

# Shape your break

We are delighted to welcome you to Crathorne Hall, where we invite you to reconnect, unwind, and make our house your home.

All year round you will be spoilt for choice for things to do within the hotel, not to mention the abundance to see and do on our doorstep. Below are just a few of the things you can discover during your stay.

This is your time - how will you spend it?

Click on the tiles for inspiration to shape your break.





# Beaches

Did you know that Yorkshire has 45 miles of pristine coastline to discover?

# Runswick Bay 42 minutes - 34 miles away

One of the Yorkshire Coast's prettiest destinations, with a sweeping, sheltered bay. The sandy beach is a family favourite for rock pooling, fossil hunting and coastal walks.

The Times and Sunday Times Travel recently named it Britain's best beach in their top 50 round-up. Watch the video to get a feel for why this unassuming yet beautiful bay deserves this title.

# Robin Hood's Bay 59 minutes - 42 miles away

This bay is a picturesque old fishing village on the Heritage Coast of the North York Moors. It is a fantastic place for adults and children alike, with a beautiful family (and dog!) friendly sandy beach, as well as rock pools and ancient fossils to discover.

You will find cafés, pubs, restaurants, and small shops, as well as many coastal and country walks, cycle-paths and bridleways right on the doorstep.

# Sandsend 44 minutes - 33 miles away

The picturesque village of Sandsend lies on Yorkshire's heritage coastline. The clean, sandy beach makes an excellent destination for a family day out. At low tide a large area of beach is exposed and there are plenty of rock pools to explore. Tide times can be found on the side of the shop next door to the Sandsend Café. There are fine views down the coast towards the romantic ruins of Whitby Abbey, and it is possible to walk all the way along the beach to Whitby in approximately 90 minutes.

# <u>Saltburn</u> 25 minutes - 19 miles away

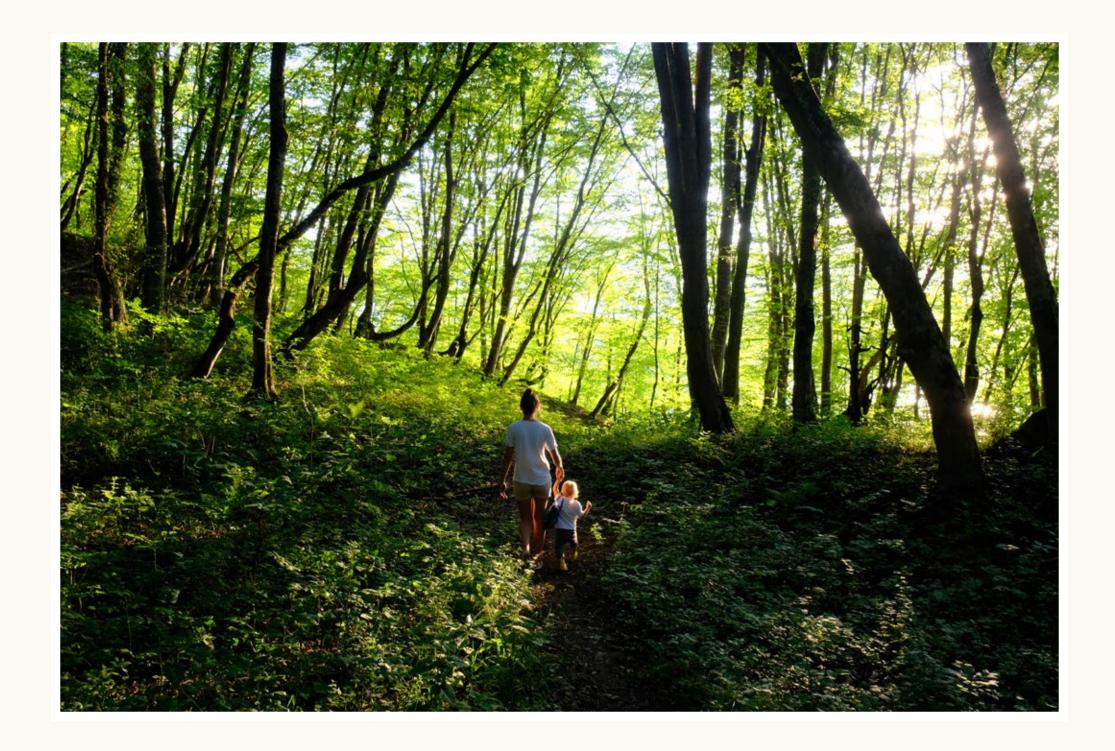
Saltburn maintains much of its Victorian charm, with classic architecture, a fully functioning cliff lift and an ironstone mining museum.

# Whitby 53 minutes - 37 miles away

Whitby is a seaside town in Yorkshire, split by the River Esk. On the East Cliff you can find the ruined gothic Whitby Abbey - Bram Stoker's inspiration for "Dracula"

The Captain Cook Memorial Museum, in the house where Cook once lived, displays lots of interesting paintings and maps. West of town is West Cliff Beach, perfect for all the family.





Walks

Nicknamed 'God's Own County', Yorkshire is a ramblers' paradise, with wild beauty and sweeping expanses to explore.

#### **Cleveland Way**

The 109 mile Cleveland Way is one of England's original National Trails. The official guidebook recommends a nine day trip, but you might want to take a little longer to see more of the interesting places along the way. If you're not looking for a long distance walk, there are a superb selection of shorter <u>circular</u> and <u>linear walks</u>.

# Roseberry Topping 24 minutes - 14 miles away

The Cleveland Hills also embrace the distinctive cone-shaped peak of Roseberry Topping, Yorkshire's most famous hill, which may be small in stature, but it has been dubbed the 'Yorkshire Matterhorn'.

#### Captain Cooks' Monument 27 minutes - 16 miles away

This walk is roughly 7.5 miles long and takes approximately 4-5 hours, beginning at Great Ayton village green. You will pass through woods and farmland before climbing the hill to Captain Cooks' Monument.

# Aysgarth Falls 62 minutes - 35 miles away

Aysgarth Falls is a series of three waterfalls (Upper, Mid, Lower) on the River Ure in Wensleydale. The walk along the river is set in pretty woodland and there are access points to the Falls themselves.

The Upper Falls lie just upstream of the road bridge (the Mid and Lower Falls are below) and there is a grassy bank to watch the water flow. At the Mid and Lower Falls the land has been sympathetically landscaped by the Falls. As a result there is a wide path leading through the attractive woods (suitable for wheelchair/pushchair users).

# For more details of Cleveland Way walks please click here.

# Guisborough Woods 23 minutes - 14 miles away

Guisborough Forest and Walkway provides the ideal starting point for a visit to Guisborough Forest and is the gateway to the North York Moors National Park. For the active visitor, cycle trails, walking routes, bridleways, a trim trail and orienteering trails start at the site before extending into the forest. Young visitors can enjoy the play area or pond dipping before unwrapping a packed lunch at one of the many picnic areas. The Sculpture Trail is great for less active visitors following a route of chainsaw carvings into the forest.





# Cycling

This county is blessed with brilliant cycling regions. Bike hire is available, so please contact a member of our team in advance of your stay.

# Road cycling

<u>Ingleby Greenhow</u> – Great Ayton Loop from Yarm This is an expert bike ride where good fitness is required. Some portions of the route may require you to push your bike.

Preston Hall Museum - The Rusty Bike Café at Swainby Loop from Tees Small Gauge Railway This is an intermediate bike ride with mostly paved surfaces where good fitness is required. It is suitable for all skill levels.

#### Climbs

Carlton Bank – Distance 1.1 miles, Elevation gain 624ft, Average gradient 10%

The first section drags up through the trees to the cattle grid, but it is at the steep left-hand bend where Carlton Bank starts to bite. A wall appears to the left which protects you from the drop below, and here the climb gets tough, however there is an excellent view at the top, and a sweeping descent follows.

**Limber Hill** – Distance 0.2 miles, Elevation gain 176ft, Average gradient 16%

Short and sharp is how Limber Hill is best described. It appears from nowhere and is very steep. You may just have refuelled at the feed station in Glaisdale Horror, but be sure not to overeat as Limber Hill is just around the bend.

**Glaisdale Horror** – Distance 0.8 miles, Elevation gain 608ft, Average gradient 14%

This is the toughest climb on the Struggle Moors. It is a 25% gradient at its hardest, with no hairpins. The road is not only narrow so you cannot zig-zag across, it also has a dusting of gravel across its surface and grass shooting through the cracks in the middle of the road, so you will need every bit of body power and momentum you can muster. Once at the top however, the view is breathtaking.

# Mountain biking

<u>Cleveland Hills, North York Moors</u> – Start/finish: Clay Bank car park (grid ref NZ572/035)

The North York Moors National Park has the largest expanse of moorland heather in the UK on its smooth, flat top. It also boasts deep valleys, caused by glaciations in the ice ages. With over 800km of bridleways, it has a huge amount of excellent and varied riding for mountain bikers of all abilities.

#### **Guisborough Forest**

Guisborough Woods is on the northern edge of the North York Moors, above the historic market town of Guisborough. Guisborough is a centre for mountain biking locally and there are literately miles of singletrack trails within the woods, ideal for everyone from families to mountain bike enthusiasts. Bike Scene is the well-stocked local bike shop with friendly and helpful staff.

Recommended parking is at the visitor centre in Pinchinthorpe, from where all of the trails can be accessed.





# Family Trips

From the educational to the inspirational, you will find plenty of fun for all the family.

# The Forbidden Corner 59 minutes - 34 miles away

The Forbidden Corner is a unique labyrinth of tunnels, chambers, follies and surprises created within a four acre garden in the heart of Tupgill Park and the Yorkshire Dales. A tourist visitor attraction, ideal for the adventurers and those young at heart.

#### Beamish Museum 52 minutes - 42 miles away

Beamish Museum is an open-air museum located at Beamish, near the town of Stanley in County Durham. The museum's guiding principle is to preserve an example of everyday life in urban and rural North East England at the climax of industrialisation in the early 20th century.

#### Flamingo Land 62 minutes - 46 miles away

Flamingo Land is a theme park, zoo, and resort located in North Yorkshire. It was established in 1959 when a cinema entrepreneur, Edwin Pentland Hick, sold his cinema chain and used the funds to purchase a bankrupt country club to use the land for a zoo. A colony of flamingos were among the first animals to be housed on site

# <u>Diggerland</u> 51 minutes - 38 miles away

Diggerland is the ultimate adventure theme park experience where children and adults alike can ride, drive and operate real diggers, dumpers and other full-size construction machinery. Fun for all ages, Diggerland with its 18 rides and drives and array of additional activities, is the ideal theme park for those looking for something exciting and truly unique.

# Newby Hall & Gardens 32 minutes - 29 miles away

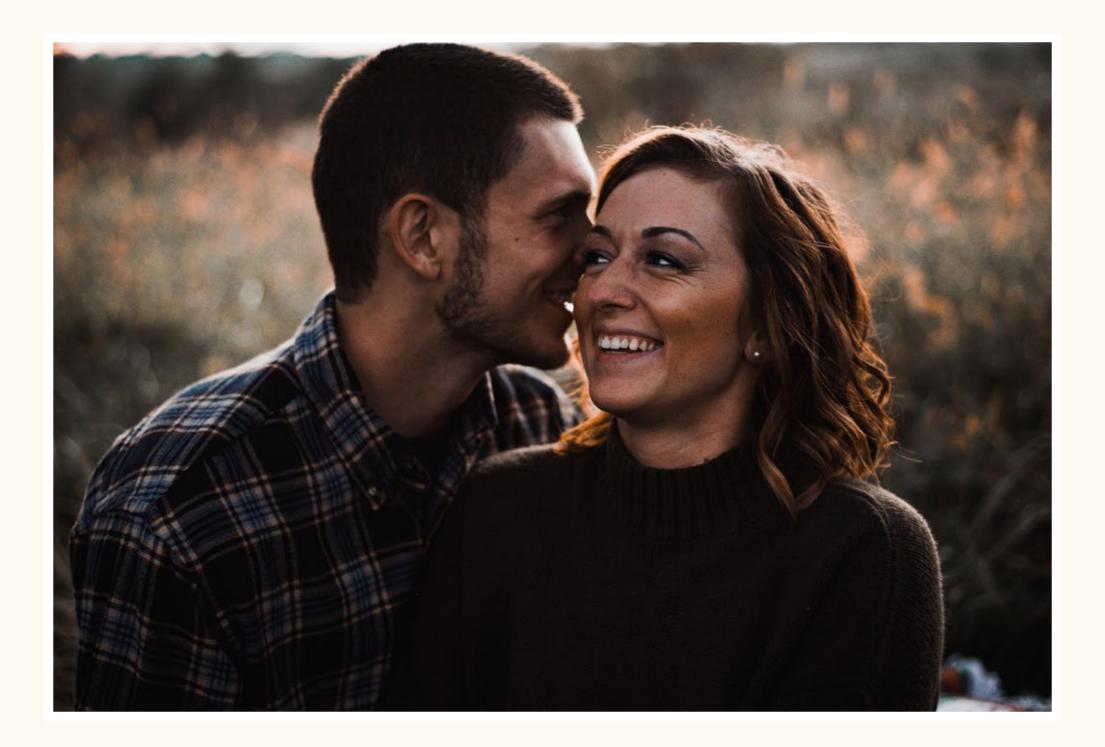
Newby Hall is a country house beside the River Ure in North Yorkshire. A perfect place to meet up with friends or have some quality family time; discover, relax and smile, all in the stunning setting of Newby Hall's award-winning gardens.

## National Railway Museum 51 minutes - 40 miles away

The National Railway Museum is a museum in York forming part of the Science Museum Group. This fascinating museum tells the story of rail transport in Britain and its impact on society.







# For Couples

With romantic scenery all around you, here are just a few places to enjoy with your special someone.

#### Mount Grace Priory 7 minutes - 7 miles away

Tucked away at the foot of the Cleveland Hills in North Yorkshire, Mount Grace Priory House and Gardens is the perfect place to get away from it all. Discover the best preserved Carthusian priory in England. Roam the ruins of this unusual medieval monastery and find out what makes the priory so unique in the reconstructed monk's cell. See the recently renovated gardens, and don't forget to keep a look out for the famous priory stoats as you go.

### Bowes Museum 48 minutes - 29 miles away

The North's Museum of Art, Fashion & Design, The Bowes Museum is a hidden treasure, a jewel in the heart of beautiful Teesdale. The magnificent building stands proud in the historic market town of Barnard Castle, housing internationally significant collections of fine and decorative arts. The Museum has a wonderful story to tell.

# Raby Castle 45 minutes - 27.1 miles away

Raby Castle is one of England's finest and most impressive medieval castles. Built in the 14th century by the powerful Nevill family, it has a long and intriguing history. Enjoy its 18th century walled gardens, 200-acre deer park, café and shop.

# Studley Royal Deer Park 44 minutes - 35 miles away

Studley Royal Deer Park is a much-loved part of the estate; home to over 500 wild Red, Fallow and Sika deer. The Deer Park also contains a large variety of ancient trees – many of which are over 300 years old. The lime tree avenue leads the eye down through the park to the original entrance to the estate and all the way to Ripon Cathedral.

# Black Sheep Brewery 44 minutes - 28 miles away

Located in Masham, Black Sheep is a brewery full of soul. When Paul Theakston made the decision to establish his own independent brewery in 1992, no one could have predicted the journey that was to unfold. As a brewing pioneer with true Yorkshire grit and determination, he forged Black Sheep Brewery, creating what has become one of the most well-known brewers in the UK. Visit for tours, food and drink.





Historical

Step back in time and uncover Yorkshire's rich heritage and cultural legacy.

# Hadrian's Wall 53 minutes - 44.6 miles away

Stretching 73 miles from coast to coast, Hadrian's Wall was built to guard the wild north-west frontier of the Roman Empire. Located at the eastern end - Wallsend, in North Tyneside - the Roman fort at Segedunum is the most completely excavated fort on Hadrian's Wall. From the 35 metre Viewing Tower you can see the outlines of barrack blocks and stables, the headquarters building and the commander's house, and take in spectacular views of the River Tyne and surrounding area.

#### Durham Cathedral 45 minutes - 31 miles away

Durham Cathedral is one of the great buildings of Europe. Set on a rocky promontory next to the Castle, with the medieval city huddled below and the river sweeping round, the profile of the World Heritage Site is instantly recognisable.

# Castle Howard 53 minutes - 39 miles away

Castle Howard is a magnificent historic house with ornate interiors and landscaped gardens. Visit for guided house tours, exhibitions, and walks around stunning woodland and lakes. Generations of the Howard family have welcomed visitors to one of the great palaces of Europe for over 300 years, and today they extend their warm welcome to you.

#### York Minster 56 minutes - 39 miles away

York Minster is one of the world's most magnificent cathedrals. Since the 7th century, the Minster has been at the centre of Christianity in the north of England and today remains a thriving church rooted in the daily offering of worship and prayer.

## The National Museum of The Royal Navy 30 minutes - 20.5 miles away

The National Museum of the Royal Navy in Hartlepool is the perfect place for a family adventure as you journey to an authentic 18th century seaport and the spectacular HMS Trincomalee, Europe's oldest floating warship. See the secrets of war unfold before you in a moving and stirring story of HMS Prosperity.





# Let the adventure begin...

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