

# Northumbria Delights

## Bicester U3A: Members only.

7 Days  
£865 pp  
Half-Board  
By coach

Sunday 16th to Saturday 22nd June 2024



### YOUR 7 DAY GUIDELINE ITINERARY

**Day 1, Sunday:** Departing from our local pick-up points we head northwards, stopping at Belton House (National Trust), near Grantham for a visit and lunch, after which we continue on our journey to Newcastle, arriving in the late afternoon with time to relax before dinner

**Day 2, Monday:** Morning visit to beautiful Cragside (National Trust). This was the first house in the world to be lit by electricity, making it a wonder of the bygone age. Besides being an Arts and Crafts masterpiece, the outside boasts beautiful gardens and grounds incorporating rocks, crags and waterfalls, open lakes, towering conifers and huge rhododendrons. NB very steep – please wear sensible footwear. Return to Newcastle via Hexham

**Day 3, Tuesday:** Depart for the Beamish Open Air Museum. A truly unforgettable experience where you can ride on trams, visit the nostalgic shops, and explore the old houses – all faithfully recreating life at the turn of the century.

**Day 4, Wednesday:** Today we explore Northumbria's Heritage Coastline with a local guide. Our first stop is Seahouses, followed by the beautiful coastal town of Bamburgh, dominated by its magnificent castle. We enjoy some free time here before re-joining the coach for a visit to Holy Island (subject to tidal conditions), also referred to as 'Lindisfarne', and famed for being the birthplace of English Christianity. Here you will find charming cafes, a priory, and Lindisfarne Castle (National Trust) that teeters dramatically on the rugged coastline.

**Day 5, Thursday (Free Day):** Today is a day of choice, with several options available: Discover the newly re-vamped waterfront, visit the museums or enjoy a bit of retail therapy. The beautiful city of Durham is only a short train ride away for anyone wishing to visit its lovely cathedral, the final resting place of St Cuthbert and St Bede the Venerable.

**Day 6, Friday:** Alnwick Castle and Gardens. We have included entry to the castle that dominates the town and is home to the Percy family and was used as a filming location for Harry Potter and Downton Abbey. The gardens were created by the Duchess of Northumberland in 2001.

**Day 7, Saturday:** Today we say our fond farewells before departing for home. With a suitable stop en route we aim to be back in Bicester in the early evening.

### The Caledonian Hotel Newcastle (3\*)

This traditional hotel is located in the heart of Jesmond, a leafy area just one mile from Newcastle city centre and close to local shops, the Metro and bus routes

- 91 en-suite bedrooms with TV, hospitality tray, and hairdryer.
- Lift

#### What's Included:

- ✓ 6 nights' dinner bed and breakfast
- ✓ Return coach travel
- ✓ Excursions as stated (subject to change)
- ✓ Non-refundable £60pp deposit
- ✓ Portorage (subject to availability)
- ✓ Optional insurance £35pp (non-refundable)

\*Price based on minimum 30 passengers and National Trust Members

Non NT members pay on entry

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CONDITIONS APPLY**

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