

Durham & The Gems of the Northeast

10 – 14 June

Best-selling author Bill Bryson wrote of Durham, "It's a perfect city. If you have never been to Durham, go there at once", so we're taking you! A guided walking tour will give you a feel for the place. We explore the Durham Dales, with some of the highest and finest scenery in England and see the Silver Swan automaton in The Bowes Museum. No visit to the North East would be complete without visiting Beamish: The Living Museum of the North, and finish with a visit to a house "frozen in time"...



£520.00 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £100.00

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What's Included

- ✓ 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone, WiFi & hospitality tray.
- ✓ Entry to Nostell Priory
- ✓ Guided walking tour of Durham
- ✓ Time to explore Durham
- ✓ Entry to Beamish Open Air Museum
- ✓ Scenic drive through Durham Dales
- ✓ Entry to Bowes Museum
- ✓ Entry to Brodsworth Hall

REDWORTH HALL HOTEL

Newton Aycliffe

The Redworth Hall Hotel is a Jacobean manor house standing in 150 acres of parkland. It has a gym, swimming pool, spa treatments and original 17th-century features, including the magnificent Great Hall, an ornate staircase, lounges and attractive bedrooms.

Sunday 10 June

Departing Oxted we make our way to Nostell Priory, where we shall have time to explore and find lunch. Built on the site of a medieval priory, Nostell Priory is a Palladian mansion set in a large park just south of



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Wakefield and has been the home of the Winn family for 300 years. Inside the house, see a collection of Chippendale furniture made especially for Nostell, paintings by Brueghel, Hogarth and Kauffmann, a John Harrison (Longitude) longcase clock and an 18th-century dolls' house. The recently created Kitchen Garden consists of an orchard planted with historic Yorkshire apple trees, vegetable patches, a herbaceous border and bright flowers planted to attract pollinating insects. Mid afternoon we continue on to our hotel.

Monday 11 June

This morning we make the short journey to Durham, small enough to explore on foot, but so special that both its castle and cathedral have been designated World heritage sites and with one of the most stunning city panoramas in Europe. We start our visit with a walking tour of the city with a local guide, with the remainder of the day free for further exploration.

Tuesday 12 June

After breakfast we visit Beamish, the Living Museum of the North. The world famous open air museum tells the story of the north east of England in the Georgian,

Victorian and Edwardian periods. Enjoy rides on the restored trams and replica buses and see attractions including a working farm, an authentic town street, the colliery village and traditional coal fired Fish and Chip Shop.

Wednesday 13 June

Enjoy breath-taking views as we take a scenic journey through the Durham Dales, a peaceful and tranquil landscape of moors and hills, valleys and meandering rivers, dotted with picturesque villages and market towns. Early afternoon we head to the Bowes Museum at Barnard Castle. Here, at 2.00pm we shall be able to see the Silver Swan in action. This musical automaton dating from 1773 is much loved and over the last century has become the icon of The Bowes Museum. We then have time to tour the museum & get refreshments before returning to our hotel.

Thursday 14 June Departing after breakfast, we make our way to Brodsworth Hall and Gardens where we can catch a glimpse of Victorian life at this 'conserved as found' country house. Brodsworth Hall was built and the pleasure gardens laid out, in the 1860s, as an up-to-date new home for the Thellusson family and their servants. It survived with remarkably few changes until taken on by English Heritage in 1990. The gardens have been restored, and the faded and worn interiors gently conserved, telling the story of the changing fortunes of the people who lived and worked here. Early afternoon we continue our homeward journey, arriving early evening.



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