

Whitby - Yorkshire Coast



WHITBY: Fish / chips and ice cream; day visitors and holidaymakers all enjoying the history and culture; vampires and Goths: It's all on offer in Whitby, one of the North East coast's most visited and best-loved seaside town resorts. With Blue Flag beaches and many attractions, including the world-famous steam North Yorkshire Moors Railway in Grosmont.

Whitby is the perfect base for a family holiday.

But it doesn't end there. Whitby wallows in English history, including whaling fleets of the Scoresby family. The commercial and leisure fishing industry, the jet making industry (did you know that it's still the best place in the world to find the gleaming black gemstone that is created from the monkey puzzle tree and so beloved by the Victorians?), There is the Captain Cook connection with the Whitby family Walkers who took Cook on a prentice (Cook was born nearby to Whitby, and the famous ship the named Endeavour was Whitby built and circumnavigated the world). Whitby has also its literary connections to the Dublin born Bram Stoker whose famous book of the undead named Dracula features scenes from the town, with the vampire first coming ashore here from Transylvania in the guise of a black dog, which has inspired the world famous Goth Festivals which now takes place, one in the spring and the other around Halloween. Visitors staying in Whitby are offered a great welcome by their hosts in hotels, bb's guesthouses.

Bridlington – Filey - Yorkshire Coast



BRIDLINGTON: The family, the foodie, the shopper, the history buff, the culture vulture, the day tripper, there is something for everyone in this East Yorkshire's resort of Bridlington. Having elegant award-winning promenades, glorious golden sandy beaches, a historic harbour and a fascinating arty Old Worldly Town that is packed with quirky shops. Is it any wonder that one of this country's greatest artists, namely David Hockney, made Bridlington his home for many years and drew his inspiration from the nearby Yorkshire Wolds.

FILEY: With its glorious sweep of soft, golden sand, Filey beach is one of the best in the country for families – it's so huge that, no matter how busy it gets, it's never crowded. It's the perfect place to take a walk, fly a kite, build a sandcastle, snooze in a deckchair, or maybe do a spot of birdwatching at Filey Brigg, a peninsula at the northern end of the town. Early spring may find you face to face with a snoozing seal on the beach, and in summer porpoise sightings are regular. Then why not follow it up with a trip to the much-loved Coble Landing, a slipway with a picturesque jumble of boats and kiosks, for a local cup of Yorkshire tea and the old English bacon buttie?

The town, too, is full of gentle pleasures, with its Edwardian architecture, quirky shops and intriguing museum. And – it's official! – Filey boasts the second best B&B in the entire world so say TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards 2014.

Scarborough - Yorkshire Coastline



SCARBOROUGH: Stunning scenery, glorious beaches, loads to do and see – is it any wonder that people have been flocking to Scarborough for nearly 400 years now? Scarborough's is a story of many 'firsts'. The town became known as probably the world's first seaside resort back in the 1600s, when the Victorians believed in health-giving properties of the Spa waters were discovered. Bathing machines to preserve swimmers' modesty as they took to the sea were first seen anywhere in the UK here in Scarborough. And by the mid-1800s, with the coming of the railways and the popularity of sea bathing on the rise, Scarborough was the venue for two of the world's first purpose-built hotels, The Grand and The Crown. But despite its rich history, Scarborough doesn't live in the past. The town is constantly innovating to keep its place as one of the most popular family holiday destinations in the UK.