



A Wool Lover's Visit to the North of England

September 26 - October 5, 2022

Join Rowan Tree Travel for a fiber-infused exploration of England's northlands. We'll be adventuring through the Yorkshire Dales, the beautiful Lake District, across moors, through towns and villages, plus enjoy the coastline of Northumberland. A grand crew of artisans, yarn farmers, designers and historians will meet with us to convey the story of this region's rich textile history and the current state of its wool industry. Of course, there are wonderful, iconic inns and amazing food to be had... as befits any Rowan Tree Travel & Fibercraft tour. We'll even stay in our own castle for a couple of nights. What could be better?

Tour Price | not including airfare

\$3800 Shared Accommodations | \$4300 Flex Accommodations* | \$4700 Private Room

**Flex Accommodations include a mix of shared and private room accommodations*

Included in Tour Price

- Accommodations
- An average of two meals per day (Breakfast is provided each morning; prepare to purchase either dinner or lunch based on the day's scheduled activities.)
- All entrance fees and activities
- Airport transfers, ferries and private mini-coach

Not Included in Tour Price

Soda and alcoholic drinks • Personal items • Gratuities • Pre-trip option to attend Yarnale

To Register

A Registration Form and a non-refundable \$200 deposit are required to join the trip. Once you submit your online registration (which arrives in our system with a time stamp) we will tentatively hold a spot for you. Next, we will email an invoice to you for the deposit, payable online with a credit/debit card or bank transfer, which you will need to pay within 24hrs. Once payment is received your spot is secure.

Please note: Out of concern for all - those we travel with and those we visit - Rowan Tree Travel & Fibercraft requires all participants to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Click [HERE](#) to fill out your registration form.



A Wool Lover's Visit to the North of England *Snippet Itinerary*

Friday - Sunday, September 23 - 25

Pre-Trip Option: Arrive early and enjoy one of the England's most loved fiber festivals, Yarndale! We'll facilitate your early arrival at historic Holdsworth House, in Halifax. Zip over to nearby Skipton, to attend the Yarndale market and workshops as you like. Rest, relax and get ready for the tour.

Monday - Tuesday, September 26 & 27

Setting the scene. Flights arrive at Manchester Airport, UK or meet the group there. Our first days are based in Halifax, at the iconic Holdsworth House Hotel. We'll be exploring the area and taking in an overview of Britain's textile history from the middle ages to the late 19th century. Stops include Halifax's Piece Hall and Shibden Hall, getting to know British breeds with our friend, Zoe Fletcher ("The Woolist"), and a visit to the home of the Bronte sisters. Evenings are for enjoying a drink and knitting camaraderie in the wonderful gardens (or cozy pub, in cases of rain) at Holdsworth House.

Wednesday, September 28

Deep history, soaring cathedral. Today is devoted to a visit in the town of Durham. We'll make our way up its winding medieval streets to the cathedral, castle and university. No visit to England's northlands would be complete without time in this cathedral, begun in the days of the Normans and completed as a gothic masterpiece. Then we're off to our beautiful hotel by the beach. Knitting at the shoreline anyone?



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A Wool Lover's Visit to the North of England *Snippet Itinerary, continued*

Thursday - Friday, September 29 & 30

Splendid Northumberland. We're in England's northernmost county now. Perfect for exploring the castle at Alnwick (young wizards and witches have been spotted learning to fly their brooms on its expansive lawns), visiting some very special Wensleydale sheep and angora goats, stopping in at one of our favorite yarn shops in all of Britain, enjoying dinner in a "tree house" and more!

Saturday, October 1

A day in the Dales. Saturday is devoted to exploring the Yorkshire Dales. We'll drive through lush valleys and across the moors, stopping to take in the wonderful villages, markets and sights. We'll also be visiting the last of the area's working mills, now restored and in production once again. On returning to our castle - oh, by the way, we're staying in a castle - we'll have a workshop to brush up on time-honored Yorkshire knitting techniques.

Sunday - Tuesday, October 2 - 4

The Lake District. Famous as a picturesque retreat from Britain's urban centers, the Lake District is full of places and people to make your heart sing. We'll learn about Beatrix Potter's legacy that led to conservation of the district's landscape and rare sheep breeds. We'll also spend time with sheep keepers, wool artisans and designers who keep the area at the leading edge of contemporary British wool work. Add in a wander in the hills, time to peruse shops & galleries, plus fantastic food and fare and you've got the makings of a perfect finale to our journey.

Wednesday, October 5

Farewell to thee, Britannia! Time to head back to Manchester Airport and catch our flights home.



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Important Details to *keep in mind*

This trip needs at least **14** participants in order to proceed.

Travel Insurance

Rowan Tree Travel highly recommends purchasing travel insurance. Once the tour is given "GO" status we will provide a link to fully customizable trip insurance plans for your consideration. You can purchase through our preferred provider or through your own.

Arranging Your Flights

Once our tour is guaranteed with the minimum number of travelers we will notify all registrants so you can begin making travel arrangements. You may purchase your flight reservations on your own or work with our booking agent, Vivienne at Crystal Travel. She can assist in identifying the best itinerary for your needs, coordinating with other participants, and with ticket purchase, seat selection and upgrades. Contact her at (617) 327-2700 or vivienne@crystal-travel.com.

Our tours include transportation to and from the airport for group arrivals/departures. In order to meet us for those airport transfers, we will give everyone an arrival and departure window to facilitate all of our travelers arriving and departing in close proximity. Flight itineraries outside the provided arrival and departure windows will likely result in extra transportation costs and possibly missing scheduled tour activities, for this reason we greatly appreciate your cooperation in booking reservations that accommodate our arrival and departure specifications. These time windows will be provide to travelers once the trip is guaranteed.

Please note the following:

Rowan Tree Travel reserves the right to alter any part of this itinerary in order to address weather conditions, unforeseen circumstance or to improve the participant experience.

Our trips are categorized as active, moderately active, or relaxed. We would describe this trip as **moderately active**. Participants should be capable of walking distances as great as 3-4 miles.

Please note: Some changes to this itinerary may occur as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. If that is the case, every effort will be made to provide replacement accommodations or activities of a similar character, quality and cost. You will be advised of those changes well before departure. Be assured, our primary aim is to provide a rich and wonderful experience while traveling with us.

Have questions? Please contact us at [**info@rowantreetravel.com**](mailto:info@rowantreetravel.com)

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