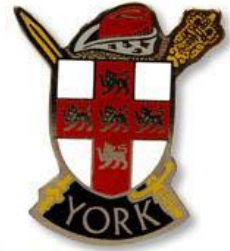




WHY LIVE IN YORK?



York is widely recognised as one of the most beautiful parts of the country and is often voted one of the most popular places to live. Here are our top five reasons why York is such a fantastic place to be:

1. A beautiful environment to live in

The city of York is incredibly historic and is renowned for its beautiful architecture. York Minster sits in the heart of the city drawing thousands of visitors a year. Much of the city is car free creating a safer, less busy, less noisy and less polluted city centre which can be enjoyed in peace and comfort.

The urban area of the city has a population of around 150,000 which makes it big enough to feel cosmopolitan but small enough not to be overwhelming.

It is a friendly place you can settle into quickly, but it still feels fresh and exciting once you get to know it well.

2. Never a dull weekend!

The city hosts a vast array of attractions and beauty spots starting with the 2.5 miles of medieval walls which encircle the city. The history of the city is captured by some of the most popular visitor attractions in the UK: The Jorvik Viking Centre; the National Railway Museum; and The York Dungeon. Other highlights include: Clifford's Tower; the York Castle Museum; the York Art Gallery; the Yorkshire Museum; York's Chocolate Story ... the list goes on and on and on!

3. Entertainment

York has an incredible range of restaurants, suiting all tastes and budgets. York is also renowned for its thriving and elegant cafe culture and for its multitude of friendly pubs, bars and lounges. According to legend, there are 365 pubs in York, one for every day of the year!

4. Transport Connections

York is one of Britain's best-connected cities. It is served well by long distance trunk roads. Leading to and from York are the A59 Liverpool to York road, the A64 Leeds to Scarborough road, the A19 Doncaster to Tyneside road, and the A1079 York to Hull road.

A 10 mile journey down the A64 takes you to the A1(M) motorway and the M1 motorway. Also nearby is the M62 transpennine motorway which will take you to Manchester and Liverpool.

York is also a major railway centre. It is a principal stop on the East Coast Main Line, and the stop is halfway between London and Edinburgh. You can reach London King's Cross in less than two hours, and there are around 25 direct trains each day.

Cross Country services also link York to Edinburgh and Newcastle, and the south west of England via Birmingham. The TransPennine Express train links York, Leeds, Manchester, Manchester Airport, Liverpool, Newcastle and Scarborough.

Leeds Bradford Airport is nearby and provides easy access to most major European airports as well as North Africa, New York and Pakistan. Manchester Airport is approximately two hours away from York and is the principle airport for the north of England, with flights to Europe, America, Asia and Africa. Ferries go from nearby Hull.

5. Universities

The city boasts two universities. The University of York opened in 1963 and has become one of the world's leading universities joining the Russell Group in 2012.

York St John University, formerly an autonomous college of the University of Leeds, gained full university status in 2006, thus becoming York's second university.