CHRISTMAS IN YORK - £365

24th December 2020 - 27th December 2020 (4 days)
Based at the York Holiday Inn, just over a mile from York city centre. Explore this historic city and surrounding countryside using cycle paths, lanes and B-roads or simply relax and enjoy the Christmas meals and being waited on. Almost entirely flat led rides on Christmas Day (28 miles) and Boxing Day (50 miles, short cuts available), plus led walks. Non-cycling partners welcome.

HOLIDAY TYPE: Guided
TOUR MANAGER: Sheila Simpson
GRADE: Leisurely
BOOKING STATUS: Places Available
ACCOMMODATION: Hotel
BOARD BASIS: Some Meals
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: Land Only
ROAD / OFF ROAD: Road
HOLIDAY STYLE: Centre-based
VEHICLE SUPPORT: Carry Own Luggage
HOLIDAY REF NO: 03493

Holiday Itinerary

Thursday 24th December
We meet in the hotel bar at 1800 to discuss the weather and timetable and then enjoy a walk into York to visit The Maltings and/or The Punch Bowl, depending on the requirements of individual members of the group. Meals: None

Friday 25th December
We leave the hotel between 0900 and 0915 for a 28 mile circuit to Selby using tarmac cycle paths and recommended quiet roads of National Cycle Route 65, noting the models of the Solar System, all to scale, along the way. After a short break outside Selby Abbey we return on B-roads and NCR 65 to enjoy a full Christmas lunch at the hotel. There is an optional late afternoon walk across the racecourse and along the river paths to and from York city centre (approx 5 miles). In the evening we have a buffet dinner at the hotel. Meals: B L D

Saturday 26th December
We leave the hotel between 0900 and 0915 for a 50 mile circuit to Easingwold and Beningbrough Hall (short cuts available), using cycle paths alongside the A64, then soon taking to the Yorkshire lanes through attractive Askham Richard to visit the Battle of Marston Moor Memorial, crossing the River Nidd at Cattal and the Ouse at Aldwark Toll Bridge (now free) to Easingwold for lunch, where pubs and shops will be open. We return via Newton-on-Ouse, the grounds of Beningbrough Hall, NCR 65 and across the Knavesmire. In the evening we dine at the Fox & Roman across the road from the hotel. Meals: B D

Sunday 27th December
The holiday finishes after breakfast. Usually some of the group prefer to spend more time in York, but bear in mind that rooms have to be vacated by 1200. The hotel parking facilities can be used until later in the day. Meals: B

Meals: B = Breakfast  L = Lunch  D = Dinner

Holiday Summary

Accommodation & Meals
Based at the 3-star York Holiday Inn, sharing twin rooms. A buffet breakfast is provided each day, plus an excellent lunch and dinner on Christmas Day. Boxing Day dinner is at the Fox & Roman. Any dietary restrictions should be specified when booking.

Vehicle Support
As this is a centre-based holiday, no vehicle support is provided.

Travel Insurance
Obtaining travel insurance is optional for UK residents as your Cycling UK membership provides third party cover. However, this does not cover any other risks such as cancellation charges, personal injury or lost property. We therefore strongly recommend that suitable insurance is taken out to safeguard against such risks. Members who do not reside in the UK are not covered for third party and are advised to obtain suitable cover before leaving their normal residence. If you already have an annual policy, you may need to confirm that it will cover a UK holiday or make provision for it to do so.

Price
The price of £365 is based on a minimum number of 10 people taking part in the holiday. If there are insufficient bookings by 15th October 2020, we will contact you and return all monies paid.

Price Includes
- 3 nights hotel, sharing room
- 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- CTC Cycling Holidays & Tours costs

Price Does Not Include
- Travel to and from the start of the holiday
- Lunch, other than on Christmas Day
- Refreshments at morning and afternoon stops
- Entry fees at any attractions visited
- Any other personal expenses
- Single occupancy supplement (£140, subject to availability)

Payment Schedule
A deposit of £95 per person is payable upon booking, with the final balance of £270 per person to be paid ten weeks prior to departure, by 15th October 2020.

Cancellations
Should you be forced to cancel your booking for any reason you must notify us in writing. Cancellation charges are as follows:

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Additional Information

Accommodation & Meals
During the day we will carry our own basic snacks (biscuits, cheese, fruit, peanuts, drinks). The Holiday Inn also serves lunchtime bar snacks on Boxing Day.

Travel
There is a railway station in York, just over a mile away, and there are cycle lanes on the road to the hotel. Cars can be parked in the hotel grounds and cycles stored overnight in a hotel room.

Group Information
The maximum number of participants will be 16 excluding the Tour Manager.

Weather & Clothing
The weather is in the lap of the gods. We have had crisp, sunny weather most years since 2004 but snow and ice reduced most of the group to walking in
2009 and 2010, and the river paths were flooded in 2012, 2014 and 2015. Bringing a variety of medium thickness multi layers of cycling, or outdoor clothing which can be combined to cope with the variety of possible temperatures, is recommended. You should also bring waterproofs, a change of clothing for the evening and comfortable walking shoes if you plan to walk around York or if the weather looks like snow.

Cycles & Equipment
A touring cycle or lightweight MTB is suitable, which must be in good working order, especially the brakes! A bottom gear of 30 inches or less is recommended.

Maps & Guides
You should carry a map in case you become separated from the group. The whole area is covered by the Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 Landranger maps 105 (York & Selby) and 100 (Malton Pickering & Surrounding Area).

Tour Manager's Contact Details
If you require any assistance, or have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the Tour Manager using the information provided below.

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