

Explore more in Yorkshire

With the windswept North York Moors, rugged Yorkshire Dales, classic seaside resorts and towns steeped in industrial heritage to explore, you certainly won't be short of options in the UK's biggest county.

Like many writers and artists who've gone before you, you'll be swept up by the beauty of the region – and soon see why it's referred to as God's Own Country by locals...



Take in the magnificent Halifax Piece Hall

Nearest hotel: Best Western Bradford Guide Post Hotel, Bradford

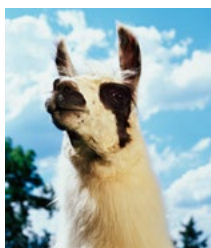
Following a multi-million pound restoration, this Grade I-listed former cloth trading hall reopened in 2017. The vast open-air piazza provides a stunning setting for concerts, street theatre, markets and fairs.



Play petanque in Leeds city centre

Nearest hotel: Best Western Plus Milford Hotel, Leeds

Boules is a popular pastime in France, but in Yorkshire? Not so much. However, near City Square is a small area called Bond Court where you'll find a petanque court. It's free to play, and the rules are on a noticeboard if you don't already know them.



Go trekking with llamas in North Yorkshire

Nearest hotel: White Hart Hotel, BW Premier Collection, Harrogate

A hike through the glorious Yorkshire countryside can be made even more special if you're accompanied by a four-legged friend. With Nidderdale Llamas, you can trek round with a llama or alpaca in tow.



Step back in time at Elsecar Heritage Centre, South Yorkshire

Nearest hotel: Best Western Sheffield City Centre Cutlers Hotel, Sheffield

Set within the conservation village of Elsecar, this restored ironworks is a fascinating living museum. Take in quaint cottages, a canal and working steam railway, and browse the workshops, now home to cafes, delis and antique shops.



Walk to the awe-inspiring Gordale Scar, Yorkshire Dales

Nearest hotel: Best Western Plus Craiglands Hotel, Ilkley

One of the many jewels of the Dales, this hidden gorge is thought to be the inspiration for Helm's Deep in Lord of the Rings. Successive Ice Ages have carved it deeper and deeper over thousands of years, and downstream is the beautiful Janet's Foss waterfall.



Hunker down at York Cold War Bunker

Nearest hotel: Dean Court Hotel, BW Premier Collection, York

Not many people know it exists, but this hidden bunker is a sobering reminder of the Cold War, and was designed to keep the North going should a nuclear attack occur. During your visit, you'll step through the blast-proof doors and into a bunker that remained active until 1990.



Glimpse Victorian life at Brodsworth Hall, South Yorkshire

Nearest hotel: Best Western Premier Mount Pleasant Hotel, Doncaster

Experience a quintessentially English country house on a tour of this perfectly preserved stately home. It's virtually unchanged from the 1860s. Afterwards, enjoy coffee and cake in the charming tearooms.



Tuck into a pattie butty in Hull

Nearest hotel: Best Western Willerby Manor Hotel, Hull

Hull has its own delicacy that you might like to try – the pattie butty. It's a deep-fried concoction of mashed potato and sage served in a breadcake (that's a bread bun if you're not a local). You can get this delicious snack from any fish and chip shop in the city. Just add sauce or vinegar.