



# Tour Information



## York and the Story of Chocolate

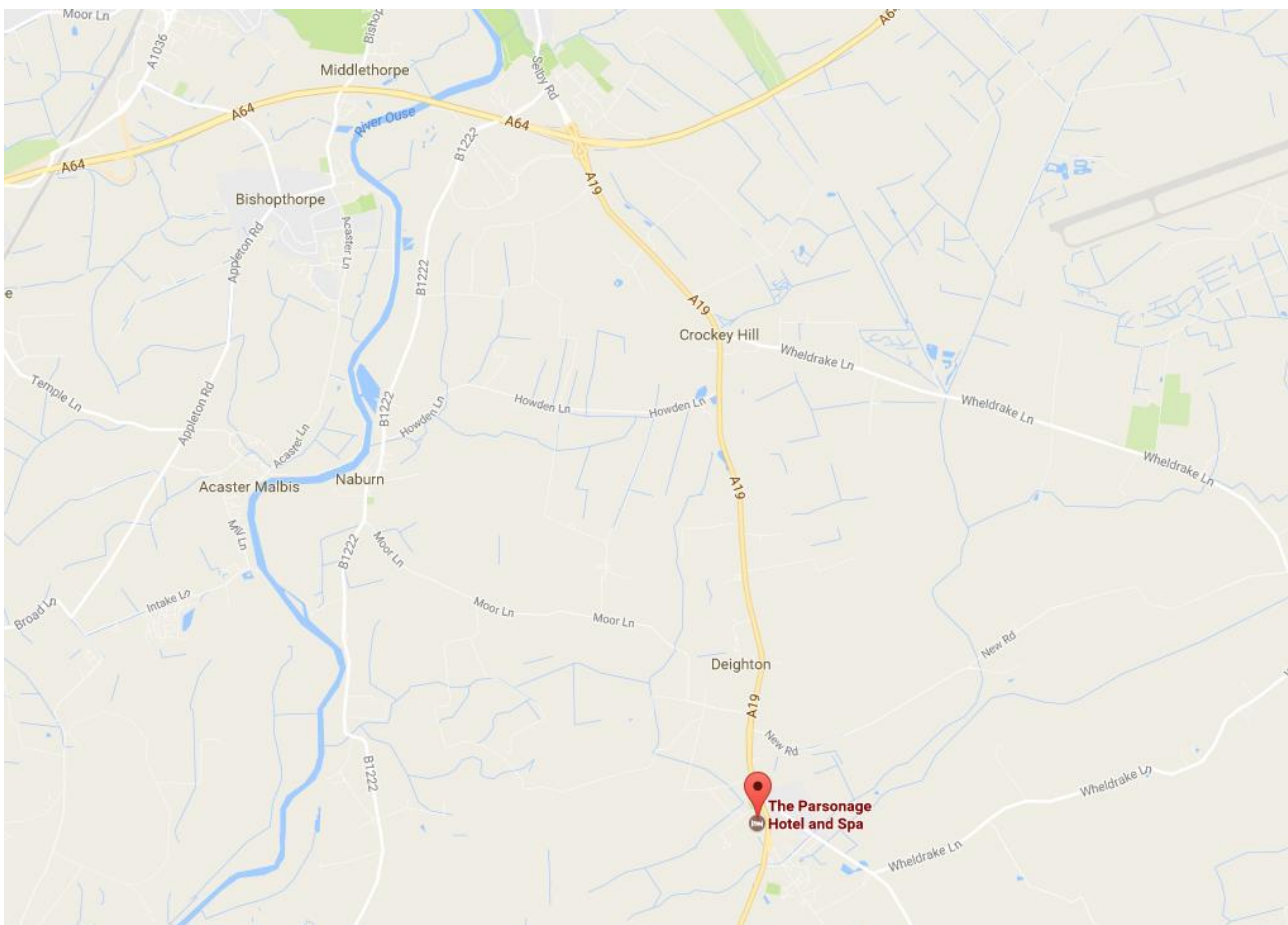




The tour starts and finishes at **The Parsonage Hotel Escrick**

The Parsonage Hotel and Spa  
Escrick  
York  
YO19 6LF  
Tel: 01904 728 111

**Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.**



## Transport

**Travelling by car:** Located only 15 minutes' drive from York's city centre the hotel is conveniently located just off the A19. Parking at the hotel is free of charge.

**By Train:** York Station is just under 6 miles away from the hotel and a taxi fare would cost approximately £10-15.



# Accommodation

## The Parsonage Hotel and Spa

Set in six acres of beautiful formal gardens and only 15 minutes away from the historic city of York, the spa facilities include 5 treatment rooms, a 16-metre swimming pool, jacuzzi, state-of-the-art gymnasium, sauna, stream room, and aromatherapy salt room.

The hotel boasts 50 stylishly decorated bedrooms, all with en-suite facilities, flat screen digital TV and radio, direct dial telephones, trouser press, hair dryer and tea and coffee making facilities all to make your stay a restful one.

For more information, additional details can be found on the website:

<http://www.parsonagehotel.co.uk/>

## Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival you will be able to check-in to the hotel from 15.00, and the tour host will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.30 – 17.45 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

## Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 11.00.

## Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

## Dining

On the first night of your stay, a private dinner with wine is provided. On the second evening of the tour, dinner is provided in the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on each day of your stay and an afternoon tea at the Hilton in York, on the final day is included in the price. All other meals other than these stated are not included.



## Places Visited

### Rowntree Model Village

The foundations of a Garden Village were laid down by Joseph Rowntree in 1901 when he acquired 123 acres of land near the village of Earswick outside York. In 1902, he commissioned the established partnership of Barry Parker and Raymond Unwin to become the architects for the village of New Earswick. Joseph Rowntree's guiding principles can be seen in his insistence that he did not 'want to establish communities bearing the stamp of charity'. He wanted residents of his model village to develop 'a sense of civil responsibility' and so, in 1907, The Village Council was formed, to manage the Folk Hall and develop a 'civic spirit' in the village.

<https://www.rowntreesociety.org.uk/history/rowntree-a-z/new-earswick/>

### Fairfax House

Fairfax House was probably built in the early 1740s for a local merchant and in 1759 it was purchased by Charles Gregory Fairfax, 9th Viscount Fairfax of Emley, who arranged for the interior to be remodelled by John Carr. After the Viscount's death in 1772, the house was sold and subsequently passed through a number of local families before spending some time as a Gentleman's Club, a Building Society and a cinema. The property was bought by York Civic Trust in the 1980s and completely restored to its former grandeur. Fairfax House is now a museum open to the public and a Grade I listed building.

<http://www.fairfaxhouse.co.uk/>

### The Cocoa House

York's Cocoa House Chocolate Manufactory is a fully equipped production, development and research facility, from finding cocoa, creating prototypes, providing third party manufacturing, recipe development and launching award winning creations and collaborations. During the tour you will learn the secrets of cocoa, the stories of the farmers that produce cocoa for The Cocoa House and an insight into how the cocoa is selected and turned into the chocolate that is made. You'll meet the chocolate makers that create the chocolate who will share with you a taster of what they're currently creating and meet the chocolate team who will share with you their own favourite chocolate creations.

<https://www.yorkcocoahouse.co.uk/>

### Goddards House and Garden

Explore Terry confectionery history at the family's former house. In this warm Arts and Crafts building, full of memories, you can sit in the drawing-room, pour yourself a sherry and feel at home. Meander through garden 'rooms', discovering fragrant borders and hidden corners. The house has selected rooms displayed to give glimpses into the family home and working chocolate factory. The garden includes yew-hedged garden rooms, bowling green, wilderness gardens and plants for every season; it's an oasis for suburban wildlife on the edge of York racecourse.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/goddards-house-and-garden>

### Mansion House

York Mansion House is the earliest purpose-built house for a Lord Mayor still in existence and predates the Mansion House in London by at least twenty years. The home was built as a place for the Lord Mayor to entertain visitors to the city and to house York's wonderful civic collections. York Mansion House's Collections encompass 300 hundred years of civic life. The Mansion House have a large collection of



furniture, ceramics, glassware, paintings and photographs and an “unparalleled collection” of York gold and silver, including the first silver chamber pot and a gold cup which were bought for the City of York with monies bequeathed by Marmaduke Rawdon in 1672. Standing in the heart of our vibrant city, York Mansion House has been home to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of York since 1732 and is still in use today.

<https://www.mansionhouseyork.com/>

## Your lecturer/guide

Your host and guide will be **Rosemary Barnes**, who grew up in Yorkshire, and qualified as a Blue Badge guide 5 years ago, which has encouraged her to rediscover the attractions of the county and to share its appeal with visitors. Her specialism is social history – how people used to live and the parallels with the current age. Rosemary will host a quiz on chocolate on the second evening of this tour.



**Rosemary will give the following talk on the first evening of the tour:**

*'The Pursuit of Pleasure in Georgian England'*

## Practical Information

**Tour manager** - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

**Tipping** – To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.

**Walking Content** – This tour has been graded a 4 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key below for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobblestones etc)	



## Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



## Emergencies

**Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:**

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

07841 023807

**PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.**

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