

Grand Houses & Gardens of Yorkshire & the Lake District Sunday 23rd - Sunday 30th June 2024 (7 nights) Tour Joining & Tour End Arrangements

TOUR START

Our tour starts on Sunday 23rd June 2024 at the **The Grand Hotel**, Station Rise, York, North Yorkshire, YO1 6GD. Tel: +44 (0)1904 890712. **The tour will meet in the hotel at 1.15pm prior to our walking tour of York.** 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 Manchester International Airport and York. If you need to look up train times and ticket costs, www.thetrainline.com 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 Sunday 30th June 2024. Our last garden visit of the tour will be <u>Holker Hall</u> in the Lake District. The coach will depart at approx. 2pm for our journey back to York but en route we will make a drop off at approximately 3pm for anyone wishing to catch the train at **Oxenholme Lake District train station** (for <u>Avanti West Coast</u> 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** which is a 45-minute journey from Holker Hall. Manchester Airport is 1.5 hours by car from Holker Hall 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@sisley.co.uk. We very much look forward to welcoming you.

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