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TOURS THROUGH TIME

A RANGE OF FULLY GUIDED HISTORICAL TOURS



Tall Ships 2010 and Captain Cook Country

**8/11 August 2010
from The Durham Royal County Marriott Hotel ******

Few sights are as remarkable or as memorable as the Tall Ships *Parade of Sail*.

In 2010, a fleet of stunning vessels, ranging from a 3,000 ton four masted barque to a single masted 25 ton sloop, will perform a *Parade of Sail* as they depart towards Hartlepool Headland and then out to sea.



They will have completed the final leg of the 2010 Tall Ships Race when they arrive in the port and the marina a few days earlier. The magnificent Tall Ships Parade of Sail can be viewed from a chartered pleasure boat on Tuesday 10th August 2010 and prior to this we can explore the quayside at Hartlepool where many of the ships will be berthed. A flotilla of boats and ships of all sizes gather to witness this spectacular event and we will join them to bid farewell to the Tall Ships.

This three night break is based in the centre of **Durham City**, with its magnificent Cathedral and Castle.

Brief Itinerary

Day 1 Sunday 8th August	Day 2 Monday 9th August	Day 3 Tuesday 10th August	Day 4 Wednesday 11th August
Independent travel and check-in to the hotel from 14.00 hrs. 19.00hrs: Welcome reception and introduction to the tour. 19.30hrs: Dinner.	Breakfast. Depart by executive coach for Whitby. Free time for independent sightseeing and lunch. Join the North Yorkshire Moors Steam Railway for a scenic journey to Pickering. Short walk to Pickering Castle. Rejoin the coach for return journey to the hotel for a leisurely evening and dinner.	Breakfast. Depart for Hartlepool for the Tall Ships Village. Early afternoon pleasure cruise to view the Tall Ships <i>Parade of Sail</i> . Refreshments will be served onboard (included). Return to the hotel for a leisurely evening and dinner.	Breakfast. Depart for Marton, birthplace of James Cook. Continue to Great Ayton to visit the schoolroom and small museum dedicated to James Cook. (Suitable refreshment and lunch stops will be made) Return to hotel (approx. 15.00hrs) and depart at leisure.

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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 A welcome reception on the **Sunday** evening and an introduction from your professional North East Blue Badge Guide, Jan Williams. Dinner will follow in the hotel restaurant.

Day 2 On **Monday**, we depart Durham by executive coach to explore **Captain Cook Country** and the cobbled streets of Whitby, where the **Captain Cook Memorial Museum** can be discovered. The dramatic ruins of **Whitby Abbey** stand on the headland overlooking the picturesque seaside town of Whitby. After visiting the Abbey there will be some free time in the town for independent sightseeing and lunch before making our way to Whitby Station.



We then travel on the **North Yorkshire Moors Steam Railway** which links the coast at Whitby to **Pickering** at the edge of the moors. Our seating will be reserved and this scenic journey of 1 hour 40 minutes takes us through the beautiful North Yorkshire Moors National Park with just a few stops en route.

One of these is at Grosmont, a 1952 style Railway Station and home to the North Yorkshire Moors Railway engine sheds. When we reach our destination, the attractive market town of Pickering, we alight at the station with its smart 1930's style decoration and traditional tea room.

It is a short walk from here to

Pickering Castle, a fine Norman castle with spectacular views from the motte-top. There is an exhibition in the chapel. After our visit to the castle, the coach will be waiting to return us to Durham for a leisurely evening with dinner included.

Day 3 After breakfast on **Tuesday**, we travel to Hartlepool and the Tall Ships Village where the Captains and crew will be preparing for **The Grand Farewell**. There will be international street theatre, music, exhibition and food from all around the world on offer and plenty to see and do. Early in the afternoon we will reconvene to prepare for boarding a chartered pleasure cruiser so that we can see at close quarters the wonderful sight of these majestic ships leaving port and then the memorable *Parade of Sail* before they commence their journeys to their respective home ports throughout the world. During our voyage, some light refreshments will be included as our return to Durham and our evening meal may be later than usual.

Day 4 On the final day of the break, we depart after breakfast for a Captain Cook Country Tour which takes us to **Marton**, where James Cook was born in 1728. The cottage where he was born was demolished in 1786 but a small memorial marks the site. We will visit **The Captain Cook Birthplace Museum** in Marton and discover his story, from his early naval career to voyages of discovery and world-wide influence. The museum has extensive collections relating to Captain Cook, his times and countries that he visited and it also explores Maritime, especially the 18th century and Nelson's Navy.

From Marton we continue to **Great Ayton**, a small town where James Cook attended school, paid for by his father's employer. The graveyards of Cook's mother and five of his brothers and siblings at All Saints Parish Church and the schoolroom is now a small museum. We meander through the small towns and villages on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors, past **Guisborough Abbey** ruins towards the sea at Saltburn-by-the-Sea and eventually return to Durham City at approximately 15.00hrs. Suitable comfort stops are included, where you may purchase refreshments and lunch.

Tour Costs / Overleaf

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Cost per person

English Heritage Member:	£490
Non-Member:	£499
Single Supplement:	£75 (single occupancy of a double room)
Non-Refundable Deposit:	£100

Included

- Three nights accommodation, full English breakfast and dinner each evening at The Durham Royal County Marriott Hotel
- Welcome reception on Day 1
- The services of a professional North East Blue Badge Guide
- Executive coaching as per the itinerary
- All entries as specified in the itinerary
- Single reserved journey on The North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- Access to the Tall Ships Village on Day 3
- A cruise on a chartered pleasure cruiser to see the Tall Ships at close quarters, to include light refreshments

Not Included

- Lunches and refreshments other than those mentioned above
- Travel Insurance

Parking: Complimentary on-site parking with limited spaces

Brookland Travel reserves the right to alter the itinerary should it be necessary due to conditions beyond their control. Every effort will be made to maintain the spirit of the theme.

How to Book

You can visit the website and the "Contact Us" page to make a provisional booking. Alternatively, please ring the office between 9.00am-5.00pm (Monday-Friday). A non-refundable deposit of 100 is required at the time of booking, unless you are booking less than 8 weeks before departure. In this case, full payment of the tour is required.

Further Information

If you have any questions about the tour, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please Note

1) The steam train journey on Day 2 is subject to the operation of the North Yorkshire Moors Railway timetable and local conditions.

2) The Pleasure Cruiser has seating on the deck and under cover. There will be sufficient cover for all but limited under cover seating. Suitable weatherproof clothing and footwear is strongly advised. We hope for good weather in August but please bear in mind that should local weather conditions be inclement, the Captain's decision on the route and duration of the trip is final.

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Your Accommodation



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Set on the banks of the River Wear, the Durham Marriott is right at the heart of the historic Cathedral city. Part of the well-known and trusted Marriott chain with views across the river and to the city's dramatic skyline. Relax after a long day in The Durham Bar or enjoy the hotel's indoor swimming pool and gym.

The Marriott Hotel has 150 bedrooms over three floors with lift access to all rooms. All bedrooms are en-suite and have tea and coffee making facilities, iron and ironing board, trouser press, hair dryer, colour TV and mini bar plus high speed internet access. Power shower, cotton duvet, ironing centre and in-room safe to name a few extras; all designed for your comfort and convenience. All rooms are recently refurbished and kept in superb condition and range from standard to executive rooms, should you wish to upgrade. There are also feature rooms and suites.

Two dinners will be served in The Country Restaurant with a reduced table d'hôte menu and one dinner will be served in The Cruz Restaurant with a brasserie/carvery style dinner (three courses).

Extra nights may be available, on request. Please enquire at the time of booking, as we may be able to secure a competitive rate for you.

Travel Directions

From North/South: Turn off A1(M) onto A690 to Durham. Continue for 2 miles until the first roundabout - go straight over. At second roundabout (450 yards on) turn left over the bridge and up to the traffic lights. Turn left and the hotel is immediately on the left. Turn left into the tunnel and there are 75 complimentary parking spaces.

From the East: Follow the A690 to Durham and follow directions as from North/South.

From the West: From Consett follow signs to Durham. Go through Lanchester and Witton Gilbert until you reach a large roundabout. Take third exit to Durham. Go straight over next roundabout (University Hospital on your left). At next roundabout turn right and follow signs to city centre going under the viaduct. Turn left at traffic lights and get in right hand lane. Turn right at next roundabout over the bridge down to the traffic lights. Turn left and the hotel is immediately on your left.

Rail / Bus Stations are located 1.6 km from the hotel.