



# THE MAGIC OF MEDIEVAL ENGLAND

## FAMILY ADVENTURES IN YORK & NOTTINGHAM

**JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> - AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

Medieval England comes to life in a swirl of art, adventure, and architecture that will appeal to young travelers and grandparents alike! From the wonders of York Minster to Robin Hood's Sherwood Forest and from the magnificence of Castle Howard to a hint of Hogwarts, you'll be swept away to thrilling, dark, and noble days.

We begin with one of Nottingham's best-loved attractions. "The Tales of Robin Hood" plunges you deep into the dark and romantic world of medieval life, legend, and magic. Hone your archery skills, follow prisoners through the twisting corridors of an 18<sup>th</sup>-century gaol, and explore the vast network of 13<sup>th</sup>-century caves beneath the city. We'll also visit Kenilworth Castle, with 900 years of English history.

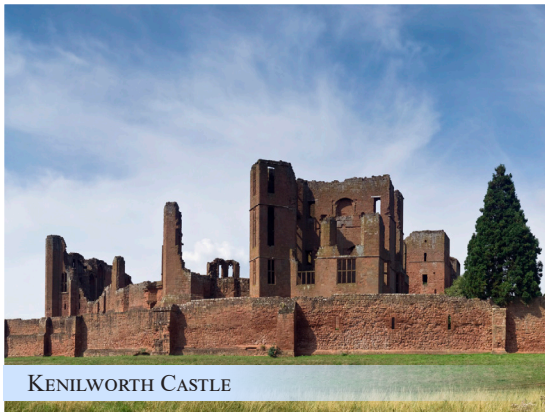


CASTLE HOWARD

Who could resist a chance to step into Robin Hood's world? It's off to Sherwood Forest and the annual Robin Hood Festival, where bowmen demonstrate their skills and medieval jousting rules the day.

We'll continue our adventures in York, stepping back in time down one of England's finest medieval streets, with a Ghost Walk through York's narrow, cobbled alleys and "snickleways." Then on through Yorkshire for a glimpse of Dracula's birthplace, cliff-hanging abbeys, and time at Castle Howard, the awe-inspiring set for PBS's *Brideshead Revisited*. Castle keeps, history, and ghosts guarantee spine-tingling adventures for all ages.

With plenty of time to climb ramparts, explore hidden alleyways, and walk in medieval footsteps, THE MAGIC OF MEDIEVAL ENGLAND will thrill the entire family.



KENILWORTH CASTLE

### THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

**LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):** \$3450\*  
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$ 780

*Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.*

### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

**HOTELS:** 7 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service fees  
**COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary  
**MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 4 dinners  
**EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person  
**ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary  
**GUIDES:** Discover Europe guide throughout  
**TICKETS:** Steam train ride on the Yorkshire Moors, Ghost Walk in York, the Robin Hood Festival in Sherwood Forest

*\* Special rates available for children sharing with an adult. Please call for details.*

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*

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**FRIDAY, JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>** - Depart the U.S. this evening aboard your overnight flight to Manchester. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>** - Upon arrival in Manchester Airport, you will be met for a transfer to our hotel in Nottingham. Here there will be time to relax and unpack before we gather for a welcome dinner party at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: NOTTINGHAM**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>** - Today we delve into the world of Robin Hood and his Merry Men at one of Nottingham's best-loved attractions, the "Tales of Robin Hood." Travel back in time on the "Robin Hood Adventure Ride," hone your archery skills, take in a falconry display, and perfect the art of brass rubbing, bringing to charcoal life a medieval knight or nobleman. We'll break for lunch before our afternoon adventures continue at the Galleries of Justice as you experience life in Nottingham's 18<sup>th</sup>-century county gaol. We conclude our day at the Caves of Nottingham, a vast network of 13<sup>th</sup>-century caves beneath the city. The extensive network includes a medieval tannery, Victorian slum dwellings, and air raid shelters used during WWII. We return to the hotel for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: NOTTINGHAM**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>** - Our medieval adventure continues at Kenilworth Castle, host to the 'round table of one hundred knights' and their ladies, which took place in 1279. There will be plenty of time to tour the medieval fortress and explore the landscaped gardens. We'll lunch on our own at Kenilworth and drive the short distance to Stratford-upon-Avon for a visit to Anne Hathaway's Cottage and free time in Stratford. We return to Nottingham for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: NOTTINGHAM**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>** - Turning north, we travel to Sherwood Forest and take part in the annual Robin Hood Festival, held each summer at this time. Watch bowmen demonstrating their skills, a reenactment of medieval jousting, and, if you're lucky, Robin Hood taking on the Sheriff of Nottingham! The medieval frolics include jugglers and jesters and the atmosphere is charged with the magic and mystery of England's most beloved outlaw. We'll lunch on our own at Sherwood before heading to the ancient city of York. Dinner will be at our hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: YORK**



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>** - A morning walking tour introduces this fascinating and compact city. We'll start at magnificent York Minster; walk down the Shambles, one of England's finest medieval streets; and visit the Jorvik Centre, traveling in "time cars" through a 9<sup>th</sup>-century Viking village. For lunch, you might want to try Betty's, a nationally renowned tearoom, and sample its Yorkshire specialties. The afternoon is free for independent explorations: shopping, a boat ride, evensong in the Minster. After dinner on your own, we gather for a Ghost Walk, which takes us through York's narrow alleys and "snickleways." Centuries of history and ghosts come together in a spine-tingling adventure. **(B) OVERNIGHT: YORK**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>** - Today we drive across the North Yorkshire Moors National Park and board a steam train. The 50-minute journey from Pickering stops at the tiny station of Goathland, now better known as the rail station used by the young wizards arriving for the new term at Hogwarts! We rejoin our coach at Goathland and stop for lunch at a local Yorkshire inn before continuing to the fishing town of Whitby (the "birthplace" of Dracula!), where we'll climb to the ancient abbey overlooking the sea. We return to York to enjoy a free evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: YORK**



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning it's a short journey to Castle Howard, immediately recognizable from the BBC television series *Brideshead Revisted*. This 18<sup>th</sup>-century Vanbrugh masterpiece and its fine collection of Old Masters will enthrall. You will have time to lunch on your own in one of the estate's three restaurants before returning to York for a final free afternoon. Perhaps a visit to the acclaimed Railway Museum or a stroll through the Museum Gardens. Climb the old castle keep, known as Clifford's Tower, or explore the shops on Stonegate. This evening, we gather for dinner together at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: YORK**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>** - Transfer by coach to Manchester Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B)**