

Sketching Yorkshire: A Journey with Pat Southern-Pearce

Pat Southern Pearce will be staying with us at the Hotel in Ripon and travelling, teaching and sketching with us everyday, as we journey along through the wonderful Yorkshire villages.

Thu, Jul-10 DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight

entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Fri, Jul-11 MANCHESTER ARRIVAL

After landing at Manchester Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your tour director will welcome you to England and escort you and your luggage to the coach.

Next, journey north through Yorkshire and into Ripon, where you will check into your hotel for your stay.

Enjoy some free time before setting off on a guided walking tour to see the highlights of the quaint city. Ripon is considered one of the oldest cities in England and has a history that dates back over 1,300 years. Originally founded as a monastery in the 7th century, Ripon was later developed into a market town and cathedral city. The centerpiece of the city is its stunning cathedral, known for its striking Gothic architecture and intricate stone carvings. The cathedral also features a crypt that dates to the original 7th century church.

Return to your nearby hotel in time to meet your group in the hotel restaurant for a wonderful **welcome dinner**.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: THE RIPON INN, RIPON

Sat, Jul-12 BRONTE PARSONAGE MUSEUM

Breakfast

This morning, journey into the village of Haworth to visit The Bronte Parsonage Museum, which was once the family home to the famous Brontë siblings, Charlotte, Emily, Anne and their brother Branwell. The Brontë siblings are among the most celebrated writers in English literature. The museum houses an extensive collection of Brontë artifacts including manuscripts, letters, clothing, furniture, and even small hand-stitched books created by the sisters during childhood. Visitors can explore the dining room, where much of their writing took place, Branwell's study and the bedrooms, all carefully restored to reflect how they might have looked during the Brontës' time. Next, travel to the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, which runs through the picturesque Worth Valley and connects the town of Keighley to the historic village of Oxenhope. The railway operates beautifully restored steam and diesel locomotives, offering a nostalgic journey through time. Carriages and engines are lovingly maintained to preserve their historic authenticity. Here, set off on a stunning train ride which offers breathtaking views of the Yorkshire countryside with rolling hills, stone cottages, and lush valleys. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time to explore around Oxenhope before returning to your hotel in Ripon.

Spend the remainder of the day free for individual pursuits and dining. Lunch and dinner on your own.

OVERNIGHT: THE RIPON INN, RIPON

Breakfast

Sun, Jul-13 HARDCASTLE CRAGS

Today, drive into Hebden Bridge and stop to enjoy some free time to sightsee around the picturesque market town, nestled in the scenic Calder Valley. Hebden Bridge is known for its artistic community, independent spirit and stunning natural surroundings.

Often called the "Notting Hill of the North," Hebden Bridge is home to a thriving arts scene. Artists, musicians, and writers are drawn to its inspiring

surroundings. Next, visit Hardcastle Crag, a spectacular wooded valley with a 19th century Gibson Mill at its heart. Here, you might find inspiration in the surrounding beauty for sketching. Then, continue your journey to the Shipley Glen Tramway (**paid locally, cost approx. £3 per person**) and set off on this unique funicular railway through delightful scenery. Return to your hotel in Ripon for an evening at leisure.

Lunch on your own.

Tonight, sample the fine local cuisine by dining at a nearby venue on your own.

OVERNIGHT: THE RIPON INN, RIPON

Breakfast

Mon, Jul-14 YORK SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast, travel into York to visit one of the city's most popular tourist destinations, The Shambles, a narrow-cobbled street lined with beautifully preserved Elizabethan buildings. For centuries, the street held many butcher shops and was the main place where locals went to buy their meat. Today, you'll find a mix of shops and places to grab a bite to eat. Next, visit the imposing York Minster, which was built between the 12th and the 15th century and is the largest Gothic church in England. A visit to the Central Tower offers excellent views over the city. Following, visit York's city walls, which were built in the 13th century to defend the city. York has more miles of intact wall than any other city in England. **Lunch not included.**

After, enjoy some free time to sightsee around the magnificent city independently, where you might find some inspiration for **sketching**.

Head back to your hotel in Ripon for a free evening. **Dinner on your own.**

OVERNIGHT: THE RIPON INN, RIPON

Breakfast

Tue, Jul-15 CLIFFE CASTLE

This morning, journey into Keighley to visit Cliffe Castle, originally constructed in the mid-19th century as Cliffe Hall, but was later expanded by local textile magnate Henry Isaac Butterfield. In 1959, the property was opened to the public as a museum showcasing local art and natural history. Following, head to a local scenic spot where you might find inspiration for sketching. Return to your hotel in Ripon and enjoy the balance of the day at leisure for independent sightseeing, shopping, dining and more.

Lunch and dinner not included in the tour cost.

OVERNIGHT: THE RIPON INN, RIPON

Breakfast

Wed, Jul-16 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

All too soon, your vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Manchester Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying back to the United States.