



The Roses of the North

Hidden Treasures of Lancashire & Yorkshire

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The northern counties of Lancashire and Yorkshire today enjoy a friendly rivalry, most often played out on the sports field. But it was not always so. The War of the Roses during the 15th century created a hostile and bloody division between the houses of York and Lancaster as each family fought for the crown. The Yorkshire white rose and Lancashire red rose became enduring symbols of this long and bitter feud and still adorn many aspects of county life today. But where Lancashire and Yorkshire's political paths have diverged in the past, they share a common heritage in the outstanding beauty of their land and the warm friendliness of their people. This autumn, as the low afternoon sun casts a golden light on the meadows and the heather touches the moors with its purple hue, join Chasey Crawford and *Discover Europe* on an unforgettable voyage through the dramatic landscape and rich culture of the north.

Our journey starts in Lancashire in the quiet and rarely visited Forest of Bowland. This forgotten corner of England is protected as an area of outstanding natural beauty and is a favorite visiting spot of the Queen. We'll spend four nights at our rustic country hotel, filling our days with visits to the surrounding villages and market towns as well as some of the National Trust's northern gems. The bright lights of Manchester beckon for a day and we'll spend an evening at the new Lowry Centre, which opened recently to international acclaim. Taking to the rails on England's most spectacular railway journey, the beloved Settle-Carlisle line, we venture into the Lake District of neighboring Cumbria for a visit to Wordsworth's Dove Cottage and the astonishing gardens at Levens Hall. For these four days you'll experience Lancashire at its very best – unpretentious, friendly, varied and breathtakingly beautiful.

We'll cross the border into Yorkshire in real style, on a brightly colored narrowboat! We'll ply the Leeds-Liverpool canal for a day, working the locks and stopping for a traditional canalside pub lunch, and then into the heart of Yorkshire and another four nights at a gracious country manor hotel. From here we explore the haunting beauty of Fountains Abbey before venturing deep into the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Visits to Ripon Cathedral, the James Herriott museum and Whitby Abbey on the North Sea highlight the diversity of Yorkshire.

Chasey Crawford has designed this itinerary around her own experiences of living in the north. Of course what any written itinerary can't include in its text are the unexpected surprises, the detours to follow a whim or fancy, the relaxed meandering along country lanes, the pleasant pint in a pub with the locals. Experience the grandeur and charm of England's north this autumn on *The Roses of the North*.

The Yorkshire Dales



The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

Land only (no airfare included):	\$1940
Single supplement:	\$380.

The following services are included:

- i) 7 nights' accommodation in superior first-class country house hotels.
- ii) 7 full English breakfasts.
- iii) 6 table d'hote dinners, 3 courses + coffee.
- iv) 1 pub supper, 2 courses + coffee.
- v) Services of Discover Europe's Chasey Crawford throughout tour.
- vi) All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- vii) Theatre ticket to Lowry production, best seats available.
- viii) Rail ticket, Clitheroe-Armathwaite.
- ix) Narrowboat cruise.
- x) Entrance fees to all sites featured in the itinerary.
- xi) Comprehensive travel insurance.
- xii) Porterage of one suitcase per person.
- xiii) All hotel taxes & service charges.

Please note: Airfares are available from many other US departure cities, please enquire for details.



Day 01, Saturday 21st September Depart the US this evening from your international gateway. **Overnight: Plane**

Day 02, Sunday 22nd September Upon arrival at Manchester Airport, you'll be met by Discover Europe's Chasey Crawford for the easy transfer to our country hotel deep in the heart of the Forest of Bowland. This afternoon we begin to explore the village of Chipping and the surrounding area before an evening dinner party welcomes you to England! **(D)** **Overnight: Forest of Bowland**

Day 03, Monday 23rd September Today the quiet, untouched beauty of the Forest of Bowland and the neighboring Ribble Valley unfolds during our panoramic tour. We'll circle Pendle Hill, a majestic and infamous local landmark from where ten witches were sent to the scaffold in 1612. Their legacy survives in the many witchy inns and craft shops in the area. We'll stop at leisure and make our way to the charming village of Downham for a pub lunch. Following lunch, we visit the extensive ruins of Whalley Abbey, founded by the Cistercians in the 13th century. We'll also make a stop in the market town of Clitheroe and visit the remains of its Norman castle before we return to our hotel with time to relax in the garden before dinner. **(B, D)** **Overnight: Forest of Bowland**

Day 04, Tuesday 24th September A leisurely start to the day as we've a night out in the city this evening! We'll depart late morning for one of the National Trust's hidden gems, the Elizabethan hall of Gawthorpe. Strikingly similar to the great Hardwick Hall and most likely by the same architect, Gawthorpe's opulent interior boasts some fine paintings and an unparalleled collection of needlework. A country pub lunch before we turn south to enter the conurbation of Manchester; our mid-afternoon arrival in the city allows plenty of time for a walking tour of its Victorian highlights before we are due at The Lowry Centre for a guided tour of this stunning new arts complex. The Lowry is built upon former docklands, and includes art galleries (one dedicated to Lowry's paintings and sketches), shops, restaurants and two theatres. An early dinner at the Lowry restaurant before an evening show in one of its stunning theatres. A late return to our hotel. **(B, D)** **Overnight: Forest of Bowland**

Day 05, Wednesday 25th September One of England's most spectacular railway journeys today on the Settle-Carlisle line, a two hour ride north along the Lancashire/Yorkshire border. We'll be met on arrival at Armathwaite by our coach and we'll wend our way south through England's most beloved landscape, the Lake District. We'll stop in Keswick for time to explore this lovely lakeland town and to find lunch, before we continue south for a visit to Wordsworth's Dove Cottage. Our day concludes at Levens Hall Garden, an astonishing topiary garden in the southern Lakelands. We return to our hotel for time to freshen up before we enjoy a traditional northern pub supper. **(B, pub D)** **Overnight: Forest of Bowland**

Day 06, Thursday 26th September A change of pace today as we take to the canals! We'll board a traditional narrowboat in Skipton and cruise on the 200-year old Leeds and Liverpool Canal. Try your hand at skippering the 35' craft, help to work the locks, or simply sit on deck and watch the countryside glide by. We alight, after enjoying a canalside pub lunch, to meet up with our coach and drive to nearby Haworth for a visit to the home of the remarkable Bronte sisters. Onwards into the heart of Yorkshire and our country hotel near Harrogate. Dinner at the hotel this evening. **(B, D)** **Overnight: Markington**

Day 07, Friday 27th September Our panoramic introduction to the Yorkshire Dales begins at Fountains Abbey. The magnificent ruins of Fountains Abbey, once the wealthiest Cistercian foundation in England, lie beside the exquisitely sculpted garden of Studley Royal. We continue into the unabashed beauty of the Dales and the charming town of Grassington where we'll find a welcome pub lunch before visiting the Upper Wharfedale Folk Museum. Turning north, our route takes us through Wharfedale and further to the deepest and wildest of the valleys, Swaledale. A late afternoon visit to Richmond, a handsome and prosperous medieval town with a fine Norman castle. Dinner at our hotel. **(B, D)** **Overnight: Markington**

Day 08, Saturday 28th September We begin the day in the little cathedral city of Ripon with a visit to its Cathedral and time to explore its ancient market, the 11.00 opening still announced with the ringing of a handbell. We continue to Thirsk and a visit to the James Herriott museum before an afternoon drive across the austere beauty of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. Our destination is the seaside town of Whitby, home to Captain Cook and refuge for Count Dracula. We'll explore Whitby Abbey, romantically positioned on a 200 foot cliff above the sea and sample some of England's finest fish and chips, before we return to our hotel and time to relax before our farewell dinner party. **(B, D)** **Overnight: Markington**

Day 09, Sunday 29th September An early departure this morning for Manchester Airport and your flights home. However, if you'd like to stay on in London for a few days, Discover Europe would be happy to help with the arrangements. **(B)**

Key to included meals: **B** = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

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