

Weekend Agenda

Friday Afternoon

On arrival all delegates will be provided with a Welcome Pack

16.00 - 17.00 Seminar – Any Group Travel Questions in Riverside Suite

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available

Friday Evening

Welcome Dinner in the Henley Suite of the Park Inn by Radisson, York
Dress: Smart Casual

19.00 Drinks Reception

19.30 Dinner followed by entertainment

Saturday Morning

07.00 - 09.15 Associates set up Exhibition

08.45 - 09.30 Associates Meeting in the Riverside Suite

09.30 - 12.00 Associate Members and Local Attractions Exhibition in the Henley Suite of the Park Inn by Radisson, York

This is a vital session for networking and promoting business between Members and Intermediate/Associate members. There is also an opportunity to find out about the many attractions in the surrounding area which it has not been possible to include within the Familiarisation Visit programme.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available

Saturday Afternoon

12.30 - 17.00 Familiarisation Visits

Saturday Evening

Gala Dinner in The Henley Suite of the Park Inn by Radisson, York
Dress: Black Tie or Lounge Suit

19.00 Drinks Reception

19.30 Gala Dinner

The Grand Draw will take place and entertainment will be provided.

Sunday Morning

Branch Meetings and GTOA Annual General Meeting at Park Inn by Radisson, York

09.30 Branch Meetings

10.15 Tea and coffee available

10.45 National AGM in the Henley Suite of the Park Inn by Radisson, York

Notes: Details of the agenda will be forwarded by the General Secretary. Every fully paid-up GTOA member is entitled to participate in this session, without charge, even if not attending other elements of the conference. Members are reminded that their Membership Badge should be worn for the AGM.

Guests only – 09.45-12.30 – Sunday Morning Trip

York Designer Outlet

Board your coach for a trip to York Designer Outlet on the outskirts of the City. You'll find over 120 famous name stores at York Designer Outlet, with designer savings up to 60% off.

OR

Sightsee at leisure

Alternatively use your VIP passes which you will have been issued with for individual use over the weekend. This allows FREE entry to attractions.

All Enquiries regarding the weekend

Contact: Bill Gillman
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There are opportunities for Associate and Intermediate Members to sponsor certain aspects of the weekend and donate prizes for the Charity Prize Draw.

Details can be found on the enclosed Additional Facilities Booking Form.

To advertise in the Souvenir Brochure, please contact Harriet Pennant-Williams at Blueprint Travel Media on 01743 231135 or email: harriet@blueprintmedia.org.uk

Booking Procedure

Complete the enclosed Booking Forms and indicate your choice from the options available.

GTOs/Intermediate Members: Calculate the total cost and forward your cheque (made payable to GTOA), or Debit/Credit Card instructions with authorising signature, on the enclosed Remittance Advice, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope for confirmation, plus the booking form, in the Reply Paid envelope provided.

Associate Members: Return the Booking Forms in the Reply Paid envelope provided. **SEND NO PAYMENT NOW – AN INVOICE WILL BE ISSUED.** Please give your purchase order number if required.

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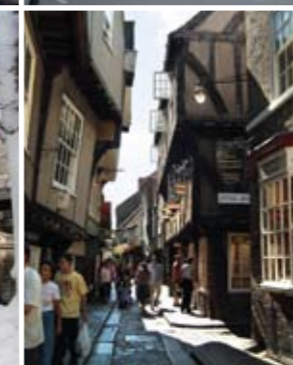
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- On site car parking based on first come first served basis.
- Boasts 13 modern meeting and event rooms with catering for up to 400 delegates.



Saturday 21st January - York Afternoon Familiarisation Visits

N.B. All Saturday Familiarisation Visits include lunch and will be escorted by a GTOA representative. Tours will be led by a local guide. All guides are Visit York members and York Badge accredited. All visits subject to alteration.

Please indicate on the enclosed Booking Form which tour you prefer.

Note: Due to the nature of the City of York with its pedestrian and traffic free areas, it is not possible to get coaches near to the city centre attractions. All walking tours involve a maximum of 15 minutes walk (no steep inclines) between the points of call but due to the terrain of paving slabs and flat cobbles, sensible shoes should be worn. Warm clothing also recommended!

Option A: Minsters and Mansions – walking tour

Start with a fifteen minute stroll to **Bettys Café Tea Rooms** for a light lunch (21 steps to the first floor Belmont Room). A further ten minute walk will take you to the magnificent **York Minster**, the largest Gothic Cathedral North of the Alps. You can choose to go low or high! The Minster is now operating two new 'Hidden' Tours for groups. Climb 166 steps to the **Bell Tower** or go up and discover the hidden sides of the Minster in the **Stonemasons' Loft** (67 steps) and the **Chapter House Roof** (95 steps).

Alternatively keep your feet firmly on the ground with a tour of the main Minster areas. You will also visit the official residence of the Lord Mayor of York, the **Mansion House** and be inspired by the grandeur of the Stateroom.

Please note: Warm clothing is required on this visit. If you opt to do the 'Hidden' tours at the Minster there are a lot of steps and you will need a head for heights! There is a maximum of 10 people for each Hidden tour on a first-come first-served basis.



Option B: York Classic Attractions – walking tour

A fifteen minute stroll to the Hilton Hotel York to enjoy a light lunch. Then on to **JORVIK**, built on the very site where archaeologists discovered 40,000 Viking-age artifacts. Travel round in a state-of-the-art capsule. This is your chance to get up close to 1,000 year old houses as they are revealed beneath your feet. Take a bird's eye view of York from the top of **Clifford's Tower**, (55 steps to the entrance optional) originally built by William the Conqueror. In its time the tower served as a prison and a royal mint.

Final stop **York Castle Museum** to experience everything from Dick Turpin's cell in the York Castle prison to thousands of everyday historical objects arranged in recreated period rooms and galleries exploring the Victorians, Houses and Homes, Toys, World War II and the 1960s to name but a few.

Please note: Warm clothing is required on this visit.



Option C: Planes, Trains and much more

Board your coach for the **Yorkshire Air Museum & Allied Forces Memorial** based on historic WWII airbase at Elvington. Enjoy a light lunch in the NAAFI! Learn the story of the Bomber Command, discover the Pioneers of Aviation and check out the Halifax Bomber and the rarely seen Nimrod.

Next stop the **National Railway Museum**, to see the finest collection of trains and rolling stock anywhere in the world. From Stephenson's Rocket and the Duchess of Hamilton, to modern day wonders such as the Japanese Bullet train, Shinkansen and Eurostar.

Please note: Warm clothing is required on this visit. There will be some walking required on this tour around the attractions.



Option D: Eden Camp & Castle Howard

Board your coach to travel to Malton and experience the sights, sounds and smells of wartime Britain at the **Eden Camp Modern History Theme Museum**. Housed in the buildings and grounds of an original Prisoner of War Camp. Time to enjoy a light lunch before exploring.

Travel on to **Castle Howard**, home of the Howard family and set in a landscape of rolling hills and striking monuments. Explore this family home with world-renowned collections and dramatic interiors.

Please note: Warm clothing is required on this visit. There will be some walking required on this tour around the attractions.



Option E: Hidden Gems – walking tour

A short hop by coach to the Black Swan Inn to enjoy a light lunch. Visit the **Quilt Museum & Gallery** (across the road) for a fascinating look at the unique collection of historic and contemporary quilts and textiles. Then just a short stroll to the **Shambles**, one of York's most photographed streets. Next stop **Barley Hall** just off Stonegate, this stunning building has beautiful half timbered frames, high ceilings and a magnificent great hall. Plus a fascinating exhibition **From Hamlet to Hollywood**.

Please note: Warm clothing is required on this visit. There will be some walking required on this tour between the attractions and back to the hotel.



A York VIP Pass will be issued before the weekend, valid from Thursday to Monday, allowing free entry to all attractions. This Pass will enable delegates & guests to visit attractions not included on their chosen familiarisation trip.