



Raby Castle

OUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Executive coach travel
 - ✓ Dinner, bed and full English breakfast
 - ✓ Porterage
 - ✓ Entry to The Hartlepool Maritime Experience
 - ✓ Entry to Raby Castle & Gardens
 - ✓ Local guide for all excursions
 - ✓ Excursions as described in the itinerary
- Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated



County Durham

New Tour

Coastlines, Castles & Catherine Cookson Country

Once part of the ancient Northern Kingdom of Northumbria, County Durham offers a fascinating blend of industrial heritage and dramatic landscapes studded with historic buildings that will combine to surprise and delight the most discerning visitor.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Travel to County Durham, the Land of the Prince Bishops.

Day 2 Today head for the County Durham Coastline to the The Hartlepool Maritime Experience. You will visit the oldest British warship afloat, HMS Trincomalee, the steam paddle ship Wingfield Castle, enjoy the historic dock and quayside, an audio visual experience of a British ship at war "The fighting ships" and also learn about the horrors of the press gangs. Find out about the legend of "who hung the monkey" at the Museum of Hartlepool. We return via the market town of Bishop Auckland, to Escomb, to admire the hidden little gem of Escomb Saxon Church, considered one the the finest surviving 7th century churches in the country. On our return journey to Redworth we take time out to enjoy a little of our Railway Heritage with a visit to Locomotion, the National Rail Museum at Shildon.

Day 3 Our tour today is a mix of history, gardens and market towns. We first visit Raby Castle and Gardens, home to Lord Barnard's family since 1626, Raby is one of the finest medieval Castles in England, rebuilt by the mighty Neville family in the 14th Century. The gardens are a mix of traditional 18th century ornamental Walled Gardens, Yew Hedges, Trees, Plants and Ornaments from the 18th and 19th century. Our tour continues to the Market town of Richmond where you will have free time at your leisure. Located just across the County Durham border in North Yorkshire, Richmond is a town of unique character and beauty, little changed through the centuries and its cobbled market place is the largest in England.

Day 4 For our last tour we visit an area of rich history and proud heritage, from Roman times to the Venerable Bede, an area linked so much with famous authoress Catherine Cookson who was born here. The South Shields to Sunderland Coastline has some of the finest beaches in Europe and the beautiful limestone cliffs shelter many sea bird colonies. While we travel the area we will see locations

and enjoy stories from Catherine's life. Our first visit will be to the home of the Venerable Bede in Jarrow and the little Saxon Church of St Paul was part of the monastery where Bede lived. We visit the beautiful promenade area of South Shields next to glorious beaches and lovely local parks with their award winning flower displays. Our journey through the life of Catherine Cookson will be enhanced by a short visit to the South Shields Museum and the Catherine Cookson Gallery, where we can learn more about this fascinating lady, who became one of the most popular writers of all time.

Day 5 Return to South Wales



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Departure Dates

Sunday	20th May	5 Days	£349
Sunday	17th June	5 Days	£349
Sunday	30th Sept	5 Days	£349

Single room supplement £88.



Richmond

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