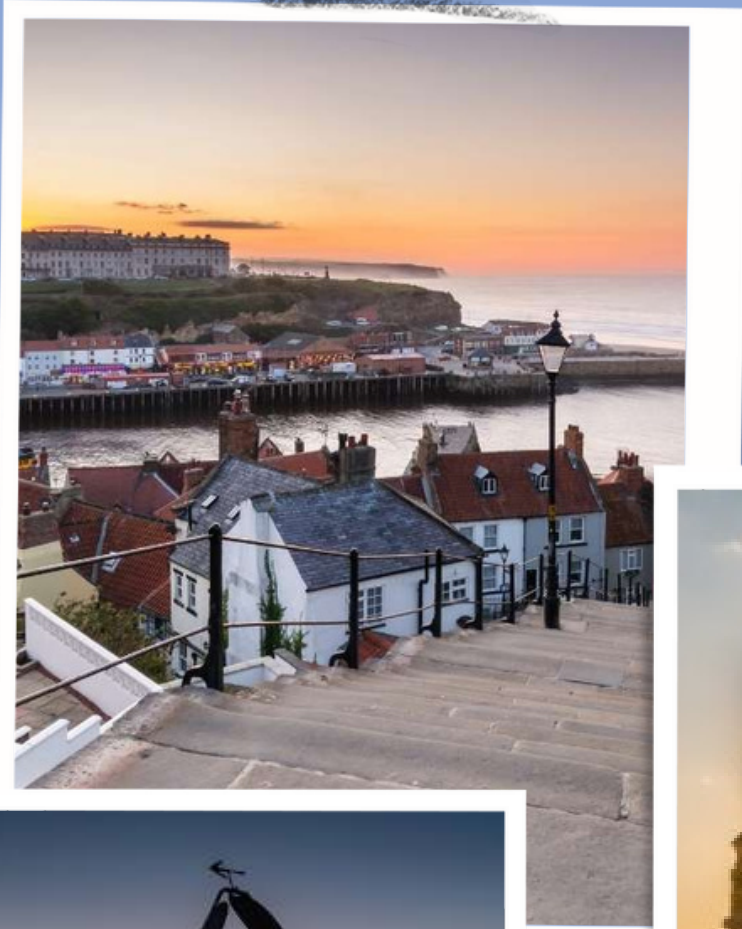


Tourist Guide in Whitby



WHITBY

Whitby is a seaside town, port and civil parish in the Scarborough borough of North Yorkshire, England. Situated on the east coast of Yorkshire at the mouth of the River Esk, Whitby has a maritime, mineral and tourist heritage. Its East Cliff is home to the ruins of Whitby Abbey, where Cædmon, the earliest recognised English poet, lived.

The fishing port emerged during the Middle Ages, supporting important herring and whaling fleets,^{[2][3]} and was where Captain Cook learned seamanship. Tourism started in Whitby during the Georgian period and developed with the arrival of the railway in 1839. Its attraction as a tourist destination is enhanced by the proximity of the high ground of the North York Moors national park and the heritage coastline and by association with the horror novel *Dracula*. Jet and alum were mined locally, and Whitby jet, which was mined by the Romans and Victorians, became fashionable during the 19th century.

Places to Visit

In the 18th and 19th centuries, the whaling industry was thriving in the seaside town of Whitby in North Yorkshire. Whaling was a chance for great wealth for those who managed a successful catch, but incredibly dangerous.

To recognize this tradition and the town's important whaling history, a whale bone arch was erected on Whitby's West Cliff in 1853.



Standing atop the hill under the 15-foot arch backdropped by the abbey is a photo opp few visitors to Whitby can resist. Next to the arch is the town's other claim to fame -- a statue of the explorer Captain Cook, who learned seamanship as an apprentice here in Whitby.



SOURCE: WHITBY WHALE BONE ARCH - WHITBY, ENGLAND - ATLAS OBSCURA



The 199 steps lead to St. Mary's Church, where visitors can sit on benches that dot the stairway. It provides perfect places for weary walkers to rest their legs and soak in the picture-perfect views of Whitby's harbor.

The first recorded use of the staircase was in 1340, though it's likely they were used far before this as people trekked up to the 12th-century church and seventh-century abbey. Even Count Dracula, in wolf form, bounded up

these stairs as depicted by Bram Stoker in his novel Dracula.

What many tourists don't realize is that the platforms they sit on weren't intended to hold the living. Pallbearers, when they needed a break while carting the dead to the church cemetery, would place coffins on the planks.



Coffin Bench



St. Mary's Church

St Mary's Church stands atop Whitby's windswept East Cliff, between the town and the ruins of Whitby Abbey. It is also found atop the famous Church Steps, a flight of 199 steps linking the clifftop to the town and harbour below.

The church was founded about AD 1100, but the interior furnishings are Georgian, dating to the late 18th century. In the meantime, the Victorian architects seemed determined to cram pews into every corner of the church. As a result, St Mary's can seat an astonishing 3,000 people.



SOURCE: WHITBY, ST MARY'S CHURCH | HISTORY, PHOTOS & VISITING INFORMATION (BRITAINEXPRESS.COM)

The Whitby Abbey (now in its ruins) is believed to be the first religious buildings on the site and was built around 657. This was destroyed by Danish invaders between 867 and 870, and the restoration ultimately took place sometime by the end in 1540. Sadly, additional damage was done by German battleships in WWI, aiming for a nearby signal station.

The resulting ruins are atmospheric, beautiful and have inspired many writers and artists, including Bram Stoker,



who used Whitby as the location for the first landing of Dracula in England. Because of this, Whitby Abbey has become something of a Goth pilgrimage site, and touristy Dracula-related locations of literary or historical significance have also followed in this light.

The Whitby swing bridge is one of the town's defining features. It's the main way visitors and locals cross the River Esk and move between the east and west sides of the town.

A crossing has been there since at least the 1300s. We know that in 1351, the town was granted permission to implement a bridge toll. Funds were used to pay for its maintenance. It began life as a reasonably simple wooden structure, but as the town's needs developed, changes were made. Wood was replaced by stone in 1766, and was once again altered in the 1800s to have iron arch that could swivel to allow vessels to pass through.

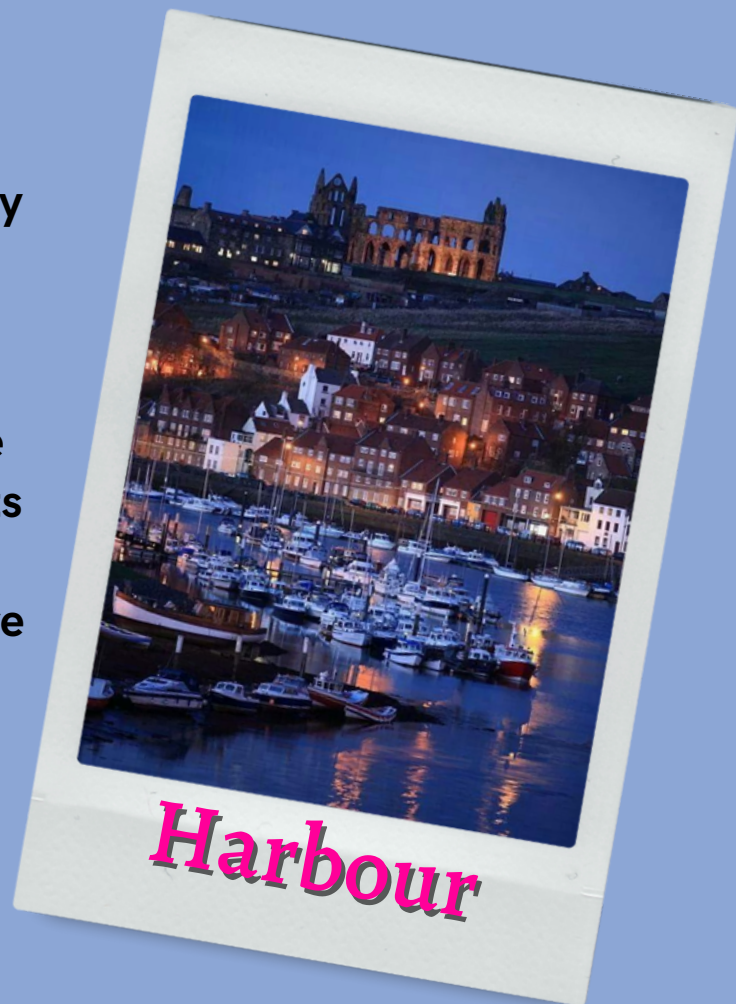
Whitby's swing bridge once carried all the traffic from the A171. In 1980, the high level bridge opened to ease congestion in the town's centre. This new bridge offers a great view as you cross over the town and Esk Valley.

SOURCE: WHITBY SWING BRIDGE: A BRIEF HISTORY FROM VISIT WHITBY



Whitby Harbour is built upon the natural harbour formed by the estuary at the mouth of the River Esk. Generations of man-made improvements have established this stunning natural feature as one of the most distinctive and enjoyable aspects of Whitby. The bars, restaurants, and shops that line the vibrant harbour are popular with tourists.

Location: Endeavour Wharf, Whitby YO21 1DN



The piers lie to the East and West of the harbour mouth. The two piers of Whitby are man-made fortifications designed to protect the harbour from flooding. There has been some form of protection at the mouth of the Esk since as early as the 1300s. Today, the piers are a favourite spot for local fishermen and amateur photographers.

The area around Robin Hood's Bay is famous for its fossils. Vast areas of limestone and blue shale are exposed when the tide is out and exploring the rock pools along the shore in search of fossils and marine life is one of the most popular recreational activities in the bay.



Staithes is perhaps best-known for its links with Captain Cook. The young James Cook came to Staithes in 1745 at the age of 16 to apprentice to a grocer and chandler named William Sanderson.

The apprenticeship did not last long; Cook fell in love with the sea and pined to become a sailor.vv



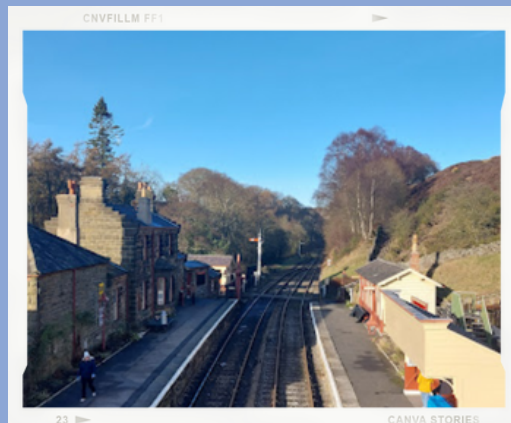
The village of Runswick Bay shelters at the northern end of a beautiful sandy beach, just a few miles north of Whitby.

The thatched property on the seafront is the only remaining thatched house on the Yorkshire coast.

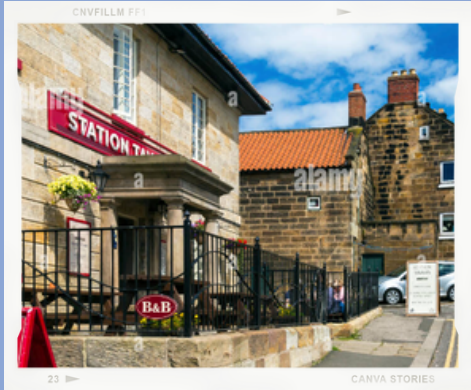
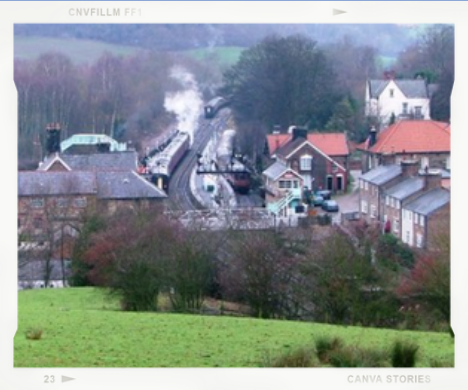


Goathland is a village and civil parish in the Scarborough district of North Yorkshire, England. Historically part of the North Riding of Yorkshire, it is in the North York Moors national park due north of Pickering, off the A169 to Whitby.

It has a station on the steam-operated North Yorkshire Moors Railway line.



Grosmont is a village and civil parish situated in Eskdale in the North York Moors National Park, within the boundaries of the Scarborough district of the county of North Yorkshire, England. Grosmont Priory was established in the 12th century and closed during the dissolution of the monasteries in the 16th century



The North Yorkshire Moors Railway, is heritage railway, which travels from Pickering to Whitby through the stunning backdrop of the North York Moors.

The North Yorkshire Moors Railway is a preserved heritage railway travelling from the market town of Pickering across the North Yorkshire Moors to Whitby on the Coast. Every effort has been made to preserve the authenticity of the line and the rural stations on route. Steam and heritage diesel trains provide the regular services on the track.



The village of Danby is situated ten and a half miles west of Whitby, nestling at the head of the Esk Valley, off the A171.

It is also accessible by the Whitby to Middlesbrough Esk Valley Railway line. Danby has a village store and the Duke of Wellington Public House. There is plenty of holiday accommodation in Danby. The village has a village hall, St. Hilda's Church and the all important public conveniences!

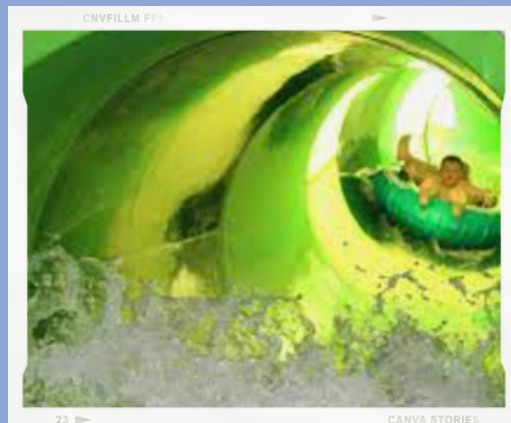
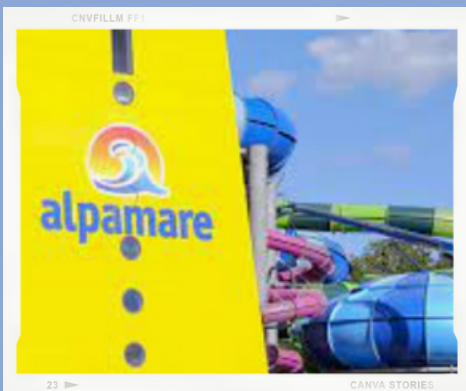


With the tea garden directly behind you and the falls to the left just keep walking straight on. There will be a wooden fence to your left. Keep walking until you come to a dirt path to your left going steeply down the hill. Take this left and once down you will need to head left climbing over the stream.



Activities in Whitby

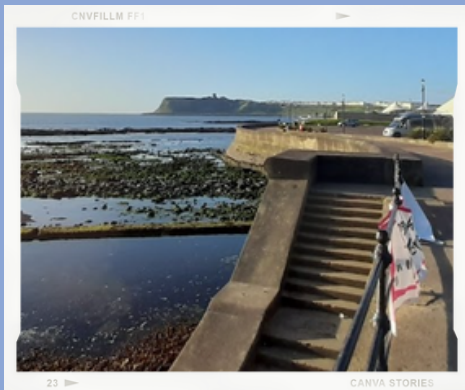
Children under 12 years of age are only permitted when accompanied by an adult. Adults must actively ensure the supervision of the children during their entire stay at the facility.



Family-friendly exhibits with a variety of sea creatures (most offer play areas & group packages).

Scalby Mills Rd, Scarborough
YO12 6RP, United Kingdom

Phone: +44 1723 373414



It's a mile's walk from the bus stop to the visitor centre. Moorsbus also runs right to the visitor centre on summer weekends. Use our journey planner above to get bus times and walking routes. Free entry when you visit car-free (charge for cars).



North Yorkshire Water Park, at Wykeham Lakes near Scarborough, is home to one of the largest natural water sport lakes in North Yorkshire. The Water Park, spanning 250 hectares, offers a range of fun filled activities suitable for the whole family!



Yorkshire Water Park Whykham



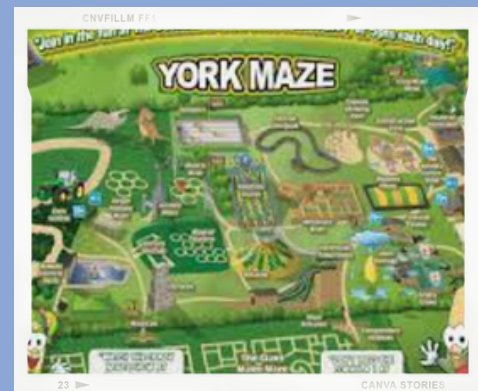
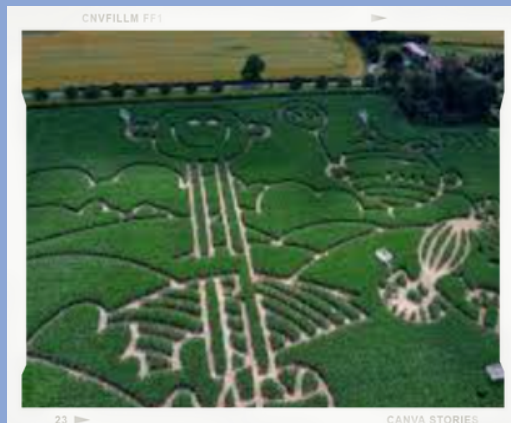
It really is suitable for the whole family. I was impressed by the number of rides my 3-year-old could go on.

There's a minimum 1.07m height restriction on many rides but kids below this are able to ride accompanied by an adult so can try out more adventurous rides than the usual cups and saucers roundabout.



Created from over one million living, growing maize plants, York Maze is not just the largest maze in the UK it's an award winning fun filled, day out in the country.

With over 20 different rides, attractions and shows to enjoy York Maze offers an amazing fun-filled full family day out.



Places to eat



**Abbey steps tea room
and coffee shop**

Based in Whitby, at the bottom of the famous 199 steps. pop in and say hi, grab a delicious coffee and tea.

117 Church Street. Tel 07590269051.

Traditional fish and chips plus smart seafood dishes served in an old-school waterfront cafe.

14 Pier Rd, Whitby YO21 3PU,
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The Magpie Cafe



Ditto Restaurant

Ditto on Skinner Street is a small, family run, intimate restaurant.

The style of the restaurant is based on classic European bistros of Italy and France with the food heavily influenced from the same regions. So you should expect hearty wholesome dishes with a contemporary edge full of bold flavours.

26 Skinner St, Whitby YO21 3AJ,
United Kingdom

Tel +4401947 601404

A warmly decorated restaurant serving classic Thai dishes, with a focus on sea bass and other seafood.

Unit 6, Whitby Rail
Station, Station Square,
Whitby YO21 1DX, United
Kingdom

Tel +441947 601693



KamThai Restaurant



Humble Pie n Mash

A diverse menu of free-range, organic pies in a restored 1700s-era shop on Church Street with open fire and chintz.

163 Church St, Whitby YO22 4AS,
United Kingdom

Tel +44 1947 606444

New to Whitby is the Star Inn The Harbour. Menus feature catch of the day fish and meat specials and also world famous North Yorkshire Moors produce, such as furred and feathered game, as well as seasonal all-day menus. Desserts come predominantly from the restaurant's ice cream parlour, including some childhood favourites.

Langborne Rd, Whitby YO21 1YN,
United Kingdom

Tel +44 1947 821900



The Star Inn the Harbour



Harry's Lounge Bar and Brasserie

Harry's on Pier Road is a fabulous mixture of café, restaurant and cocktail bar. Food is served all day in the café with the additional of restaurant seating in the evening.

10-11 Pier Rd, Whitby YO21 3PU,
United Kingdom

Tel +44 1947 601909

Try good fish, pork and salads to form your opinion about Pizza Figaro. Food delivery is a big plus of this place. The efficient staff welcomes people all year round. Disappointing service is what some guests point out characterizing this spot.

3 Langborne Rd, Whitby YO21 1YN,
United Kingdom

Tel +44 1947 606000



Pizza Figarro



**Rainbow Chinese
Take Away**

Do not delay your visit – seriously, the Chinese cuisine is waiting for you. You will be offered perfectly cooked chow mein. This fast food is well known for its great service and friendly staff, that is always ready to help you

Parade Fisheries, 1 The Parade, Whitby YO21 3JP, United Kingdom

Tel +44 1947 603294

Warm, stylish restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows offering pizza, pasta, seafood & salads..

West Cliff, Whitby YO21 3HT, United Kingdom

Tel +44 1947 604789



Pizza West



Abbey Wharf Restaurant Whitby.
Serving fresh, locally sourced meals for
eat in and takeaway. Extensive selection
of real ales, beers, spirits and cocktails

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