

YORK FOR FAMILIES

A family trip to a city famed for Kit Kats, Viking warriors, spooky ghosts, highwaymen, Guy Fawkes and railways is sure to go down a treat. York is full of fun for children, whether it's a school trip or a family outing. York is a great city for transport links and is easy to access by road, rail or river (!). Travelling by train, alight at the city's Victorian station from which the attractions are all within walking distance or take advantage of one of York's six hassle-free Park & Ride services. Once you're in the city centre, most of the historic streets are pedestrian zones, giving you one less thing to worry about.

York's Chocolate Story



York's Chocolate Story treats visitors to the inside story of the famous chocolates and sweets that started their lives in York. Chocolates with a starring role in this delicious attraction include the famous Kit Kat and Christmas stocking favourite, Terry's Chocolate Orange. There's also a behind-the-scenes look into the lives of the amazing men and women who concocted these chocolate creations from the 19th to the 21st century. The immersive experience will tell the story of York's

confectionery trading and manufacturing past, bringing the story up to date and making sure that visitors get lots of opportunities to interact with chocolate.

JORVIK Viking Centre

Wander through the reconstruction of Jorvik AD 975, when it was the trading hub of the Viking world. An intense, visitor-focused experience, which has encouraged many children to develop a real and enduring interest in history and archaeology. And they'll love all the little details of daily Viking life – particularly those cesspits.



DIG!

The Archaeological Resource Centre at St Saviour's Church in York reopened as DIG! in March 2006. DIG provides a unique and exciting archaeological experience with a simulated archaeological investigation including an excavation, site hut, science laboratory and research library. Visitors can excavate parts of a Roman fortress, Viking City, Medieval burial site and Victorian workers' cottages.

National Railway Museum



A haven for railway-loving children. Lots of trains to investigate inside and out, a huge play area, frequent new exhibitions and old favourites such as 'Palaces on Wheels', offering a close-up view of Queen Victoria's Royal train. Unmissable exhibits include a Eurostar train and a full-size replica of Stephenson's Rocket. The NRM is a chance to learn about physics, engineering, social history and geography, amongst other things, while having a great day out at the same time.

York Maze (Open June – September only)

York Maze invites visitors to 'Get Lost' in one of the largest maize mazes in the world! Follow the clues around the giant maze, climb the viewing towers and find the talking sculptures. Plus giant children's sand and water play area, adventure climb, jumping pillow, the UK's largest inflatable slide, pig racing, maze of illusions, café, barbecue and gift shop.



The York Dungeon

Not for tinies, but older children will no doubt be in their element as they bump –literally - into some of York's shadier characters. Plague, pestilence, torture...there's no escaping the gruesome side of life once you cross the Dungeon's threshold. Amazingly it all manages to be thoroughly enjoyable as well as totally shocking!

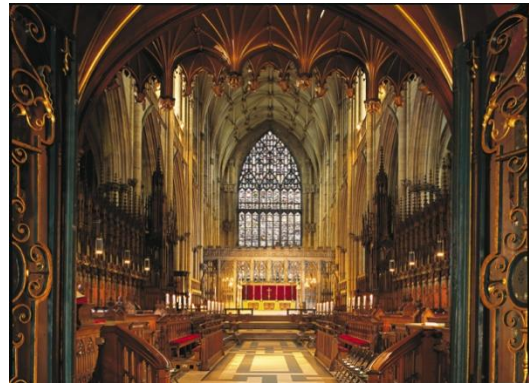
York Castle Museum



York Castle Museum is famous for its collections of costumes, military and social history, with over 100,000 items to show. The collection of this museum was the brainchild of John Kirk, a country doctor and antiquarian, who between 1890 and 1920 rescued a variety of everyday items he realised were part of a vanishing way of life. In 1935, his collection was donated to the city of York. Everything you see is real; no item is replicated or fabricated. Many exhibits are displayed in a reconstructed Victorian 'street'. You can wander in and out of workshops, where saddlers, weavers and candle-makers plied their trade. The museum also contains a series of period rooms that reveal domestic interiors from various times, Jacobean, Georgian and Victorian. One of the Museum's newest exhibitions unlocked the infamous cells of the former prison building, unleashing the powerful, moving and sometimes gruesome tales of those that were once imprisoned there.

York Minster

The largest and most spectacular gothic cathedral in Europe. The natural starting point for any school visit to York, and unmissable on any family's itinerary. Young people can experience the unique atmosphere of a great religious and historic building, learn about the many famous people associated with the Minster over the centuries, and discover the secrets held in some of its nooks and crannies. The Undercroft with its Roman remains, and the magnificent view from the Tower, are popular added extras. Borrow one of the Explorer Backpacks and find fun and imaginative ways to discover York Minster and its treasures.



Yorkshire Museum

The fascinating early history of York – the Capital of the North of England - is told through groundbreaking research and internationally important collections at the Yorkshire Museum. The might of the Romans, the power of the Vikings and the wealth and romance of the medieval period have been revealed in this remarkable building. Visitors can immerse themselves amongst stunning jewels, exquisite statues and deadly weapons as they learn in different ways about York's incredible past. Check the website for current exhibitions.



Yorkshire Air Museum

Unique award winning museum, based on authentic WWI Bomber Command Station. Tremendous atmosphere with fascinating exhibitions including restored Control Tower, Memorial Gardens and Rooms, Air Gunners' display, Airborne Forces Museum and much more. You can even have lunch in the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute.

Yorkshire Museum of Farming

The Yorkshire Museum of Farming is located in the 14 acre rural setting of Murton Park just outside York. The collection of historic farming equipment is displayed in two main buildings, and across the site. The Four Seasons Gallery tells the story of the farming year from winter ploughing to autumn harvest, and the Livestock Gallery explores the rearing of animals and the produce they give us. Both have fun interactive features for children. The museum also has a large library and archive available for researchers and visitors by appointment.

Eden Camp Modern History Theme Museum

Housed in an original Prisoner of War Camp, a visit to Eden Camp will transport the visitor back in time to wartime Britain. Experience the sights and sounds and even the smells of both the Home Front and Front Line in a series of expertly recreated scenes and tableaux. The Blitz, the Street at War (with rationing and fashions), the Home Guard, Evacuation, the Battle of Britain and VE & VJ Day are all covered in the first half of the museum, whilst world conflicts and battles are covered in the second. The Museum also houses a large display of military vehicles and equipment including tanks, artillery pieces, aircraft, mini submarines, air raid shelters and a Prefab.



The World of James Herriot

The World of James Herriot is a unique tribute to vet and author Alf Wight. Based in his original surgery at 23 Kirkgate in Thirsk, North Yorkshire – the ‘Skeldale House’ of the Herriot books – it takes visitors on a journey back to the 1940s and 1950s. It is the only centre of its kind in the UK dedicated to veterinary science. For a fun and educational visit in an undercover attraction see the 1950s rooms where the real James Herriot lived and worked.



City Cruises York

York owes its existence to the rivers Ouse and Foss. Now these rivers are no longer for defence and trade has dwindled away, but much pleasure can still be had sight-seeing. York City Cruises organises guided river trips that last approximately one hour and sail regularly throughout the day, from city centre landings at King’s Staith and Lendal Bridge. Every boat has open sun-decks and

comfortable lounges with panoramic windows to ensure a good view of the riverside landmarks in the city and countryside.

Harewood House

Harewood is renowned for its magnificent Capability Brown landscaped gardens, which include the Serpentine lake, walled garden, woodland and a fascinating bird garden, a sanctuary for rare and protected species of birds.

Castle Howard



Castle Howard is a spectacular eighteenth-century palace, which has been home to the Howard family for 300 years. The construction of this magnificent palace took more than 100 years and spanned the lifetime of three Earls and numerous architects and craftsmen. As the house was built and decorated, the grounds were filled with lakes, temples, monuments and a grand mausoleum. Indoors, furniture, paintings, sculptures and a host of other treasures were

assembled by successive generations after their tours of the Continent.

Gr8escapes York

Why not to take your family to Gr8Escapes York? One hour is all you have to solve the various codes and puzzles to escape from York's first live escape room. This new real life experience is taking the world by storm already. Groups get locked into a room and will have one hour to escape. The only way to get out is to solve a series of puzzles and codes hidden throughout the room. This attraction requires a good level of common sense, logic and a keen eye to complete the tasks in time. Teams can range from two to five players.

Can You Escape? – New!

A live and interactive escape game in the heart of York. After their briefing, teams will be locked in a room with 60 minutes to solve a series of cryptic clues, puzzles and physical challenges in order to escape. Can You Escape?

ENERGI Trampoline Park

ENERGI York is York's first, premier trampoline park and is a unique sports & recreation facility for all age groups. The park consists of interconnected, high quality trampolines with specialist areas such as Dodgeball, Foam Pits, Air Bags, Cardio & Height Challenges and an Olympic Grade Trampoline. They offer a number of unique sessions and cater for parties, schools and corporate events. They also offer a café on a mezzanine level which provides locally sourced produce as well as an excellent viewing area.

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