



Tour Information



Gardens of Yorkshire

Gardeners World exclusive





The tour starts and finishes at **The Ripon Inn Hotel**

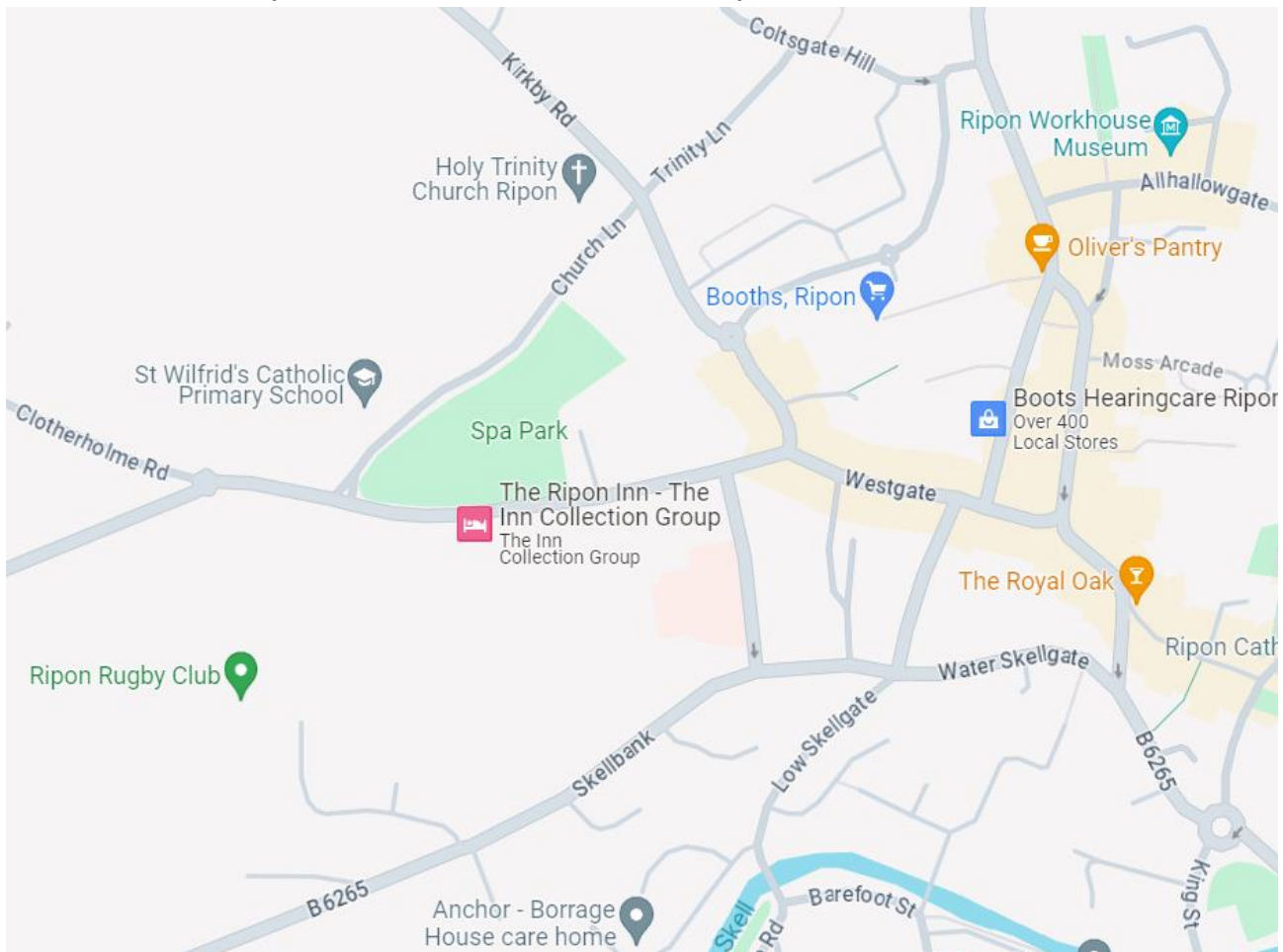
Park Street

Ripon

HG4 2BU

Tel: 01765 602 172

Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

Travelling by car: Head north from Harrogate on the A61 towards Ripon. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Harrogate Road then continue for 1 mile. Continue onto Low Skellgate, then take a slight left onto High Skellgate. Turn left onto Westgate, then another left onto Park Street. Your destination will be on the left.

Car Park: There is limited free onsite car parking available at The Ripon Inn. Parking is first come first served. There is a public car park approximately 7-minutes' walk from the hotel at 3 Marshall Way, Ripon HG4 2AZ

Travelling by train: The nearest mainline stations are Thirsk or Harrogate, both approx. 11 miles away.



Accommodation

The Ripon Inn Hotel

An elegant Edwardian building located in the centre of England's third-smallest city, The Ripon Inn has recently undergone a multi-million-pound refurbishment and is welcoming back guests, continuing a purpose it has fulfilled for more than 100 years. The Ripon Inn now offers 58 bedrooms with a mix of double, twin and family configurations.

Each of the comfortable bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms, TV, telephone, hairdryer, safe, free Wi-fi and tea and coffee making facilities.

For more information, additional details can be found on the website:

www.inncollectiongroup.com/ripon-inn

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival, you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15.00.

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 10.30.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

Dining

On the first night of your stay, a three-course dinner with wine is provided. During the second and third evenings of the tour, dinner is provided at the hotel's open plan restaurant. Breakfast on each day of your stay is included in the price.



Places Visited

York Gate Gardens

At one acre, York Gate is considered one of the finest small gardens in the country. The design of 'rooms' interlinked through a succession of vistas and focal points, are executed with meticulous attention to detail inspired by some of the outstanding gardens of the Arts and Crafts movement.

It has been granted Grade II national heritage status in a list of post-war gardens and landscapes for England. We include a guided tour with the one of the senior gardeners at York Gate Gardens.

<https://perennial.org.uk/gardens/gardens-menu/york-gate/>

Harlow Carr

One of Yorkshire's most relaxing and innovative gardens, RHS Harlow Carr is a showcase of horticultural excellence throughout the stunning 58-acre garden. Highlights include the dramatic contemporary planting of the Main Borders, the lush plants in the Streamside Garden, and the rose focussed magical Scented Garden.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlow-carr/introducing-harlow-carr>

Castle Howard House & Gardens

Set against the Howardian Hills countryside, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Castle Howard is an 18th century palace with park and garden set over 1000 acres. The peaceful gardens include extensive woodland walks, temples, lakes, fountains, and Walled Garden. Explore the house and gardens in a free-flow visit.

<https://www.castlehoward.co.uk/>

Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Garden

This UNESCO World Heritage Site includes the Ruins of Fountains Abbey which are one of the largest and best-preserved Cistercian monasteries in England; the Studley Royal Water Garden, one of the best examples of a Georgian water garden in England with its ornamental lakes, temples and casacades; and Studley Royal Deer Park which includes one of the finest examples of Victorian gothic revival architecture in England at St Mary's Church.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/fountains-abbey-and-studley-royal-water-garden>

Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park

Set in the beautiful countryside between Masham and Ripon in North Yorkshire, the award-winning Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park is home to 90 striking contemporary sculptures, situated within 45 acres of stunning woodland and gardens. For 2024, 60 new sculptures have been installed for 'Sculptures in the Landscape Exhibition' exploring artistry in nature with work from across the UK. We include a guided tour here.

<https://www.himalayangarden.com/>

Littlethorpe Manor Gardens

Set in the 11-acre grounds of Littlethorpe Manor, the gardens have been designed and developed over the last 23 years by Head Gardener, Eddie Harland. The garden is on two levels – an upper level of 4 acres around the house, fairly formal in layout, with 7 acres of parkland below. The heart of the estate is the walled garden, relating the four seasons to the cycle of life. The circular features here are repeated as a theme throughout the garden. We include a guided tour of the gardens.

<https://littlethorpemanor.com/>

Your Guide

David started gardening as a young child and has been growing plants for more than 40 years. He has worked in gardens and nurseries, growing on a range of different soils and in different types of microclimates. His extensive knowledge and practical experience of plants, crops and growing techniques is founded on a thorough botanical and scientific training, complemented by an in depth understanding of garden design, wildlife, geology and climatology. He also trained as a teacher and has taught a huge diversity of subjects from botany, soil science and plant identification, to propagation, garden design and crop production, and from City & Guilds through to Degree level. He is also a popular speaker with local gardening groups.

As a journalist, David has spent more than 20 years writing for and editing the nation's crop of garden magazines, currently as Associate Editor for BBC Gardeners' World Magazine. He has also written for several websites and appeared both as a regular contributor and an expert commentator on TV and radio. David is a popular figure in the horticultural world, well liked and respected for his knowledge by nurserymen, professional gardeners, journalists and the gardening public. He has designed, built and planted show gardens and display stands at most of the major garden shows in the UK, including the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show, and is now a Designate Judge for the Royal Horticultural Society. He has also travelled to every continent, with the exception of Antarctica, to discover plants and gardens, both independently and on more than 50 trips accompanying groups of gardeners. David will give one introductory talk during the tour.

Practical Information

Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions, please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping – To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.

Grading – This tour has been graded as **Moderate**: Walking between sites, with lots of standing for viewing. Paths in the gardens may be paved, or natural gravel / pebble surfaces. Some gardens are on sloping sites, which can be quite steep in areas. Access throughout the gardens may include uneven surfaces, and stepped access to some features. Some main paths at Studley have uneven cobbled and gravel surfaces and steep slopes. There will be seating available at points around each garden.



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday, please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason, you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

07841 023807 or 07441 343850

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