

# Grand Houses & Gardens of Yorkshire & the Lake District Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (8 nights) Tour Joining & Tour End Arrangements

#### **TOUR START**

Our tour starts on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at the **The Grand Hotel**, Station Rise, York, North Yorkshire, YO1 6GD. Tel: +44 (0)1904 890712. **We will meet in the hotel reception at 1.00pm and depart by coach to RHS Harlow Carr at 1.15pm.** The hotel will store luggage and check-in will be available on our return.

# **TOUR JOINING**

**By Train**: There are various methods of joining the tour in York but travel by train is an effective means of reaching York as it lies on the main East Coast trainline between London Kings Cross and Edinburgh. York Train Station is just 0.2 miles from The Grand Hotel and a straightforward walk or short taxi ride. As well as regular trains between London (Kings Cross Station) and York, there is also a direct train service between <a href="Manchester International Airport">Manchester International Airport</a> and York. If you need to look up train times and ticket costs, <a href="https://www.thetrainline.com">www.thetrainline.com</a> is a useful resource.

If you are travelling from overseas you may wish to investigate a <u>Britrail pass</u> which enables flexible travel on the UK's trains for a specified period at a fixed and discounted price. Britrail passes can only be bought prior to travel to the UK so if you are interested, please investigate in plenty of time for delivery to your home address before travel.

**By Car:** There is no on-site car park at the Grand Hotel, but they can organise valet parking or there is an NCP car park just 1 minutes' walk away. Please see more details on the **hotel's website**.

**By Air:** If you would like to investigate transfers to a local airport to York there are direct flights from London to both Leeds Bradford Airport (40 mins by taxi from York) and Manchester Airport (direct train service, approx. 1.5 hours to York).

## **TOUR END**

The tour ends on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025. After our final garden visit and lunch, we will make a drop off at **approx. 3pm** at **Oxenholme Lake District train station** (for **Avanti West Coast** trains to London, Manchester and Edinburgh). We will then continue to York where we will drop off at York train station and The Grand Hotel at **approx. 5.30pm**.

If you are travelling on to London, Edinburgh or Manchester Airport at the end of the tour, you will probably find it more time-efficient to leave the tour in the **Lake District** rather than returning east to York. Direct trains to London and Edinburgh are available from **Oxenholme Lake District train station**. Manchester Airport is 1.5 hours by car from our final garden visit and we can assist with booking taxis if required.

Should you have any queries at all regarding tour joining or onward travel plans after the tour ends, please do email us at: tours@sislev.co.uk. We very much look forward to welcoming you.

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