

## YORK FACTFILE

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### Social media:

Web: [www.visitYork.org](http://www.visitYork.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/visityork](https://facebook.com/visityork)

Instagram: @visityork

Twitter: @visityork

Hashtags: #onlyinyork #Yorkadventure



### The York Pass:

Once purchased the York Pass offers you a choice of free entry to over 30 York attractions and tours as well as restaurant and shopping offers. You can buy a one, two or three day pass making it a superb addition to your leisure break. To buy a Pass contact York Visitor Information Centre on 01904 550099, email [info@yorkpass.com](mailto:info@yorkpass.com) or visit [www.yorkpass.com](http://www.yorkpass.com).

### York's Events:

York has a year-round calendar of events.

FEBRUARY	JORVIK Viking Festival
MARCH	York Literature Festival
APRIL	Fashion City York
MAY TO OCTOBER	York Races
JUNE	York Festival of Ideas
JULY	York Early Music Festival
JULY	Great Yorkshire Fringe
AUGUST	The JORVIK Group's Medieval Summer
SEPTEMBER	York National Book Fair
SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER	York Food and Drink Festival
OCTOBER	York Mediale (biennial)
NOVEMBER	Aesthetica Short Film Festival
NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER	York Christmas Festival
DECEMBER	York Early Music Christmas Festival

## HOW TO GET TO YORK

- **By car** - York is situated only 20 minutes from the M1/M62 motorway network. Frequent Park and Ride bus services operate into the city centre.
- **By train** - York is on the East Coast mainline. It takes less than two hours to get to York from London. York is served by East Coast and Grand Central Trains. National Rail enquiries call 08457 48 49 50 (in the UK) or +44 (0) 20 7278 5240 (overseas) or visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)
  - Virgin Trains East Coast runs fast, frequent train services from stations along the London-Scotland East Coast route. VTEC operates 72 weekday services between London King's Cross and York, including a non-stop service each hour through the day, taking as little as 1 hour 49 minutes to complete the journey. VTEC also has direct trains to York from Scotland, North East England and the East Midlands. York Station is a short walk from the city centre. Visit [www.virgintraineastcoast.com](http://www.virgintraineastcoast.com)
  - Grand Central runs train services between the North East of England and London, calling at Sunderland, Hartlepool, Eaglescliffe, Northallerton, Thirsk, York and London. For information/reservations: call 0345 603 4852 or visit [www.grandcentralrail.com](http://www.grandcentralrail.com)
- **By coach** - If you are travelling by coach, you will be able to get a direct service to York from many UK cities. National Express coach services call 08717 81 81 81 or visit [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)
- **Car Hire**
  - Europcar – call 0871 384 1087 or visit [www.europcar.co.uk](http://www.europcar.co.uk)
  - Sovereign Chauffeur Company – call 01937 541881 or visit [www.sovereign-chauffeur.co.uk](http://www.sovereign-chauffeur.co.uk)
- **By Air** - York is served by three key international airports: Leeds Bradford, Manchester and Doncaster with superb routes across Europe and the rest of the world. A direct rail service operates from Manchester Airport into York. Leeds Bradford Airport: take a taxi to Horsforth, then direct train to York (1 hour).
- **By Ferry** - Hull is the nearest ferry port served by P&O Ferries with daily overnight crossings from Rotterdam and Zeebrugge ([www.poferries.com](http://www.poferries.com)).

For any further information and your free guide to York, please contact: York Visitor Information Centre, Tel: 01904 550099, email: [info@visityork.org](mailto:info@visityork.org) or visit the website at [www.visityork.org](http://www.visityork.org)

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