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# Discover the Yorkshire Dales United Kingdom

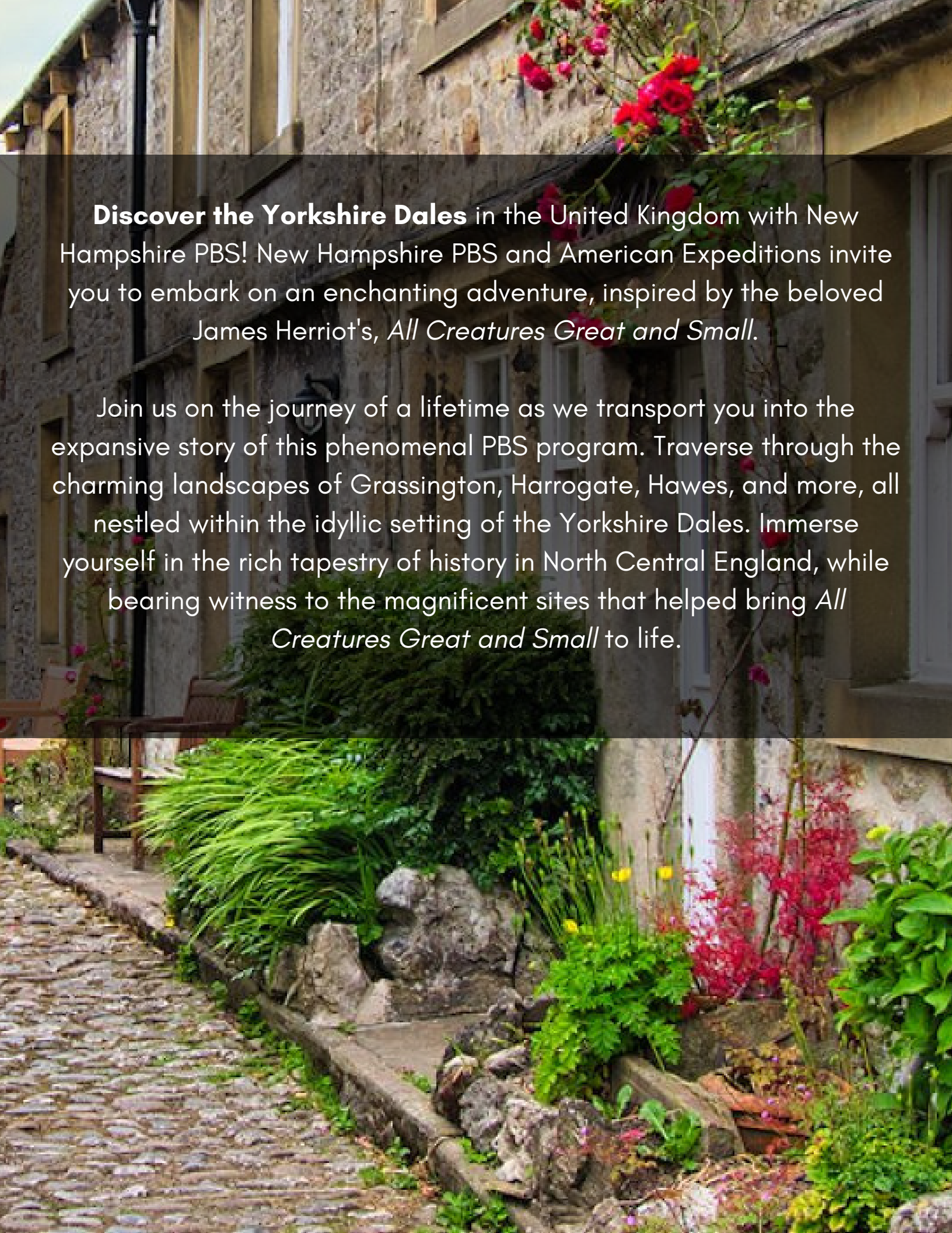
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A photograph of a stone building with a garden path. The path is made of cobblestones and leads towards a wooden bench. There are various plants and flowers, including red roses and yellow daffodils, in the garden. The building has a rustic, stone facade with a window and a door visible. The overall scene is a charming, idyllic setting in the Yorkshire Dales.

**Discover the Yorkshire Dales** in the United Kingdom with New Hampshire PBS! New Hampshire PBS and American Expeditions invite you to embark on an enchanting adventure, inspired by the beloved James Herriot's, *All Creatures Great and Small*.

Join us on the journey of a lifetime as we transport you into the expansive story of this phenomenal PBS program. Traverse through the charming landscapes of Grassington, Harrogate, Hawes, and more, all nestled within the idyllic setting of the Yorkshire Dales. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of history in North Central England, while bearing witness to the magnificent sites that helped bring *All Creatures Great and Small* to life.

# DISCOVER THE YORKSHIRE DALES

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## DAY 1 | Friday, September 20 FLY TO MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

The **NHPBS Discover the Yorkshire Dales** Tour starts with a flight from Boston to Manchester. Refer to your AE tour handbook for tips on making the journey smooth and comfortable. Meals, snacks, and refreshments will be served on board. Be sure to read through the great tips and travel information in your **American Expeditions tour handbook!**

## DAY 2 | Saturday, September 21 WELCOME TO ENGLAND

Your American Expeditions tour manager will be waiting to greet you in the arrivals area of Manchester Airport. Together, board your private motor coach bound for North Yorkshire. Nestled in the heart of England and dotted with charming market towns, this area boasts breathtaking natural beauty and a rich historical tapestry. It is renowned for its stunning landscapes, including the Yorkshire Dales, with its picturesque valleys and limestone formations.

Arrive in **Grassington** and enjoy an orientation walk through this quaint village which provides the perfect backdrop to novelist Herriot's *All Creatures Great and Small*. Gather your first impressions of this remarkable English town.

Tonight, your tour kicks off with a **welcome dinner** at the Drover's Arms, whose exterior was featured in the series. Enjoy getting to know your fellow travelers as you preview the days ahead.

## DAY 3 | Sunday, September 22 SIGHTSEEING GRASSINGTON & BROUGHTON HALL

Wake up to your first full day in the United Kingdom! After breakfast this morning, take time to explore Grassington with your local guide. Visit iconic sites such as The Stripey Badger Bookshop, The Rustic Rabbit, Walker's Bakery and Love Brownies!

In the afternoon, board your motorcoach for a visit to **Broughton Hall**. The 16th century hall is set on a 3,000 acre estate, renowned for its grandeur and interior design. Let the show come to life as you explore this iconic location.

Return to your hotel in Grassington where the evening is free to enjoy dinner at leisure.

## DAY 4 | Monday, September 23 RIPLEY CASTLE AND HARROGATE

Enjoy breakfast this morning in the hotel dining room. After checking out of your hotel, board your motor coach and transfer to **Harrogate**, a Victorian spa town and rural district at the heart of Yorkshire.

On the way, stop for a guided tour of **Ripley Castle**, an extraordinary historical landmark built in the 14th century and home to the Ingleby family for over 700 years. Continue to Harrogate and check-in to your centrally located hotel.

The evening is free to explore the area and dine at leisure. Return to your hotel and rest up for the following day's adventures.







#### **DAY 5 | Tuesday, September 24 SIGHTSEEING IN RIPON**

This morning, board your motor coach and visit **Fountains Abbey and Gardens** for a guided tour. Fountains Abbey is one of the largest and most well-preserved Cistercian monasteries in England. Built by devout monks in 1132, the Abbey operated for 407 years. Stroll through the lush greenery, discover tranquil water features, and immerse yourself in the serenity of this captivating historic site.

The afternoon is yours to explore Harrogate independently. *An optional visit to a local dairy farm may be possible at an additional charge.*

Regroup for **dinner** this evening at a local restaurant in Ripon, a historic cathedral city known for its medieval architecture, traditional market square, and the stunning Ripon Cathedral.

#### **DAY 6 | Wednesday, September 25 BOLTON ABBEY TRAIN TOUR**

Enjoy breakfast this morning as you prepare for an exciting day ahead! Today, the **NHPBS Discover the Yorkshire Dales Tour** will continue on with a visit to the **Bolton Abbey Train Station** for a steam locomotive tour of the Yorkshire Countryside! Enjoy **lunch** on the train as you travel through beautiful rural landscapes as you ride this relic of the past.

In the afternoon, an *optional scone-making workshop may be organized for an additional fee.* Return to your hotel in Harrogate this evening and settle in for a good night's rest.

#### **DAY 7 | Thursday, September 26 THIRSK – ASKRIGG – BOLTON CASTLE**

This morning, after breakfast at the hotel, head to Thirsk to visit the **World of James Herriot Visitor Centre**. This immersive experience celebrates the life and work of the famous veterinarian and author James Herriot. Exhibits, interactive displays, and recreated scenes from his stories, provide insight into the rural veterinary practice in Yorkshire. Continue on to the village of **Askrigg** for lunch and free time independently. This English countryside town is also famous for its association with James Herriot, and the fictional village of Darrowby in his autobiographical books including *All Creatures Great and Small!*

After, head to **Bolton Castle** and pass by **Aysgarth Falls**, a triple flight of waterfalls surrounded by stunning woodland and farmland. The falls are quite spectacular especially after heavy rainfall, and have attracted visitors for over 200 years. Enjoy a **guided tour of Bolton Castle**, a 14th century royal landmark, where Mary Queen of Scots was once held prisoner for six months. Admire this stunning piece of architecture as you travel back in time and learn more about England's rich royal history. Enjoy **afternoon tea** set amongst the grandeur of this historic castle. Return to Harrogate for dinner and entertainment on your own this evening.

#### **DAY 8 | Friday, September 27 SIGHTSEEING IN HARROGATE**

Wake up to your last full day in England! After breakfast, head to the village of **Hawes**, a small market town in North Yorkshire, England. Hawes was featured in the BBC series *All Creatures Great and Small* as the Darrowby Cattle Market. Be sure to try the locally famed Wensleydale cheese while in Hawes.

In the early afternoon, return to Harrogate. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure. Perhaps you will enjoy a stroll through the Valley Gardens, a 17-acre park with themed gardens, floral displays, and historic buildings. Another option is to visit Betty's Cafe and Tea Room for some afternoon tea and British fare! *An optional bike tour of Harrogate may be arranged for an additional cost.*

Tonight, the **NHPBS Discover the Yorkshire Dales Tour** comes to a close with a **festive farewell dinner!**

#### **DAY 9 | Saturday, September 28 RETURN HOME**

This morning, check out of your hotel and depart for the Manchester Airport. The **NHPBS Discover the Yorkshire Dales Tour** ends with an overnight flight from **Manchester** back to **Boston**. Heartfelt goodbyes are exchanged at the airport, and your group is sent off with a fond, "Thank you for bridging our worlds. Until we meet again!"





## TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

### **FLIGHTS - *professionally managed with group airfare***

- Roundtrip flights from Boston to Manchester

### **ACCOMMODATIONS - *thoughtfully selected to match group needs***

7 nights in 4 star hotels, as follows:

- 2 nights in Grassington, Skipton or similar
- 5 nights in Harrogate

### **MEALS - *varied, flavorful, and highlighting local cuisine***

- Breakfast daily at your hotel
- One lunch and afternoon tea, served as follows:
  - Lunch during the train ride at Bolton Abbey Train Station
  - Afternoon tea at Bolton Castle
- 3 dinners, served as follows:
  - Welcome dinner in the Drover's Arms in Grassington
  - Dinner at a local restaurant in Ripon
  - Festive Farewell dinner in Harrogate

### **ACTIVITIES + TOURS + ENTRANCES - *handpicked for you***

Experience fabulous sightseeing with our entertaining and informative guides:

- Entrance to Broughton Hall
- Guided tour of Ripley Castle
- Guided tour of Fountains Abbey & Gardens
- Train ride on the Bolton Abbey Train Station Steam Locomotive
- Guided tour of Bolton Castle
- Visit to Aysgarth Falls
- Entrance to World of James Herriot Visitor Centre

### **TOUR MANAGER *to handle on-the-road logistics***

To accompany your group every step of the way from arrival through departure, you will have an American Expeditions full-time tour manager. Our beloved tour managers assist with:

- Greeting and gathering the group upon arrival
- Expediting hotel check-ins and check-outs
- Liaising with reception desks, coach drivers, and guides
- Facilitating concerts and rehearsals
- Directing on-site entrances and activities, handling tickets and vouchers
- Keeping each day well-paced
- Sharing cultural content and interpreting local customs
- Sending everyone home with fond memories & hopes to travel together again soon!

### **TRANSPORTATION *in a private, modern, climate-controlled motor coach with a professional driver.***

For all services specified in your itinerary.

### **INSURANCE *that covers our commitment to you***

American Expeditions & Music Contact International, Inc. holds \$5,000,000.00 of Travel Agent and Tour operators Professional Liability Insurance.

### **TOUR ENHANCEMENT MATERIALS *to help plan, promote, and prepare for your tour***

- A custom Traveler's Resource (TR) website: We build this site specifically for your tour as a resource for travelers to engage in from the start. The TR Site is where travelers view the itinerary and watch it develop. There are maps, pictures, packing lists, recommendations for destination-based books and movies, collections of FAQs, and helpful travel links.
- A customized Tour Handbook with hourly itinerary, packing tips and lists, practical "Things to Know", destination background, and other fun content. This printed booklet is provided for each traveler about a month before departure.
- A luggage tag, passport/document holder, and outlet adaptor for each traveler is also included.





### AMERICAN EXPEDITIONS SERVICE *goes beyond logistics*

- A unique opportunity to make lifelong friends through travel and pilgrimage! When we bring groups together, friendships develop that frequently extend to years of heartfelt reunions on tours we plan around the world.
- You are in good hands! We've got 30+ years' experience arranging custom cultural and special interest tours, performance tours, and festivals for choirs, bands, and orchestras.
- Our American Expeditions team is the best in the business! We are paddlers, musicians, teachers, event planners, parents, performers, volunteers, travelers, linguists, athletes, and more, from many countries, sharing our expertise at producing great tour experiences.



### TOUR PACKAGE PRICE

#### LAND PACKAGE PRICES

Based on a group size of at least 20 paying travelers:  
\$5,562.00 per person based on double occupancy

#### LAND & AIR PACKAGE PRICES

Based on a group size of at least 20 paying travelers:  
\$7,064.00 per person based on double occupancy

#### OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

\$721.00 single room supplement (per person)



### DETAILS

#### Your Tour includes everything above. Here's what's not included:

Passport, official ID, visa or other required travel documents | Fees for extra, oversize or overweight baggage | Luggage handling at airports and hotels | Transportation of oversized luggage | Meeting room rental | Meals, entrance fees, and coach transfers not mentioned above | Drinks with meals unless specified | Gratuities for tour managers, local guides, coach drivers, hotel staff | Travel insurance

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE is recommended!

American Expeditions recommends purchasing travel insurance through [Travel Insured](#). This link is also available online via your Traveler's Resource site.

Please review coverage options very carefully and contact Travel Insured Inc. directly with any insurance-related questions.



### RESERVATION PROCEDURE

To register for this tour, please go online to [tinyurl.com/NHPBSYorkshire24](http://tinyurl.com/NHPBSYorkshire24) or call American Expeditions at 1-800-624-0166 x234.

A 25% per person deposit is required at the time of registration to reserve your place on the tour.

Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received. Space is limited.





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