



TOUR PROSPECTUS

This prospectus sets out the contents of the tour and together with the Booking Conditions and Booking Form is the basis of our contract with you.

Christmas in York

24 - 27 December 2015

Tour 1564

This is a fixed centre tour based at York Holiday Inn, situated just over one mile from historic York city centre. The hotel is in its own grounds, with immediate access to an on-road cycle facility that leads to the city centre, the tarmac National Cycle Route 65, and quiet lanes and B-roads on both sides of the River Ouse.

Itinerary

- Thu 24 Dec Meet at the Holiday Inn bar at 1800. Option of hotel meal or eating at nearby restaurant/pub. Led walk into York.
- Fri 25 Dec Optional depart between 0900 and 0915 for led ride to Selby using the tarmac cycle paths and recommended roads of National Cycle Route 65, returning on B roads. Full Christmas lunch at the hotel. Late afternoon led walk across the racecourse and along the river path (approx 5 miles). Evening option of hotel bar snacks or eating in local restaurant/pub.
- Sat 26 Dec Optional depart between 0900 and 0915 on a 50 mile led circuit to Easingwold and Beningbrough Hall (short cut, giving 35 miles, also available).
- Sun 27 Dec Holiday finishes after breakfast. Rooms to be vacated by 12 noon.

Accommodation and meals

This will be in the 3-star York Holiday Inn, on a bed and breakfast basis, sharing twin rooms. A buffet breakfast is provided each day, plus an excellent lunch on Christmas Day. Any dietary restrictions should be specified when booking.

Price £273

The price is based on a minimum number of 12 participants taking part in the tour. If there are insufficient bookings by the closing date of 15 October 2015 we will contact you and return all monies paid.

Price includes:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation sharing twin rooms, on a b&b basis
- Christmas lunch at the hotel
- CTC Cycling Holidays costs

Price does not include:

- Travel to and from the tour
- Lunches, other than Christmas Day, or any evening meals
- Refreshments at morning and afternoon stops
- Entry fees at any attractions
- Any other personal expenses

Payment schedule

A deposit of £123 per person must accompany the Booking Form. The final balance of £150 per person to be paid ten weeks prior to departure, by 15 October 2015.

Cancellations

Should you be forced to cancel your booking for any reason you must notify us in writing. Cancellation charges are as follows:

Written notice received:

Before 15 October 2015

15 October 2015 through to departure

Cancellation charge:

Deposit (£123)

100% (£273)

To make a booking

Complete, sign and return the Booking Form and top part of the payment slip **directly to the leader** (address on Booking Form). For Bank Transfer payments, contact the leader for further information.



LEADER'S INFORMATION SHEET

The information below is given by the tour leader to help enquirers decide if the tour is suitable for them.

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The area covered by the Tour

This is a centre-based tour at York Holiday Inn, just over 1 mile from historic York city centre, which is accessible by riverside surfaced cycle paths, as are the quiet lanes of the Yorkshire cycle routes.

Rides and rest days

The Christmas Day 50 km ride to Selby, using National Cycle Route 65, is almost entirely flat, as is the Boxing Day 50 mile ride. There is also a 110km Audax Permanent ride available to those who enter in advance.

Travel and parking

There is a railway station in York, just over a mile from the hostel.

There is car parking in the hotel grounds and cycle parking in a hotel room.

Accommodation / Meals

The accommodation is on a bed & breakfast basis, with Christmas lunch at the hotel. Evening meals are your own responsibility, giving you the option of eating in the hotel or out (the renowned Fox & Roman is nearby). During the day we carry our own basic snacks (biscuits, cheese, fruit, peanuts, drink). There are pubs and shops open on Boxing Day at lunchtime in Easingwold on the 50 mile ride

Group information

The maximum group size will be 20 (including the leaders).

Non-cycling partners are welcome.

Weather and clothing

The weather is in the lap of the gods. We have had crisp, sunny weather most years since 2004, but snow & ice reduced most of us to walking in 2009 and 2010, and the river paths were flooded in 2012.

I recommend a variety of medium thickness multi layers of cycling, or outdoor, clothing, which can be combined to cope with the variety of possible temperatures, and waterproofs, plus a change for evenings, with comfortable walking shoes if you plan to walk around York or if the weather looks like snow.

Cycles / Equipment

A bottom gear of 30 inches or less is recommended. Either a touring cycle or lightweight MTB, which must be in good working order, especially the brakes!

Maps and Guides

You should carry a map in case you become separated from the group. The whole area is covered by the Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 Landranger 105 'York & Selby' and 100 'Malton Pickering & Surrounding Area'.

Travel Insurance

Obtaining travel insurance is optional for UK residents as your CTC membership provides third party cover. However, this does not cover any other risks such as cancellation charges, personal injury or lost property. We therefore strongly recommend that suitable insurance is taken out to safeguard against such risks. Members who do not reside in the UK are not covered for third party and are advised to obtain suitable cover before leaving their normal residence. If you already have an annual policy, you may need to confirm that it will cover a UK holiday or make provision for it to do so.

About the leader

I have toured at all times of the year in Yorkshire, for over 50 years, and never cease to be impressed by its variety of rural scenery, whilst York is my favourite English city. Whatever the weather, I have always enjoyed this area.

My regular CTC cycle tours overseas include riding across France from Manche to Med, centre-based and moving-on tours in the Alps, Provence and the Langedoc, plus Southern India. This will be the 63rd CTC tour I have led.

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