



Discover Northumbria

Once a kingdom stretching from the Humber to the Forth, Northumbria is now a collective term for the old counties of Northumberland and Durham. Northumbria is a land far from the hustle and bustle of everyday life in a county brimming with places to see and things to do amongst the most spectacular of landscapes. Explore gloriously uncrowded golden sandy beaches and stunning rural setting, situated near to the rugged Northumberland National Park. Discover more castles than anywhere else in England, or the birthplace of English Christianity on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. This area is one of outstanding beauty from the distant past through its industrial heritage to the present day.

HOLIDAY INN SEATON BURN

★★★★ 0870 850 9083

Set in its own grounds the Holiday Inn is within easy reach of the beautiful Northumbrian Coastline. The renowned Metro Centre is close by and offers possibly the best shopping facilities in Europe. The Hotel's wide range of facilities are complemented by an excellent restaurant and bar. Facilities in the health and fitness club include an indoor heated swimming pool, spa and sauna. All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Satellite Television, Hairdryer and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities. The Hotel Has a Lift and Ground Floor Rooms are Available.



5 DAYS

21st - 25th February £ 284.00
Single Room Supplement £75.00 Insurance £15.50

ITINERARY

Sunday

We travel north and travel to the market town of Thirsk, our journey continues past Newcastle to the north-east and Seaton Burn, arriving in the afternoon.

Monday

Today we travel to the Metro Centre, Europe's largest shopping complex. We then visit Beamish Museum famous (P/I) for its Trams and the stories it tells of life in the north east in 1825 and 1913. We return to the Hotel past Gateshead's winged wonder 'The Angel of the North'.

Tuesday

Today we will take a guided tour around South Tyneside to learn something of the life of Britain's most popular author. The tour

will pass Catherine Cookson's birthplace and former home, riverside and coastal scenery and includes a visit to South Shields Museum.

Wednesday

Departing our Hotel with a local guide, we drive to the coast and the village of Warkworth, we continue to Bamborough where there will be time to visit the Grace Darling Museum (P/I) and Memorial. We then turn south once more to call at Alnwick before returning to our Hotel.

Thursday

Leaving after breakfast we drive to the historic city of York, in the afternoon we continue south to Shropshire arriving home late afternoon.

Look What's Included!

- FREE Use of Hotel's Leisure Facilities.
- 4 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal.
- Guided Tour round Catherine Cookson Country.
- Entrance to Beamish and Grace Darling Museum.
- Included Excursions to Warkworth, Bamborough, Alnwick, Beamish and York.



Elizabethan Banquet

This tour is designed to combine visits to some of the country's finest properties with links to the Elizabethan period with rural Cotswold scenery and to top it all a chance to enjoy an outstanding Elizabethan banquet at the historic 15th century Hatfield House, once home to Queen Elizabeth I. During a sumptuous four course dinner with wine, King Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and their courtiers will entertain you in traditional Elizabethan style with music, song and theatre from the period. During the rest of this tour we will be visiting some of the castles and historical places of interest that would have played a significant part of the Elizabethan Period. Added to this are visits to Kenilworth Castle, when the queen visited the castle it is suggested that the visit almost bankrupted the owner.

MENZIES STRATHMORE HOTEL, LUTON

★★★★ 01582 734199

The Menzies Hotel overlooks St George Square and has recently been upgraded. The restaurant uses the finest ingredients and seasonal produce and the Coffee Bar is the place in which to relax and meet new friends. Waves Health and Leisure Club offers a range of superb facilities including an indoor swimming pool. The Hotel Has a Lift and All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Satellite Television, Hairdryer and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.



4 DAYS

18th - 21st March £ 282.00
No Single Room Supplement Insurance £13.00

ITINERARY

Thursday Leaving Shropshire we travel to Kenilworth Castle (P/I), a fitting memorial to the power games of Elizabethan England, here we shall have a guided tour. We drive to Buckinghamshire and Aylesbury with its many old buildings and market square, later we arrive at our Hotel.

Friday We visit Hampton Court (P/I) one of the finest Houses in England. Briefly returning to the Hotel to change we travel to Hatfield House for Elizabethan Entertainment and Banquet.

Saturday We travel to the town of St. Neots on the River Ouse then continue to the Market town of Oundle before

arriving at Kirby Hall (P/I). The Hall is one of England's greatest Elizabethan houses. It was once owned by Sir Christopher Hatton, one of Queen Elizabeth's 'comely young men' and later her Lord Chancellor. Leaving Kirby we travel through the town of Olney, famous for its pancake races and return to our Hotel in time for our evening meal.

Sunday Leaving our Hotel we travel through the Cotswolds to Stratford Upon Avon where we shall visit the birthplace of the Elizabethan playwright William Shakespeare (P/I). Later we travel back to Shropshire, arriving home during the afternoon.

Look What's Included!

- Free Use of Leisure Facilities.
- Elizabethan Banquet at Hatfield House.
- Mead or Wine plus Actors Entertainment.
- Tea and Coffee after Dinner and Portage.
- 3 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal.
- Entrance to Kenilworth Castle and Tour.
- Entrance to Hampton Court and Shakespeare's Birthplace.
- Included Excursions to Oundle, Kirby, Kenilworth and Stratford.