

Don't miss it check list for York Explorers

Put a tick in the box, at the side of each place you want to visit.

- York Minster** is the largest gothic building in England built between 1220 and 1472. Admission is charged
- Walk along the **city walls**, they were built between the 1240s and the 1340s and are two and three quarter miles long, the walk from Bootham Bar, near the art gallery, to Monk bar takes you past York minister and is the best part of the wall walk. You can walk upon the city walls for free.
- York Castle Museum**, a museum of everyday life, contains an Edwardian street and Victorian street as well as several period rooms dating from 1640s to the 1980s and many other items used in everyday life, the time period covered is 1640 to present day. Admission is charged.
- Jorvik Viking Centre**, you sit inside and electric buggy or train and travel around the reconstruction of how this part of York could have looked 1,100 years ago in Viking times. Admission charged.
- National Railway Museum**, lots of trains and memorabilia to see, this is the largest railway museum in the world. Free admission.
- The Yorkshire Museum** covers history from prehistoric times to King Henry VIII (about 1540s). Admission charged.
See the ruins of **St. Mary's abbey** in Museum Gardens.
- Barley Hall** is a fifteenth century townhouse in the heart of the city, you listen to an audio presentation as you walk around this small house; there is not much furniture to see. Admission charged.
- Buss tours**, open top buss tours of York. Admission charged.
- City Art Gallery**, when I visited there were paintings from 1352 to modern times on display and some pottery. Free admission.
- Clifford's Tower** was built in the thirteenth century, the tower looks like a castle but it's actually the castle keep or stronghold from York's medieval castle, most of the castle is gone but the tower is still here. Admission charged.
- Dick Turin's grave** is in St. George's churchyard off George Street near Fishergate Bar. Dick Turpin was England's most famous (or infamous) highwayman. Visit the grave for free.
- Fairfax House**, Castlegate, was built in 1762 by John Carr and houses the Noel Terry collection of Georgian furniture. Admission charged.
- Holy Trinity Church**, Goodramgate, is a small medieval church with box pews. Free admission limited opening times.

- Lady Row**, York's oldest row of houses, built in 1316, now used as shops. Free to look at.
- Kings Manor** is next to York art gallery, originally the Abbott's house for St. Mary's Abbey then used as HQ for the council of the north. King Henry VIII built the wine cellars here. One of Henry's six wives, Catherine Howard, is said to have had an affair with Thomas Culpepper in the rose garden, and they were both executed. King James I and King Charles I also stayed here, it is now used by the university. Look at the outside of the building and the courtyard for free.
- Merchant Adventurers Hall**, find it between Piccadilly and Fossgate. Built between 1357 and 1368, the timber framed building was built using oak trees cut from a forest on the edge of York, an excellent early guildhall. Admission is charged.
- Multangular Tower** is in the (Yorkshire) museum gardens, this tower still stands from York's Roman Fortress. you can look at the Multangular tower for free
- The **Regimental Museum**, Tower Street, uniforms guns and medals from the last 300 years. Admission charged.
- Riverboat trips** starting at king's Staith, sail up and down the river on a larger riverboat, you see less than you do on the bus tours. Admission charged.
- St. Williams College** is opposite York Minister's East End, this timber framed chocolate box building dates from 1465 and was built to house the Minister's chantry priests. Now used for book sales etc. Go through the main door and look around the courtyard for free.
- Shambles** is York's famous medieval street. The buildings in the street were originally butchers shops and houses. Now the street is filled with gift shops, one of the buildings is a shrine to St. Margaret Clitherow, catholic martyr, (1556 to 1586) who lived in the street. Shop in the shambles for free.
- Walking tours**, free tours starts in Exhibition Square outside the art gallery, York has many other walking tours, including Viking, Roman and ghost walks. For more information visit the tourist information centre. Both admission charged and free tours available
- York Dungeon** have on occasion asked their customers to sign a piece of paper "selling their soul to the devil" I found this offensive and didn't want to include the dungeon in this list but it is an attraction in York. Admission charged.
- York Model Railway**, next to York railway station, model trains on 'OO' gauge track. Admission charged.

York has more than this to offer, why not treat yourself to a tourist map and guide book when you arrive?

Ps. Have a nice day ;-)