

LEEDS & York

Food & Drink

Leeds and York are two unique cities each steeped in history and surrounded by landscapes of epic proportions in the Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors National Park. Together they form the perfect package, and it's only a 25-minute train journey between them or a 40-minute drive. From the medieval streets and ancient walls of York to the grand Victorian arcades and romantic abbey ruins in Leeds, each city retains distinct layers of its history, alongside vibrant food and drink scenes, independent shopping and exceptional accommodation.

The two cities are perfectly placed half-way between London and Edinburgh, with the glorious Yorkshire Dales, North York Moors National Park and Wolds right on their doorsteps.



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Our team offers expert advice, tailored itineraries, and dedicated support. Get in touch to start planning.

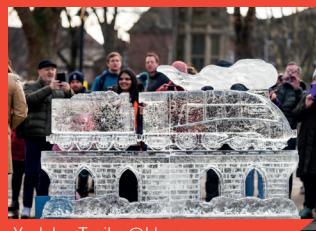
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LEEDS

Leeds is a city at the heart of the action. Diverse and creative, it's packed full of cultural gems and stunning architecture. With a compact and walkable city-centre, Leeds has striking street art and an unrivalled music scene – it's a city that loves to entertain.

A renowned retail destination, where stunning Victorian arcades set the backdrop for an unrivalled shopping experience. The Royal Armouries, sister museum to the Tower of London has world-class exhibitions of arms and armour and Leeds Art Gallery has one of the most valued collections of British contemporary art in the UK. The majestic Kirkstall Abbey is one of the best-preserved Cistercian Abbeys in the country and Harewood House located just outside of the city, is one of the Treasure Houses of England and a perfect day-trip.



York Ice Trail c @kluens



Shambles, York



Snickleway, York



Leeds Corn Exchange c Carl Milner



Calls Landing, Leeds c Alex Horsley



Light Night, Leeds c Lizzie Coombes

York

York is a vibrant festival city with Roman roots and a Viking past, offering an adventure for everyone. One of Britain's historic cities, this unique 2000-year-old walled city has more attractions per square mile than any other city in the UK. Boasting the National Railway Museum, one of the world's most magnificent cathedrals, York Minster, and the world-famous JORVIK Viking Centre, you'll find world-class museums, galleries and walking tours uncovering hidden secrets all within easy distance. Crowned Britain's home of chocolate and the most haunted city in Europe, York is abundant with culture and character, with a varied calendar of events and festivals year-round. Plus, the city's thriving creative and arts community has earned an esteemed UNESCO City of Media Arts status.

Food and Drink

Leeds and York are ultimate destinations for foodies and those looking for a special culinary experience, with a huge range of dishes on offer from a wide variety of quality cafés and restaurants. At the heart of each city is a thriving independent food scene with passionate people, known for their craft, serving up delicious dishes.

You'll find menus packed with fresh local produce from the bountiful surrounding countryside. Within each city you'll also be able to explore artisan and handcrafted products, independent breweries and unique culinary experiences curated by experts.

LEEDS FOOD TOURS

Immerse yourself in Leeds' vibrant foodie scene with an expertly guided tour. You'll uncover seven hidden culinary gems, with food included at every stop. This tour will take you on an international journey with some of the finest delicious dishes from across the globe, alongside the best fresh local produce.

Website: leedsfoodtours.com

Contact: Ellen Miller

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NORTHERN MONK BREWERY

Northern Monk Brewery is an internationally recognised innovative beer brand, supplying countries like Germany, Spain and Austria as well as pubs across the UK. It started in 2013 in Leeds at an historic mill building – The Old Flax Store. A building steeped in history at the centre of the industrial revolution. The team have opened additional sites in Leeds and Manchester, however this original brewery is the spiritual heart of the company, producing fresh beer daily. You can tour the brewery and discover

more about the brewing process from the expert team, as well as sample beers from the core range and the latest specials.

Website: northernmonk.com

Contact: lds@northernmonk.com



Shambles Food Court, York



Empire Café, Leeds c Chris Heaney

YORK DISTILLERY – HOME OF YORK GIN

This beautiful space, with a collection of working copper stills and speakeasy vibe, is found in the peaceful grounds of Middletons Hotel, within the city walls and just over the River Ouse from Clifford's Tower. The distillery is home to York Gin's five-star Tasting Experience which teaches guests the tips and tricks of the professional gin taster as well as English gin's myths, legends and history. Two G&Ts and tasters of the gold-award-winning range make this a delicious experience.

Website: yorkdistillery.co.uk

Contact: distillery@yorkgin.com

YORK'S CHOCOLATE STORY

York is the UK's historic home of chocolate, and what better way to taste your way through history as the entertaining tour guides lead you through the city's sweet past and present. Offering an exciting and educational journey through the fascinating world of chocolate, enjoy interactive exhibits, delicious tastings, and the chance to make your own chocolate.

Website: yorkschocolatestory.com

Contact: info@yorkschocolatestory.com

BETTYS CAFE TEA ROOMS

Founded in 1919, Bettys' mouth-watering cakes, refreshing teas and friendly smiles have made it world famous. The menus feature a unique mix of continental classics and British favourites – plus, of course, Bettys' legendary afternoon tea.

Website: bettys.co.uk

Contact: bettys.york@bettysandtaylors.co.uk

FEEL AT HOME IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

In the city centres of Leeds and York you'll find a great choice of well-known international four-star hotel brands including Radisson, Hilton, Doubletree by Hilton, Hampton by Hilton, Hotel Indigo, Malmaison, Marriott and Novotel. You can experience home comforts whilst having all the attractions of each city. For five-star luxury and exceptional levels of service opt for a night in the Dakota Leeds followed by The Grand, York.



CONNECTIONS... TO LEEDS AND YORK

Perfectly located in the heart of the UK

Flights arrive at Leeds Bradford Airport from over 70 destinations with the international hubs of Dublin and Amsterdam Schipol only an hour away. Manchester, London and Edinburgh are easily accessible by train.

TRAIN TRAVEL FROM EUROPE

	LEEDS	YORK
AMSTERDAM	7 hr 30 min	7 hr 15 min
BRUSSELS	4 hr 15 min	4 hr
PARIS	4 hr 30 min	4 hr 20 min

TRAVEL FROM MANCHESTER AIRPORT

	LEEDS	YORK
ROAD	1 hr 50 min	2 hr 30 min
TRAIN	1 hr 30 min	2 hr

TRAVEL FROM PORT OF LIVERPOOL

	LEEDS	YORK
ROAD	1 hr 45 min	2 hr 25 min
TRAIN	2 hr 21 min	2 hr 40 min

TRAVEL FROM LONDON GATWICK AIRPORT

	LEEDS	YORK
ROAD	4 hr 15 min	4 hr 15 min
TRAIN	3 hr 25 min	3 hr 5 min

TOURS AND GUIDES

In Leeds and York there are many local expert tour guides with a diverse range of passions and knowledge of their home cities. Leeds offers architectural tours, queer history tours and heritage beer tours. In York, there is an open top bus tour, including a ghost bus tour, magical and wizardry tours. And both cities offer ghost walks, food and drink and history tours. There are also plenty

of self-guided tours available. In York you can take self-guided quest trails or explore the cat trails, which feature over 35 cat statues - a lucky symbol of the city. In Leeds there is a self-guided Street Art Trail and the Owl Trail, which is the emblem of the city and appears in various guises on many of the buildings in the city centre.



TRAVEL FROM EDINBURGH

	LEEDS	YORK
ROAD	4 hr 15 min	4 hr 10 min
TRAIN	3 hr	2 hr 25 min



Leeds to York by train in 25 minutes

TRAVEL FROM LEEDS BRADFORD AIRPORT

	LEEDS	YORK
ROAD	8 miles, 30 mins by bus, 26 mins by road	34 miles OR travel to Leeds and take a train for 25 minutes
TRAIN		



TRAVEL FROM PORT OF HULL

	LEEDS	YORK
ROAD	1 hr 10 min	1 hr 20 min
TRAIN	1 hr	1 hr



TRAVEL FROM LONDON HEATHROW

	LEEDS	YORK
ROAD	3 hr 30 min	4 hr 15 min
TRAIN	3 hr 20 min	3 hr 10 min



* all journey times are indicative