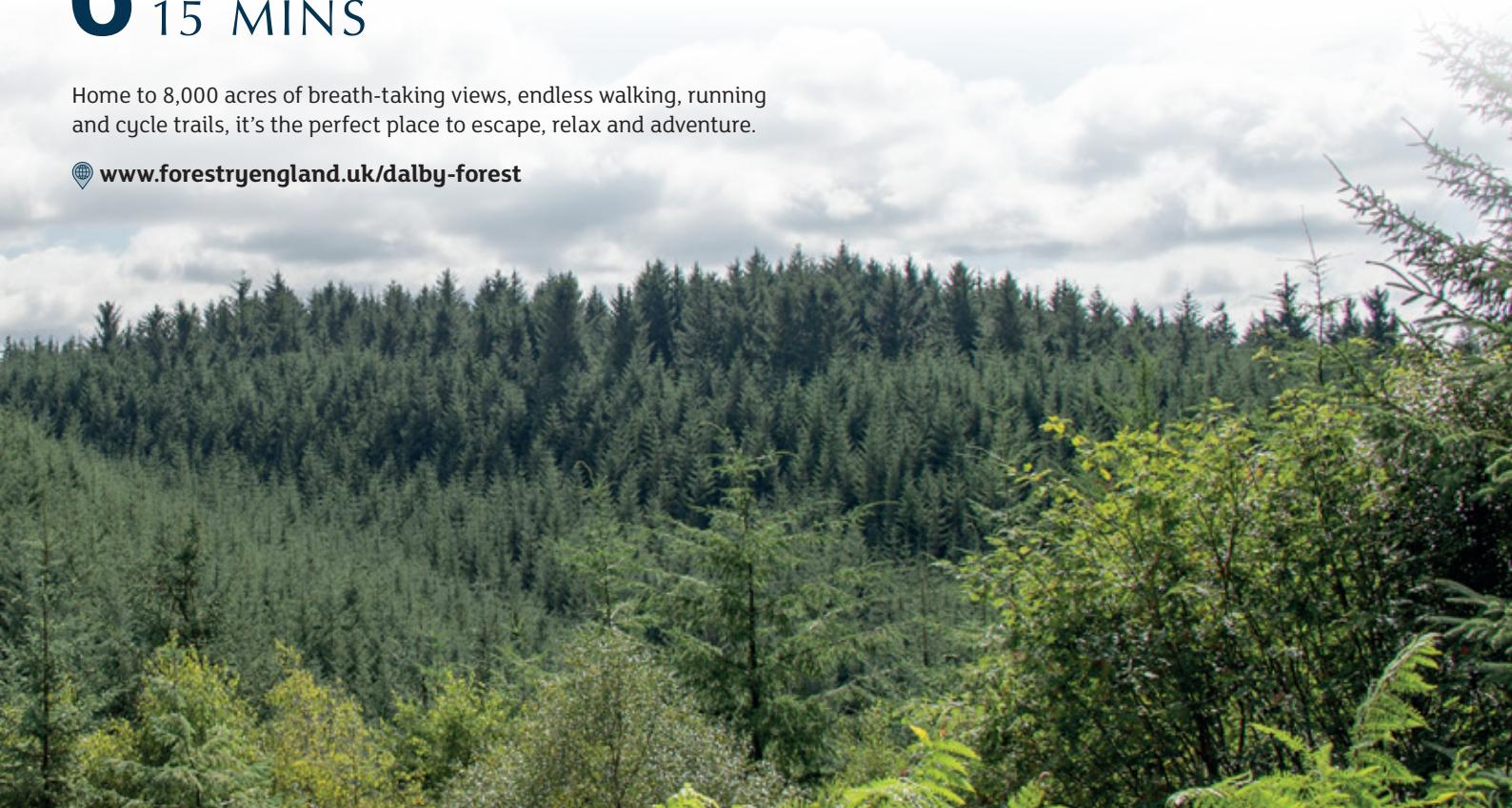
📍 www.flamingoland.co.uk



6 DALBY FOREST, 15 MINS

Home to 8,000 acres of breath-taking views, endless walking, running and cycle trails, it's the perfect place to escape, relax and adventure.

📍 www.forestryengland.uk/dalby-forest



7 EDEN CAMP, 15 MIN

Housed within the buildings and grounds of a former Prisoner of War camp, a visit to this unique museum will take you back to wartime Britain.

 www.edencamp.co.uk



8 MALTON, 15 MINS

Known as 'Yorkshire's Food Capital', this pretty Yorkshire town is famous for its local produce, award-winning monthly Food Markets, annual Food Lovers Festival, and some of the best food shops in Yorkshire.

9 SCAMPSTON HALL & WALLED GARDENS, 20 MINS

One of the finest regency country houses in North Yorkshire, and contains many fine works of art, furniture and porcelain. The award-winning Walled Garden is a stunningly beautiful, contemporary garden, quite unlike any other. Designed by the much admired Dutch landscape designer Piet Oudolf.

 www.scampston.co.uk



10 WOLDIES LAVENDER & NATURE FARM, 20 MINS

A 12 acre family run farm planted with lavender ranging from rich hues of purple to the purest white. Enjoy the wildflower walk, nature trail and wildlife ponds. Ride on the Miniature Railway, discover the Giant Games Maze and observe the bees making honey in the giant Bee Hive.

 www.woldies.co.uk

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11 KIRKHAM PRIORY, 20 MINS

The riverside ruins of an Augustinian Priory featuring a gatehouse bedecked with the heraldry of the De Roos family of Helmsley Castle, and a handsome set of monastic washbasins. On-site interpretation includes the story of Winston Churchill's secret visit, and Kirkham's role in preparations for D-Day during World War II.

 www.english-heritage.org.uk
- search 'Kirkham Priory'



12 THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM, 25 MINS

A stunning landscape of parkland, lakes and ponds with a collection of more than 6,000 trees from around the world. Enjoy 12 acres of peace and tranquillity in the heart of North Yorkshire.

🌐 www.yorkshirearboretum.org

13 CASTLE HOWARD, 25 MINS

One of England's finest historic houses and one of the great palaces of Europe, set in a thousand acres of sweeping parkland dotted with statues, temples, lakes and fountains.

🌐 www.castlehoward.co.uk



14 GOATHLAND, 25 MINS

This bracing moorland village has attracted visitors since the 19th century, but numbers soared following its appearance (as 'Aidensfield') in the television series 'Heartbeat' and its role in the 'Harry Potter' films.



16 YORKSHIRE LAVENDER, 30 MINS

Visit this award-winning Lavender Farm, with its Deer Park, Sculpture Park, and Hillside Snakes and Ladders. While there, indulge in a delicious homemade lavender scone.

 www.yorkshirelavender.com



15 MALLYAN SPOUT WATERFALL, 25 MINS

The highest waterfall in the North York Moors National Park. The water tumbles over a 70-foot drop on West Beck and was a major draw for Victorian visitors.

17 HELMSLEY, 30 MINS

This picturesque market town is home to a ruined castle and a beautifully restored walled garden, and has a number of nice independent shops, cafés and restaurants, as well as its very own micro-brewery.





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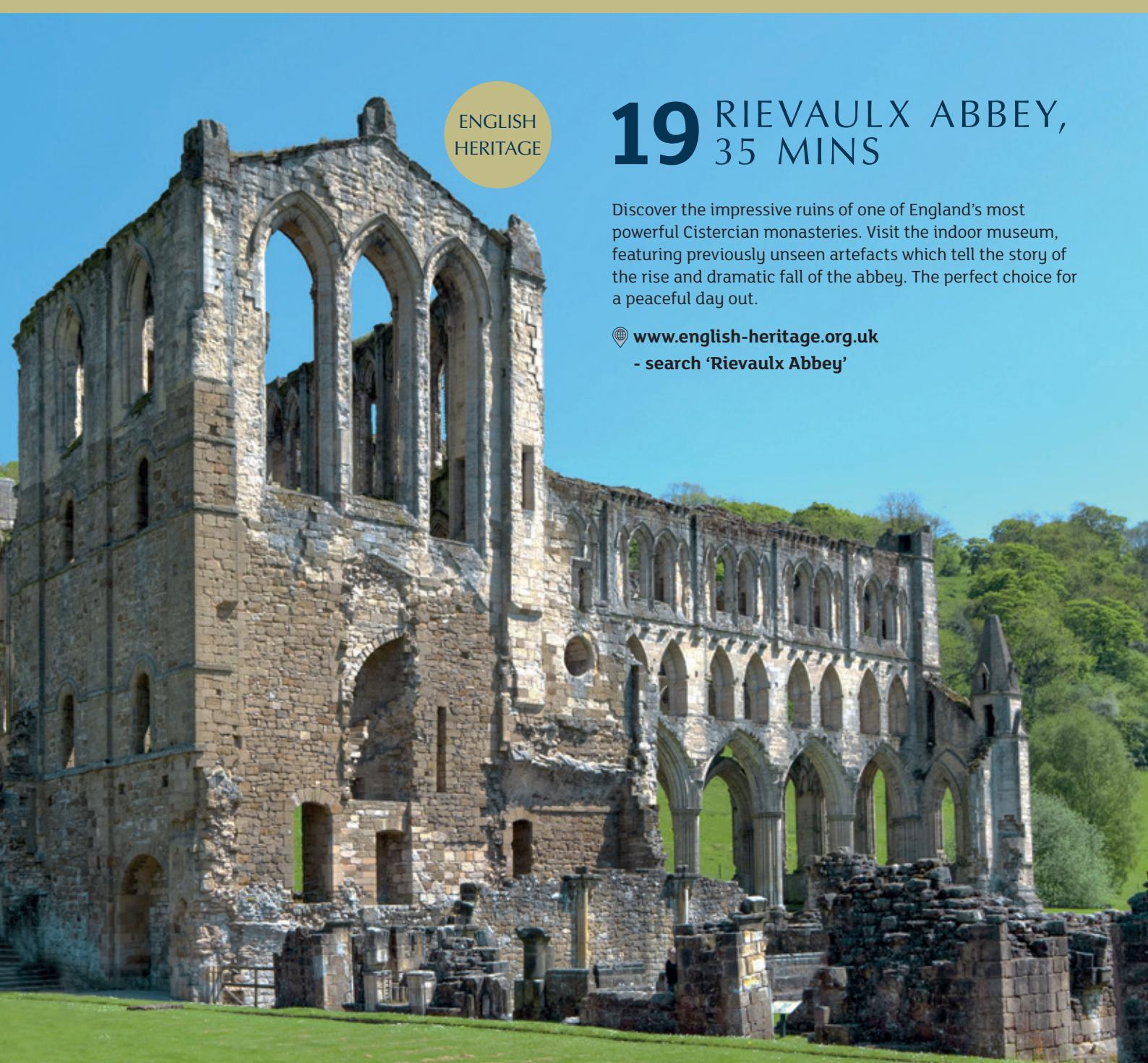
18 NUNNINGTON HALL, 30 MINS

A picturesque Yorkshire manor house, nestled on the quiet banks of the River Rye. Famed for its organic walled garden with spring-flowering meadows, flamboyant resident peacocks and a changing programme of exclusive and high profile art and photography exhibitions.

🌐 www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Nunnington Hall'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Paul Harris

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19 RIEVAULX ABBEY, 35 MINS

Discover the impressive ruins of one of England's most powerful Cistercian monasteries. Visit the indoor museum, featuring previously unseen artefacts which tell the story of the rise and dramatic fall of the abbey. The perfect choice for a peaceful day out.

🌐 www.english-heritage.org.uk
- search 'Rievaulx Abbey'



20 SLEDMERE HOUSE & GARDENS, 35 MINS

A beautiful stately home, steeped in history and charm with a walled garden, rare breed farm park, and adventure play area.

 www.sledmerehouse.com

21 NATIONAL CENTRE FOR BIRDS OF PREY, DUNCOMBE PARK, 40 MINS

Home to the largest collection of birds of prey in the north of England with daily flying displays. It's set within Duncombe Park's 300 acres of parkland, access to which is included.

 www.ncbp.co.uk



22 YORKSHIRE AIR MUSEUM, 40 MINS

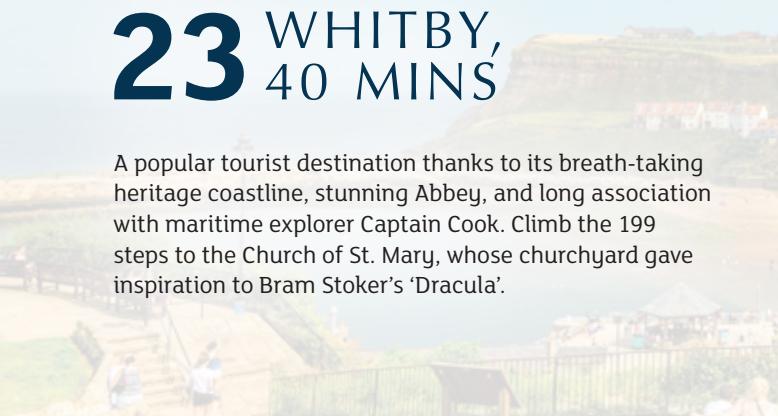
One of the largest independent aviation museums in the UK with a unique collection of aircraft on Yorkshire's best preserved, original WWII airfield site used extensively by Allied bomber crews.

📍 www.yorkshireairmuseum.org



23 WHITBY, 40 MINS

A popular tourist destination thanks to its breath-taking heritage coastline, stunning Abbey, and long association with maritime explorer Captain Cook. Climb the 199 steps to the Church of St. Mary, whose churchyard gave inspiration to Bram Stoker's 'Dracula'.



24 SANDSEND, 40 MINS

A quaint little village that offers a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, with a delightfully long sandy beach, rockpools and fabulous coastal views.

25 SCARBOROUGH, 40 MINS

The largest holiday resort on the Yorkshire coast, Scarborough is a family-friendly resort, which offers all the fun of the seaside with award-winning beaches.



27 THE WORLD OF JAMES HERRIOT, 45 MINS

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Y SURGEON
See where the world's most famous vet lived, worked and wrote his incredibly successful series of books based on his experiences as a young North Yorkshire vet. It's also not far from Sutton Bank National Park Centre, where you can soak up Herriot's favourite view.

www.worldofjamesherriot.com

VETERINARY
SURGEONS

26 SHANDY HALL & GARDENS, 40 MINS

A Grade I listed building dating from the mid-15th century, now a lived-in museum and literary house that celebrates the life and works of Laurence Sterne.

www.laurencesterne.org.uk

Painting by James W. Ferguson, courtesy of the Laurence Sterne Trust



28 DANBY LODGE NATIONAL PARK CENTRE, 45 MINS

Situated at the very heart of the beautiful North York Moors, discover the people, places and wildlife of the North York Moors with the interactive exhibits and gallery.

www.northyorkmoors.org.uk

- search 'Danby Lodge National Park Centre'



29 YORK, 45 MINS

A vibrant festival city with Roman roots and a Viking past. Walk along its extensive Roman walls. Amble through the overhanging timber-framed houses and traditional shopfronts of The Shambles. Marvel at the magnificent York Minster. Spot trains at the National Railway Museum. Step back in time at Jorvik Viking Centre, Clifford's Tower and York Castle Museum. And enjoy afternoon tea at Betty's Tea Rooms.



31 FILEY, 45 MINS

With its glorious sweep of soft, golden sand which is protected from Northerly gales by the Brigg – a long, narrow peninsula – Filey beach is one of the best in the country for families. You may come across a snoozing seal on the beach in early spring, and in summer porpoise sightings are regular.

30 BURNBY HALL GARDENS AND MUSEUM, 45 MINS

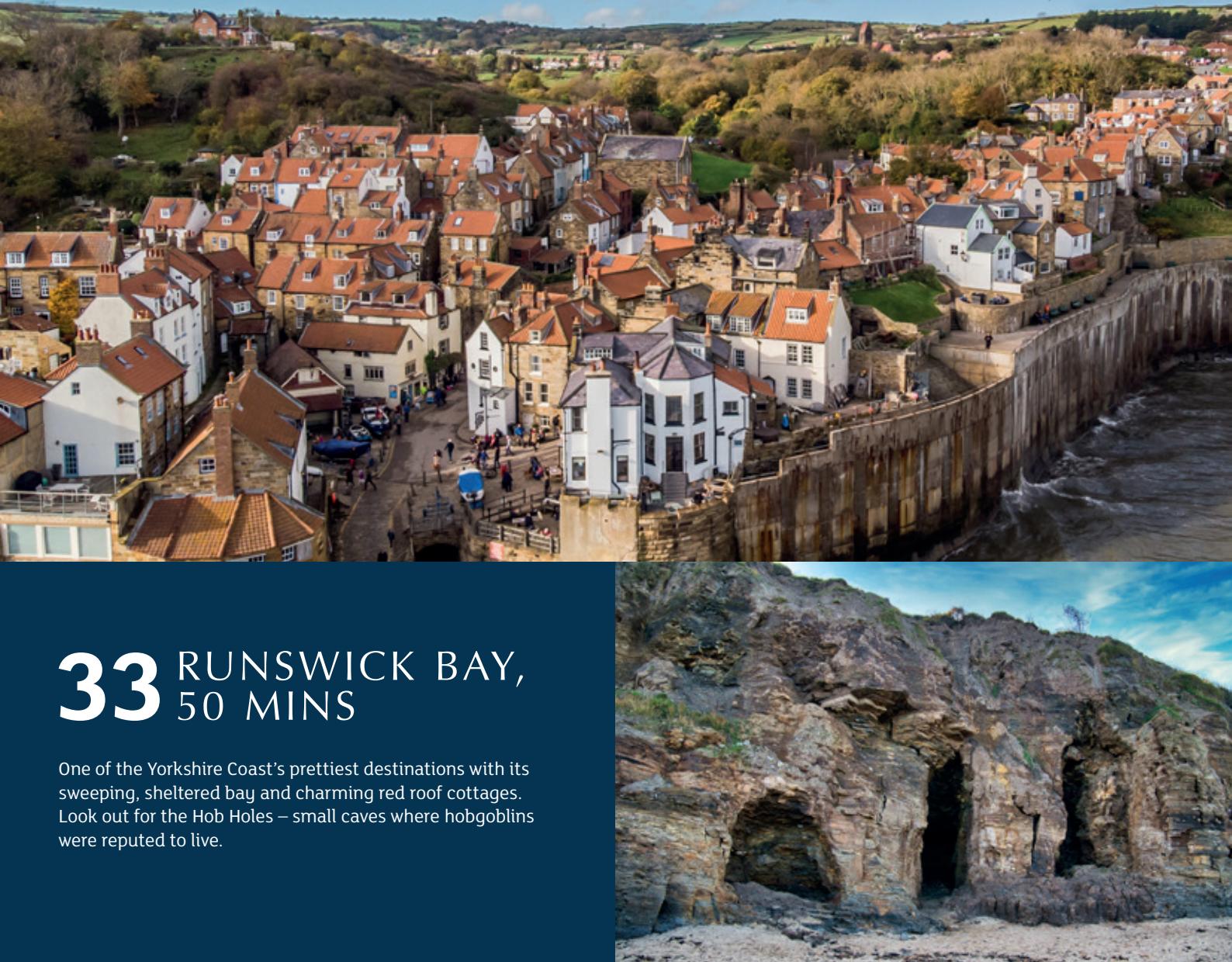
Delightful water gardens with over 80 varieties of Hardy Water Lilies, which bloom on the Upper and Lower Lakes between June and August.

 www.burnbyhallgardens.com



32 ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, 45 MINS

A small, historic fishing village with a historical reputation as a smuggling hotspot. Situated between Scarborough and Whitby, it offers a quieter, more picturesque alternative to the larger coastal resorts, and is also one end of Wainwright's Coast to Coast walk.



33 RUNSWICK BAY, 50 MINS

One of the Yorkshire Coast's prettiest destinations with its sweeping, sheltered bay and charming red roof cottages. Look out for the Hob Holes – small caves where hobgoblins were reputed to live.



34 LOTHERTON HALL, 1 HR

An Edwardian house and country estate with gardens, playgrounds and Wildlife World zoo.

 www.museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/lotherton

Image courtesy of Leeds Museum and Galleries.

35 BEVERLEY, 1 HR

A charming, thriving traditional market town with cobbled streets, a majestic minster, quaint boutiques and bustling market, and where you can experience the thrill of the races or the calm of a traditional pub.



36 BEMPTON CLIFFS RSPB NATURE RESERVE, 1 HR

Home to one of the UK's top wildlife spectacles. Around half a million seabirds gather between March and October to raise a family on towering chalk cliffs which overlook the North Sea.

 www.rspb.org.uk
- search 'Bempton Cliffs'



WITHIN 2 HOURS

37 BENINGBROUGH HALL, 1 HR 5 MINS

Surrounded by parkland, with riverside and woodland walks on all sides, Beningbrough has been shaped for more than 300 years by the people who lived here. Built by Ralph Bourchier in the 1550s, the estate's best-known occupants were Lord and Lady Chesterfield, who occupied the house throughout WWII and temporarily moved to allow the home to become a billet for aircrews stationed nearby.

🌐 www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Beningbrough Hall'

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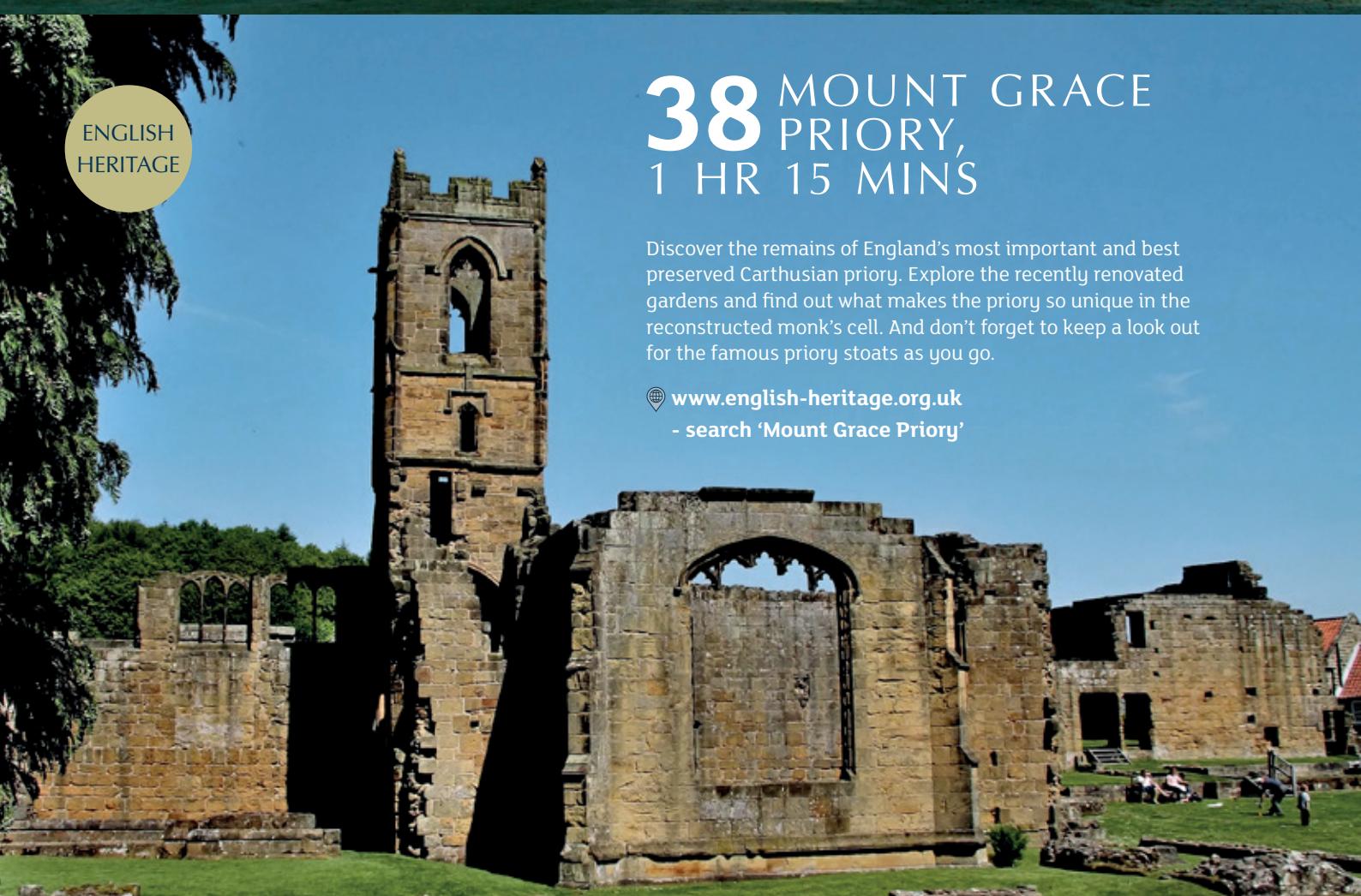


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38 MOUNT GRACE PRIORY, 1 HR 15 MINS

Discover the remains of England's most important and best preserved Carthusian priory. Explore the recently renovated gardens and find out what makes the priory so unique in the reconstructed monk's cell. And don't forget to keep a look out for the famous priory stoats as you go.

🌐 www.english-heritage.org.uk
- search 'Mount Grace Priory'





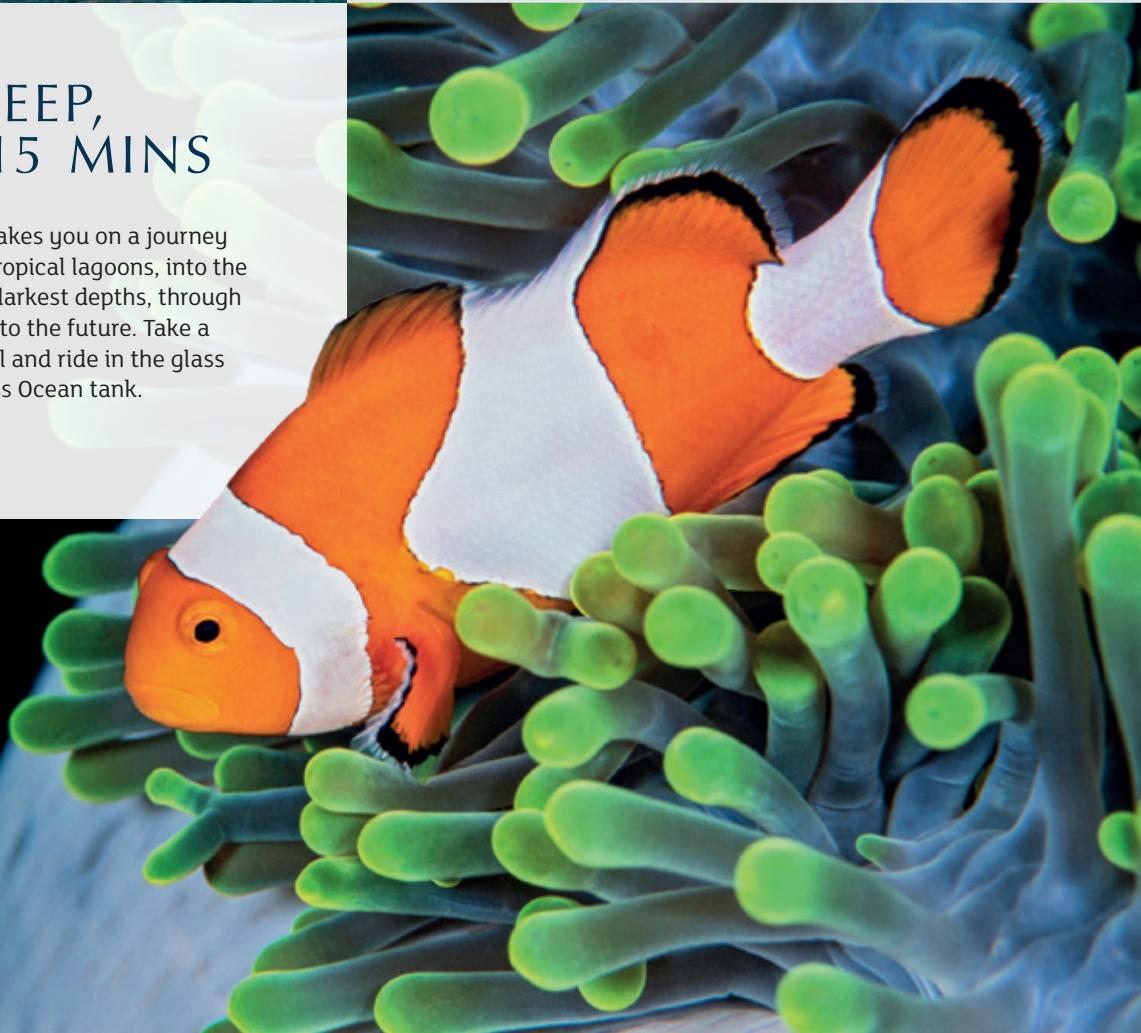
39 HULL, 1 HR 10 MINS

This waterfront city has reinvented itself into a destination that combines its rich maritime heritage with a vibrant social scene and bustling boutiques. Cross the magnificent Humber Bridge – a suspension bridge over the River Humber. Or visit the birthplace of William Wilberforce – Hull MP and slavery abolitionist.

40 THE DEEP, 1 HR 15 MINS

This award-winning aquarium takes you on a journey through prehistoric seas, past tropical lagoons, into the vast open oceans, down to the darkest depths, through the chilly Kingdom of ice and into the future. Take a walk through the viewing tunnel and ride in the glass lift through the 10 metre Endless Ocean tank.

 www.thedep.co.uk



41 LEEDS, 1 HR 10 MINS

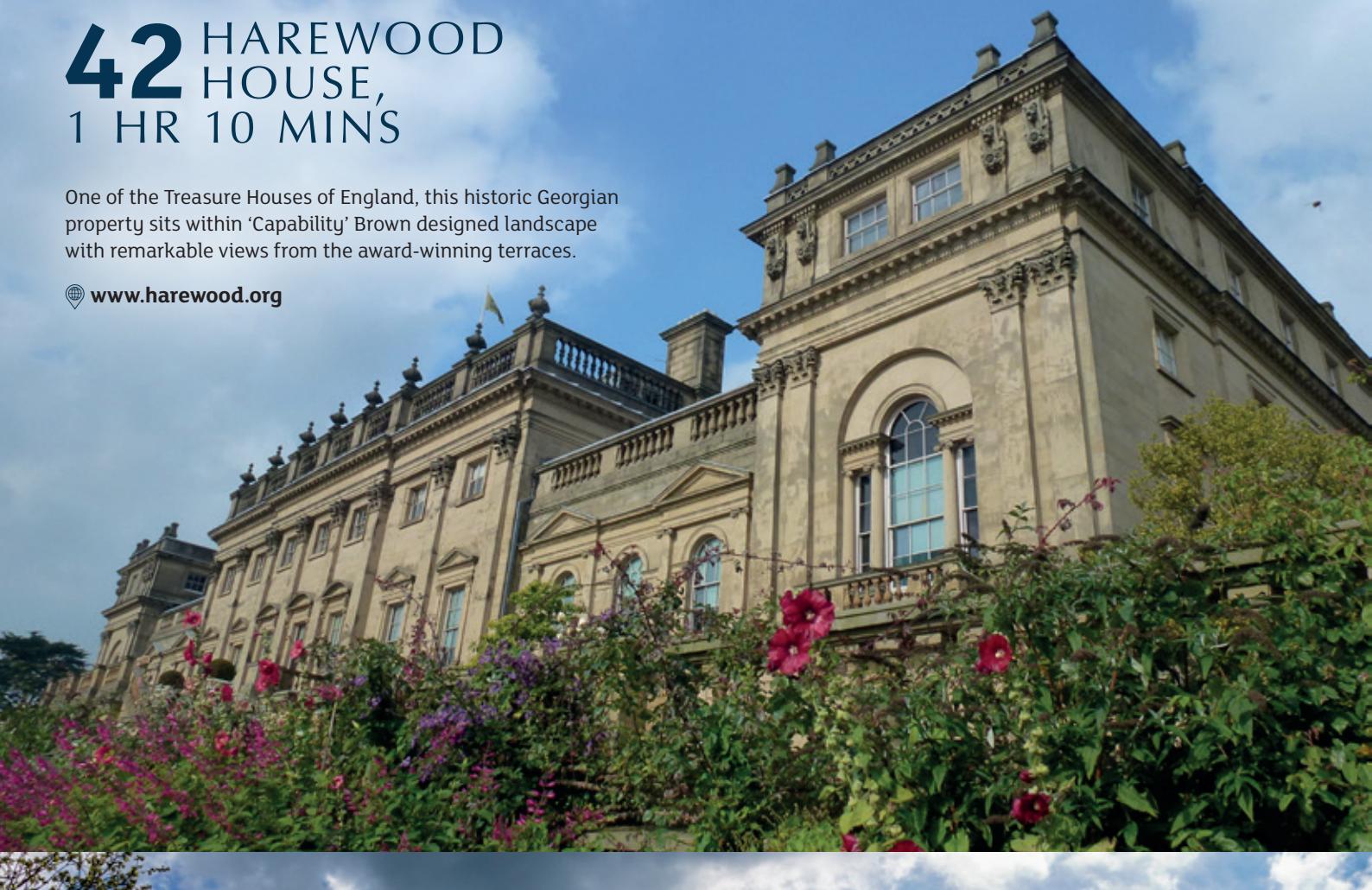
The unofficial capital of Yorkshire. With award-winning national theatre and dance companies, a world-class arena, museums, renowned retail arcades and a thriving independent food scene.



42 HAREWOOD HOUSE, 1 HR 10 MINS

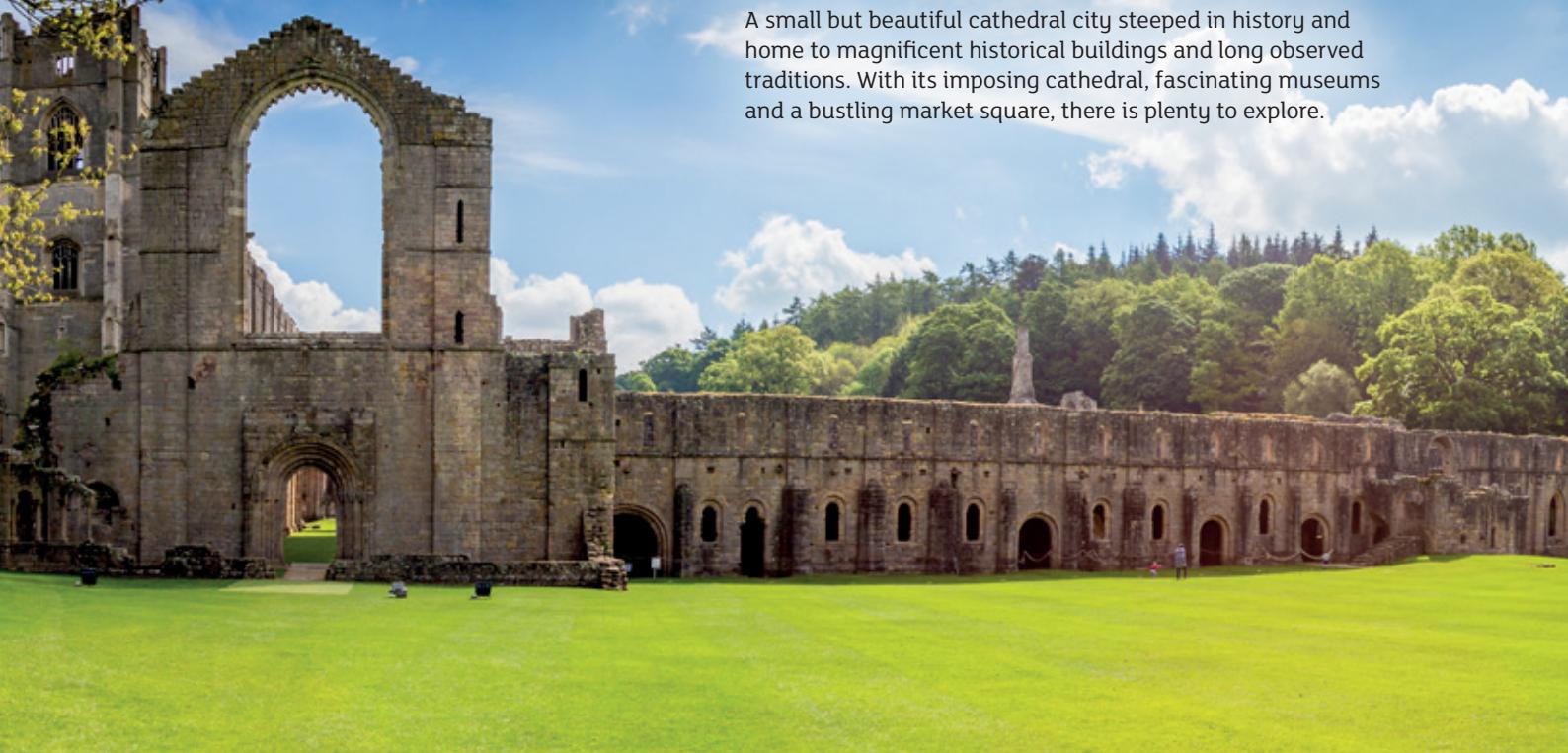
One of the Treasure Houses of England, this historic Georgian property sits within 'Capability' Brown designed landscape with remarkable views from the award-winning terraces.

 www.harewood.org



43 RIPPON, 1 HR 10 MINS

A small but beautiful cathedral city steeped in history and home to magnificent historical buildings and long observed traditions. With its imposing cathedral, fascinating museums and a bustling market square, there is plenty to explore.



45

KNARESBOROUGH, 1 HR 10 MINS

A warren of medieval streets and stone staircases that weave their way up and down the hill. The town centre is perched on the cliffs above the River Nidd and the imposing railway viaduct across the Nidd Gorge offers an amazing view to visitors as they arrive by train.



44

NEWBY HALL, 1 HR 10 MINS

Home to a wonderful collection of Chippendale furniture, Gobelins tapestries and classical statuary. Set in 25 acres of award-winning gardens, including one of Europe's largest double herbaceous borders, along with an enchanting woodland walk, sculpture park and a miniature railway.

📍 www.newbyhall.com

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FOUNTAINS ABBEY AND STUDLEY ROYAL WATER GARDEN, 1 HR 15 MINS

A World Heritage Site, the abbey is one of the largest and best preserved ruined Cistercian monasteries in England. Explore the medieval deer park and the elegant Georgian water garden consisting of mirror like ponds, statues and follies.

📍 www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Fountains Abbey'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Andres Butler



47 MOTHER SHIPTON'S CAVE, 1 HR 15 MINS

A picturesque mile-long walk along the River Nidd features the cave where famous Yorkshire prophetess Mother Shipton was born. It is situated next to the Petrifying Well, a unique geological phenomenon, where the cascading water turns everyday objects to stone - as if by magic.

📍 www.mothershipton.co.uk

49 HARROGATE, 1HR 20 MINS

Famous for its cream teas and Turkish baths, Harrogate is a classic spa town with quaint streets, historic houses, and landscaped gardens. Alongside the genteel prettiness and relaxing waters, the town is full of great independent shops, glorious antique stores and top-class cosy pubs serving excellent beer, all surrounded by rolling green hills.



48 YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK, 1 HR 15 MINS

The leading international centre for modern and contemporary sculpture, set within the 500 acre, 18th century Bretton Hall estate. Founded in 1977, it was the first sculpture park in the UK and the largest of its kind in Europe. See Barbara Hepworth's The Family of Man and bronzes by Henry Moore among many others.

🌐 www.ysp.org.uk



50 RIPLEY CASTLE, 1 HR 20 MINS

A 700 year old castle steeped in history with magnificent grounds, lakes, Deer Park, Walled Gardens, Hothouses and Kitchen Garden. Take the amusing and informative guided tour to discover more about the lives of the Ingilby family who have lived there for 26 generations.

📍 www.ripleycastle.co.uk



51 RHS HARLOW CARR, 1 HR 20 MINS

A showcase of horticultural excellence all year round – wander through the tranquil surroundings of this stunning 58 acre garden.

 www.rhs.org.uk - search 'Harlow Carr'

52 THE HIMALAYAN GARDEN & SCULPTURE PARK, 1 HR 25 MINS

Home to over 80 striking contemporary sculptures, situated within 45 acres of stunning woodland and gardens.

 www.himalayangarden.com

Image courtesy of The Himalayan Garden & Sculpture Park



53 BRIMHAM ROCKS, 1 HR 25 MINS

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The giant rock formations, sculpted by 320 million years of movement of entire continents as well as hundreds of thousands of years of ice, rain and wind, have taken on weird and wonderful shapes. With a little imagination, they resemble familiar creatures – spot the Dancing Bear, Gorilla, Eagle and Turtle, while the more nimble can crawl through the Smartie Tube and balance on the Rocking Stones.

 www.nationaltrust.org.uk - search 'Brimham Rocks'

Photo credit: ©National Trust Images/Paul Harris



54 YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK, 1 HR 30 MINS

A unique walk-through wildlife park that's home to over 700 animals across 70 species, including England's only Polar bears and the internationally famous Lion Pride of Yorkshire.

 www.yorkshirewildlifepark.com



55 THE PIECE HALL, 1 HR 35 MINS

The Grade I listed Georgian masterpiece is the oldest remaining Georgian cloth hall in the world, and has stood at the heart of Halifax since 1779. The huge open-air courtyard is now surrounded by a mix of independent bars, restaurants, cafes, galleries and shops.

 www.thepiecehall.co.uk

56 SALTAIRE, 1 HR 40 MINS

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, thanks to its preservation as a Victorian industrial village which was built by mill owner Sir Titus Salt for his workers. Visit Salts Mill, which is now a place for art, dining and shopping, and where you can learn about the history of the Mill.



57 ILKLEY, 1 HR 40 MINS

This pretty, traditional spa town sits at the foot of the stunning countryside of Ilkley Moor ("bar t'at") where you can find the Cow and Calf, a legendary rock formation popular with climbers. Call into the famous Betty's Tea Room for some quintessentially English refreshments and explore the regular markets, specialist shops and award-winning bakeries and butchers.



58 BOLTON ABBEY, 1 HR 45 MINS

This 30,000-acre estate is laced with 80 miles of footpaths that weave their way around the ruins of an ancient Augustinian priory. Brave the 60 stepping stones that cross the river, or take the bridge over to dry land.

 www.boltonabbey.com



59 HAWORTH, 1 HR 50 MINS

Famed as the home to the Brontë's, you can immerse yourself in Yorkshire's literary history in this idyllic village and surrounding moorland.



60 SKIPTON CASTLE, 1 HR 50 MINS

Over 900 years old, Skipton Castle is one of the most complete and best preserved medieval castles in England. Also explore the rare ancient woodland habitat of Skipton Castle Woods hidden behind the castle and straight off the high street.

 www.skiptoncastle.co.uk



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