



TREASURE TROVE X



6 Days / 5 Nights
Rail Itinerary



LOSE YOURSELF

Starting from Edinburgh, this 6 days, 5 nights itinerary is perfect for the rail traveller who loves to explore! Winding your way down South, you will visit York, Lincoln & Cambridge, before arriving in London.

SURPRISE YOURSELF

Learn more about Britain's fascinating history, by uncovering more about it's Viking past & University history. Find the Magna Carta in Lincoln Cathedral and keep an eye out for the Lincoln Imp! Punt along the river in Cambridge, and on your final day explore the delights of London.



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Iconic Experiences (not to be missed)

You're coming to England (finally!) and you need to make sure you tick those all-important things off your list.

We'll show you the highlights of England's Historic cities - with an ASA twist - and ensure you are always in the best place, at the right time, for that Instagram-perfect moment

- # Visit the fascinating city of **Durham**, home to **Durham Cathedral**
- # Enjoy a tour of York - including a visit to **York's Chocolate Story**
- # Experience the history at **Lincoln Cathedral** and see the **Magna Carta** at **Lincoln Castle**



TOP TIP:

Visit Open Treasures, the UK's most intact Medieval monastic buildings at Durham Cathedral.

HIGHLIGHTS**DURHAM**

The city of Durham, complete with its world-famous Cathedral, quaint winding cobbled streets and relaxing riverside walks, lies to the north east of England. Durham is England's third oldest university and is reminiscent of Oxford, with its elegant college buildings and hordes of students adding a vibrant and youthful feel to the city

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Explore Durham Cathedral, one of the grandest cathedrals in Britain. Marvel at it's Sanctuary Knocker and Open Treasures Exhibition.

**EDINBURGH - DURHAM**

1 HR 45 MINS

Your day begins with an early morning departure from Edinburgh where you will travel by train to **Durham**, a UNESCO world heritage site. After check-in, enjoy a relaxing riverside walk in **Durham City**, stopping off for lunch along the way.

In the afternoon visit **Durham Cathedral**. Don't miss the chance to spend visit the adjacent **Durham Castle**, constructed in 1072 and home of the **University College**.



Durham Cathedral - See if you can recognise the cloisters used in the Harry Potter movies!



Sanctuary Knocker - In the medieval period Durham Cathedral offered the right of sanctuary - or protection - to criminals fleeing from the law. Anyone who grasped hold of the sanctuary knocker on the cathedral's north door was safe



Overnight Durham:
Radisson Blu Durham

TOP TIP:

Sample over 40 different types of beers & ciders at **BREW YORK**, a craft brewery within the city walls – grab a tour while you're in town if you can!

HIGHLIGHTS**YORK MINSTER**

Marvel at the largest expanse of medieval stained glass in the UK and one of Europe's artistic masterpieces.

TREASURER'S HOUSE

The Treasurer's House was built in 1419 as a home for the treasurer of the Minster. It served in this capacity until 1547, before passing through a number of private owners. It houses a fine collection of medieval furnishings, as well as later 17th and 18th century furniture. An audio-visual display recounts the history of the place

**DURHAM - YORK**

50 MINS

Continue your journey to the ancient city of **York** with 2000 years of history, from the Romans to the Vikings. Explore York's streets and discover hidden gems, wandering in and out of contemporary independent shops.

An absolute must when in York is a visit to the **York Minster**, the city's most iconic landmark and Europe's largest Gothic Cathedral. A few metres from the Cathedral, you will find the **Treasurer's House**.

After lunch, escape the city rush and enjoy York from a different perspective with a relaxing sightseeing **River Cruise**



Clifford's Tower – a royal castle built for Henry III in the middle of the thirteenth century, it offers superb views over York. It was one of two motte-and-bailey castles in the city



Overnight York:
DoubleTree by Hilton



TOP TIP:

For Chocolate aficionados, do not miss a visit to York's Chocolate Story – keep plenty of room for the tasting at the end of the tour!!

HIGHLIGHTS**JORVIK VIKING CENTRE**

Explore the most famous and shocking discoveries of modern archaeology. These incredible discoveries enabled the centre to be built on the very site where the excavations had taken place, creating a groundbreaking visitor experience where you take a journey through the reconstruction of Viking-Age streets and experience life as it would have been in 10th century York

YORK'S CHOCOLATE STORY

York is known as the UK's home of chocolate, from the Chocolate orange to the globally famous KitKat. Discover how to make and taste chocolate like an expert.

**YORK**

In the morning, step back in time exploring **Jorvik Viking Centre**, where you will discover what it was like to live in York under the Vikings.

Have lunch in at one of York's numerous pubs, we suggest the **Guy Fawkes Inn pub** (birthplace of the infamous plotter Guido Fawkes who attempted to burn down the Houses of Parliament)

Continue your day exploring the pedestrian streets, strolling along the **Shambles**, Europe's most intact medieval shopping street also known as Diagon Alley in Harry Potter.

Rainy day? Have a tea in a Vintage train carriage at the **Railway Museum**.



Stroll along **the Shambles**, Europe's most intact medieval shopping street and an inspiration for Diagon Alley in the Harry Potter series.



Overnight York:
DoubleTree by Hilton

TOP TIP:

Don't miss your chance to visit the Jew's House in Steep Hill Street dating back to the 12th century - an amazing little building, which is full of history

HIGHLIGHTS**MEDIEVAL BISHOP'S PALACE**

Standing almost in the shadow of Lincoln Cathedral, with sweeping views over the ancient city and the countryside beyond, the Medieval Bishop's Palace was once among the most important buildings in the country

MAGNA CARTA

Lincoln's Magna Carta is the primary surviving copy of the original document of 1215, delivered to the cathedral's muniments room that year. Having been taken to Fort Knox, Kentucky for security during the second world war, Lincoln's Magna Carta is now on permanent display in Lincoln Castle

**YORK - LINCOLN**

1 HR 20 MINS

Leave York and continue your journey to **Lincoln**, an historical city with a vibrant atmosphere. Discover the **Cathedral Quarter** and continue your day visiting **Lincoln Castle**.

Along the way, explore towers and dungeons and discover a violent past of battles, sieges and public hangings. Here you'll find the **Magna Carta**, the international icon of liberty and freedom.

After lunch spend your afternoon doing some shopping at Bailgate & Steep Hill - one of the most historic parts of Lincoln's Cathedral Quarter, where independent boutiques, shops and restaurants line cobbled streets.



Look for the **Lincoln Imp** at **Lincoln Cathedral** - a little charmer who became the symbol of the whole county



Overnight Lincoln:
The Lincoln Hotel



TOP TIP:

If you want to visit University of Cambridge Colleges book a Blue Badge guide so you have exclusive access to tours inside the University.

HIGHLIGHTS**PUNTING IN CAMBRIDGE**

Punts are square-ended boats with flat bottoms, no keel and are usually propelled with a long pole. They are well-suited to the flat, shallow waters of the Fens around Cambridge and were already integral workboats at this time for regional trades such as eel fishing, reed-cutting and fowling

FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM

With over half a million incredible artworks in its collection, the Fitzwilliam Museum is one of the most impressive regional museums in Europe, presenting world history and art from as far back as 2500 BC to the present day.

**LINCOLN - CAMBRIDGE**

2 HRS 50 MINS

Take an early train and continue your journey to the city of **Cambridge**, famed for its contribution to science, culture and brilliant minds who have changed the world. Spend your morning visiting the **Fitzwilliam Museum**, presenting world history and art from as far back as 2500 BC to the present day.

In the afternoon, enjoy a typical Cambridge experience: a **punt tour** through the "Backs" – King's College Chapel, The Wren Library at Trinity College and the Bridge of Sighs, are just some of the famous Cambridge landmarks you can expect to see.



Wren Library (designed by Christopher Wren and completed by 1690) holds **Newton's Principia Mathematica**, along with a lock of his hair. Also on display is the modern manuscript of **Winnie the Pooh**



Overnight Cambridge:
The University Arms

TOP TIP:

Enjoy and have a pint at the Dickens Inn Pub, historical pub located in a very distinctive area, at the heart of St Katherine's Docks, near Tower Bridge

HIGHLIGHTS

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Step into St Paul's and enjoy the cathedral's awe-inspiring interior. Take advantage of a touch-screen multimedia guide or join a guided tour to explore this iconic building, both now included with the sightseeing admission charge.

Venture down to the crypt and discover the tombs and memorials of some of the nation's greatest heroes such as Admiral Lord Nelson and the Duke of Wellington. Also visit Oculus, an award winning 270° immersive film experience.

Visitors can try out the acoustic quirks of the Whispering Gallery and continue their climb to the Golden Gallery to enjoy breathtaking panoramic views across London.



CAMBRIDGE - LONDON



55 MINS

Finish your journey in the city of **London** exploring the story of the capital city. Collect your hop on hop off ticket and explore a variety of places of interest and great spots to take pictures such as **Tower Bridge**, **the Houses of Westminster** and the **Tower of London** to name but a view.

This afternoon, visit **St Paul's Cathedral** and discover its fascinating history. You should also pop over to the **Museum of London** where you can discover hundred years of history of this turbulent city and how it has changed dramatically during the years



Leake Street Graffiti Tunnel - check out some ultra cool street art in this tunnel near Waterloo, also referred to as 'The Banksy Tunnel'



Optional overnight London
OR departure flight back home