

Things You Didn't Know About York...

1. York has more miles of intact city walls than anywhere else in England.
2. No other city offers special walking tours like it! Try the Historic Toilet Tour, take the Guy Fawkes Trail, discover the Saints and Sinners of the city or scare yourselves silly on the Graveyard, Coffin, Ghost Hunt and Plague tour, to mention just a few....
3. The Roman Baths public house holds a little known rare example of underground Roman Baths. Excavated in 1929, they were most likely used by Emperor Constantine!
4. York is home to over 30 museums and tourist attractions – more than any other comparable historical city in Britain.
5. The Shambles is believed to be the oldest shopping street in Europe, even getting a mention in the Domesday Book of 1086.
6. The International Ghost Research Foundation announced in 2002 that York is officially the most haunted city in Europe.
7. York and specifically Fairfax House is home to one of the finest private collections of 17th and 18th century furniture and clocks outside of London.
8. The Merchant Adventurers' Hall is one of the best preserved medieval guildhalls in Europe and in 2007 celebrated its 650th anniversary.
9. The Lord Mayor's residence, the Mansion House, houses one of the finest collections of gold and silver civic plate in the UK. The earliest surviving silver chamber pot which was used by George 1V is put in front of presiding Lord Mayor at private dinner functions.
10. York is home to the largest Railway Museum in the world and has the only Japanese Bullet train outside of Japan.
11. The streets of York belie architecture from almost every main period in history.
12. Constantine the Great crowned in York in 306AD, is the only Roman emperor to have been crowned anywhere outside of Rome.
13. The city is an archaeologist's delight. York contains one of Britain's very few 'wet sites', where organic materials such as wood and leather survive. Find out more at Dig and Jorvik visitor attractions.
14. Burnby Hall Gardens (just outside York) is home to the national collection of waterlilies with over 80 varieties to be spotted in the two lakes.
15. Castle Howard houses one of the largest collections of lead sculptures in Britain. This 18th century stately home offers behind the scenes tours of the Temple of the Four Winds.
16. York is home to the earliest custom built dance hall in the UK – the Assembly Rooms, designed by Lord Burlington and now home now to Ask restaurant.