

ROMANTIC YORK



A DOZEN THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW...

Railways are an important part of York's heritage. The city boasts a beautiful, Victorian railway station – could there be a more slushy setting for farewells or reunions? York is also home to the world's largest railway museum. Here you can marry on the platform, inside a historic carriage or alongside Queen Victoria's carriage in the Royal Gallery.

O' Tell Me the Truth about Love, wrote W.H. Auden in his famous poem of the same name. Auden was born in York on 21 February 1907.

Majestic and imposing, York Minster is the largest gothic cathedral north of the Alps – did any building in Britain ever inspire such feelings from the heart as this architectural masterpiece? The Duke of Kent married Miss Katherine Worsley here on June 1961. This was the first Royal wedding in York Minster since King Edward III married Philippa of Hainault there in 1328.

Almost half of all wedding ceremonies that take place in York are for couples who do not live here. This could have something to do with the fact that York has previously appeared in The Independent Newspaper's 50 best places in the world to be married.

Novelists, past and present, have taken York and its evocative surroundings as inspiration for their work. Within a short drive of the city lie the romantic Yorkshire Moors where Emily Bronte penned her novel Wuthering Heights, the story of unrivalled love between Cathy and Heathcliff.

Two Love Lanes can be found in York, double the quota in most cities. One is behind The Mount, the other alongside the Ouse in Fulford.

Idyllic gardens provide the perfect setting for your wedding pictures and can be found close to the city centre or at many of our approved venues. Take a walk around Museum Gardens near the Yorkshire Museum or visit Deans Park behind the Minster.

Civil weddings and partnerships in York take place in arguably some of the most romantic venues in the country – medieval guild halls, unique attractions and stately homes. Nearly one thousand civil weddings take place in York every year.

Yum! York is the home of chocolate – how better to say 'I love you' than with a handmade box of chocolates?

One of the biggest collections of Valentine cards in the U.K. can be found in the York Castle Museum. A thousand or more messages of love are in the archives – including possibly the oldest printed

Valentine's card in the world. This was published on 12 January 1797 by John Fairburn of 146, Minories, London. It includes a verse printed around the edge:

*'Since on this ever Happy day,
All Nature's full of Love and Play
Yet harmless still of my design
'Tis but to be your Valentine'.*

The card was sent by Catherine Mossday to Mr Brown of Dover Place, Kent Road, London.

Ride through the city in a romantic horse and carriage. Tours leave from near the Minster.

Kiss your partner below the West Window of York Minster and you'll remain together forever, according to local superstition. Look up at the window to see the heart-shape worked into the tracery, known as the "Heart of Yorkshire".

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