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This tour will take approximately five hours. Time to visit tourist attractions is allowed for in our itineraries.



Castle Howard

Castle Howard is one of Britain's finest stately homes, located in the beautiful city of York. Built in 1699, Castle Howard is, today, still the private home of the Howard family. The magnificent house itself, built by the architect Sir John Vanbrugh, and distinguished by its famous dome. Inside there are enormous collections of art treasures that include important paintings by Canaletto, Holbein, Gainsborough and Reynolds, a magnificent collection of antique sculpture, and the porcelain collections include a spectacular Crown Derby botanical dessert service. Outdoors there are temples, lead statues and a startling array of monuments



Helmsley

Just a few miles north, nestling on the edge of the North York Moors in Ryedale, lies the unspoilt market town of Helmsley, complete with four former coaching inns and a dazzling half timbered rectory. The town, with its beautiful riverside walks, traditional tea rooms and genteel country pubs, has certainly lost nothing of its timeless appeal which draws people from all over the world. The Helmsley skyline is dominated by its castle ruins, which date back to around the year 1200. Like so many Royalist strongholds, it was blown up by the Parliamentarians in the Civil War to prevent it from being used again.