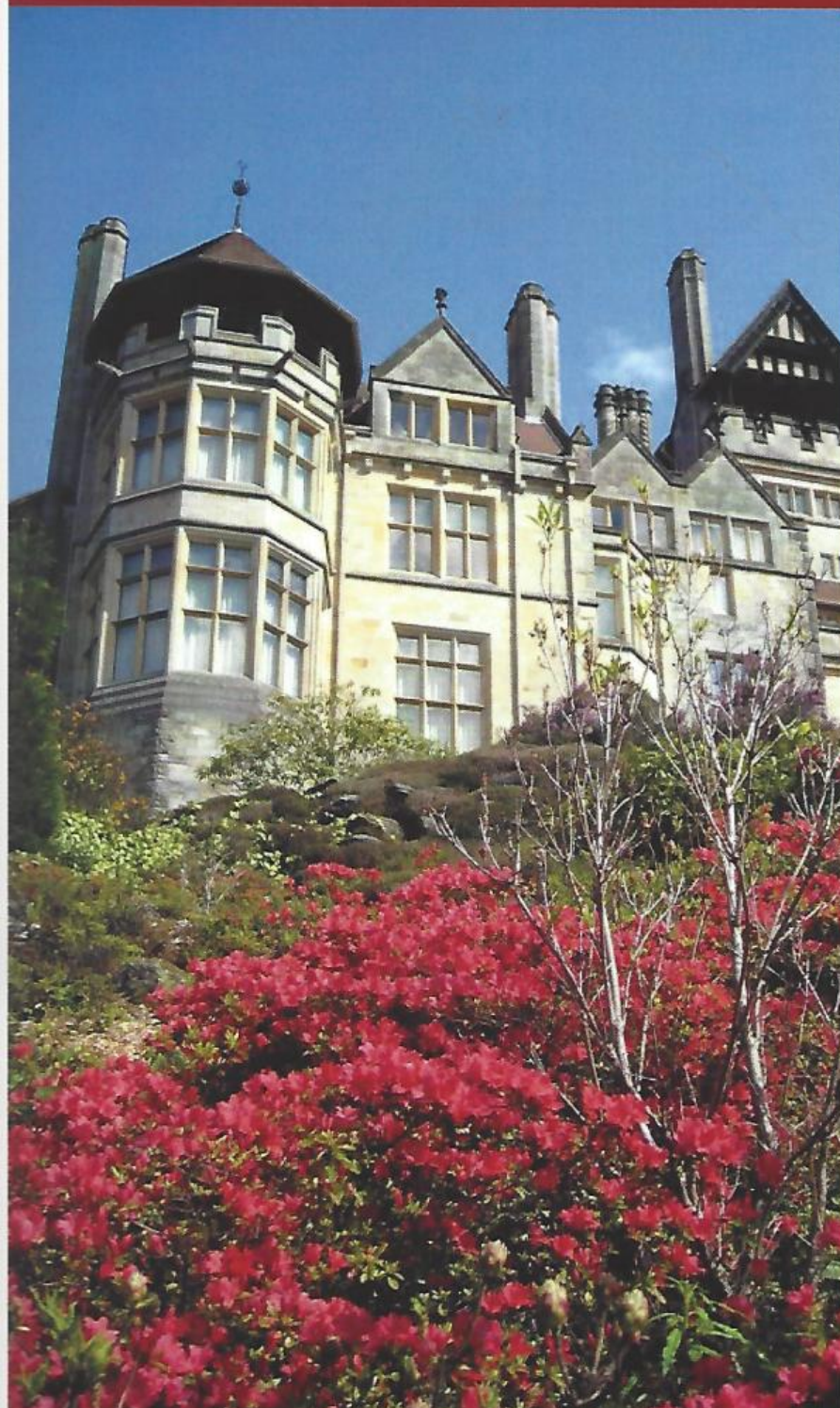


# Northumbrias Heritage, Houses & Gardens

7 days from £594

Departs 9th June 2019



## FEATURES

- 4\* Central Newcastle Hotel
- Half board accommodation
- A full programme of excursions & guided tours
- Blue Badge Guides on Days 2,4,5 & 6
- Executive Coach Travel
- Porterage on arrival and departure

## WHAT WE WILL SEE

• RHS Harlow Carr Garden	£9.50
• Lindisfarne Priory	£6.10pp
• Bamburgh	
• Newcastle	
• Alnwick Gardens	inc
• Cragside House & Gardens	£16.00pp
• Belsay Hall, Castle & Gardens	£8.60pp
• RHS Birkheads Secret Garden	£12.95pp
• Durham including guided walking tour	
• Durham Cathedral	£5.00pp
• Beamish Open Air Museum	inc
• Harewood House	inc

## OPTIONAL

- Boat trip to Farne Island
- £17.00pp for the boat and £9.45pp for the landing fee (the landing fee is free for National trust Members)

## ACCOMMODATION

We will be staying at the centrally located 4\* Copthorne Hotel in Newcastle for 6 nights on a half board basis. The hotel located on the Quayside of Newcastle has 156 rooms all with a view of the River Tyne, hotel facilities include the Restaurant, Bar and Gymnasium. All rooms have private ensuite, television, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities.

## EXTRAS TO YOUR TOUR

- Single room supplement £150
- Insurance £20
- Optional boat excursion on Day 2
- Entrance fees to places visited as above (RHS, National Trust and English Heritage properties are free to RHS, NT, EH members.)

Prices are based on 2 people sharing a twin room. Minimum numbers required.

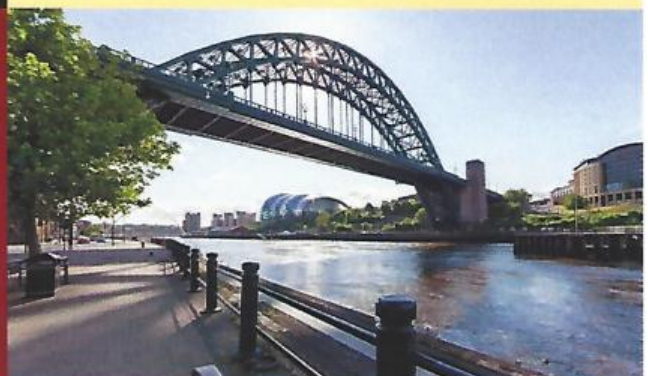
Booking conditions do apply. Costs quoted for entrances are based on 2018 rates 2019 may be subject to change)

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Copthorne Hotel



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Harlow Carr



Lindisfarne Priory

### Day 1 – Sunday

En route our first visit will be to RHS Harlow Carr Gardens near Harrogate, at the gateway to the Yorkshire Dales this is dominated by water, stone and woodland and very much part of the surrounding Yorkshire Landscape.

We will continue to the centrally located 4\* Copthorne Hotel at Newcastle for a six night stay on a half board basis.

### Day 2 – Monday

Our Blue Badge Guide will meet us this morning and accompany us throughout the day. This Morning we will visit the remains of Lindisfarne Priory on Holy Island, the ancient monks built the Priory nearly 1400 years and this is the site where St Aidan and St Cuthbert founded the great powerhouse of Christianity in Anglo Saxon Northumbria, and where the famous Lindisfarne Gospels were created in the early 700's. The Priory's Museum focuses on a grisly Viking Raid, the cult of St Cuthbert, and the beautiful medieval manuscripts the Lindisfarne Gospels.

This afternoon we have some time at leisure in Bamburgh, you may on an individual basis choose to visit the King of Castles, Bamburgh Castle, alternatively there is an optional Boat trip to Farne island, one of Britain's most important bird sanctuaries with unrivalled views to over 23 species including Puffins and Grey Seal Pups.

### Day 3 – Tuesday

Today is a day at leisure, you will have free time to enjoy Newcastle.

### Day 4 – Wednesday

Today with our Blue Badge Guide, we depart for Alnwick Gardens, created by The Duchess of Northumberland whose vision was to create a beautiful space accessible to everyone, the garden is now halfway to completion and features some of the largest treehouses in the world, along with wonderful gardens and spectacular water displays.

After the beautiful Alnwick Gardens, we will visit Cragside House and Gardens, a wonderful Victorian Mansion dating from the 19th century and described as "The Palace of the Modern Magician".



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Enter the World of Lord Armstrong – Victorian inventor, innovator and landscape genius, the house is the first to be lit by hydroelectricity and features state of the art hydraulics powering a revolutionary lift system. You will be mesmerized by the ingenious gadgets and that's all before seeing the incredible gardens featuring one of the largest rock gardens, leading to the Iron Bridge and then following on down to the formal gardens.

### Day 5 – Thursday

After meeting with our Blue Badge Guide we will visit English Heritages Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens. Belsays Grand Grecian hall is full of Greek architecture, the Greek revival mansion is inspired by a honeymoon to Athens, explore the Jacobean Mansion further and you will find the unfurnished Grand Pillar Hall, the hall was built with rock carved from Belsays very own quarry. Enjoy yourself looking around the plant rich gardens and follow the ravines to the quarry gardens. For the best views climb the 56 spiral stairs to the top of the 11th century Pele tower in the medieval castle.

We continue our day onto RHS Birkheads Secret Garden with three acres of gardens, plants and birdsong. The gardens comprise of a series of inspirational gardens displaying a wide variety of plants to provide colour and scent to suit the diverse conditions found here and working to improve the environment.

### Day 6 –Friday

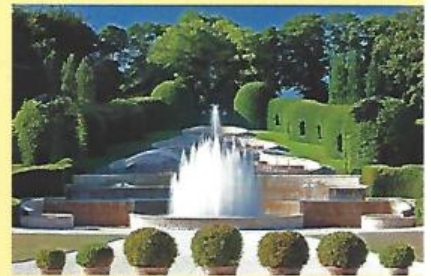
For those that wish to join us this morning we have arranged a walking tour of Durham with a Blue Badge Guide, after this we will have free time in Durham to have some lunch and see the cathedral, for those whom do not wish to participate in the walking tour you will have a free morning in the historic city of Durham. This afternoon we will visit Beamish Open-Air Museum, set in over 300 acres Beamish tells the story of life in the North of England in the early 1800's and 1900's. The Living Museum of the North.

### Day 7 – Saturday

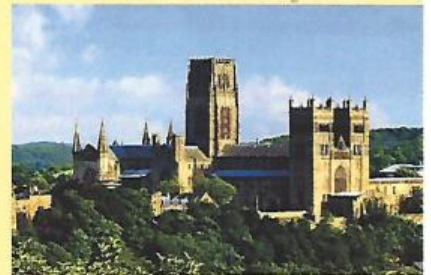
After checking out of the Hotel our final visit of the holiday will be near Leeds where we will visit Harewood House renowned for its stunning architecture, with Adam interiors and Chippendale furniture and an exquisite art collection. The setting of this magnificent House is in 100 acres of gardens, all landscaped and created by Lancelot "Capability" Brown. After an enjoyable week our holiday ends and we will return back to our original pick up points.



Bamburgh Castle



Alnwick Gardens



Durham Cathedral



Belsay Hall



Beamish Museum



Harewood House