

# A Day Out Around Richmond

Start: *Aysgarth Lodge Holidays*



## 1. Richmond Nuns Close Parking

Location; **DL10 4UN** 16 Miles from Aysgarth

We recommend parking your car for the day in Nuns Close Car Park when heading into Richmond. Parking is also available in the town centre but only within 2 hours. Nuns Close is located close to the town centre, with 228 spaces available, you can leave your vehicle there all day (10 hours) for a small charge of £4.50.

## 2. The Georgian Theatre

Location; **DL10 4DW** 2 mins from the car park

Exit the car park via the cut-through (left-hand side of the Nuns Close picture above). Turn left and walk down the path, cross over the road at the junction, keep walking down the path until you reach the pedestrian crossing and cross the road. Continue walking down towards the roundabout and just before you come to the roundabout, The Georgian Theatre will be on your right-hand side.

The Georgian Theatre offers tours of the theatre throughout the year up to the end of October. The Georgian Theatre Experience gives a unique insight into the past and reveals the secrets of this, the most complete working Georgian playhouse in Britain. During your visit you'll discover their exhibition area; finding out about the history of the Theatre, built by actor-manager, Samuel Butler in 1788. You can learn about life as a Georgian actor and hear all about what life was like in Richmond in the 18th century.





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## 3. Richmond Marketplace The Obelisk

Location; **DL10 4QF** 2 mins walk from the theatre

From the theatre, turn follow the path towards the one-way exit on the roundabout and turn right. This will bring you out to Richmond town centre. Straight ahead of you will be The Green Howards Museum, which documents over 300 years of Armed Forces history. Open Monday – Saturday 10:00am - 4:30pm. It is worth visiting if you have the time! Richmond Market takes place Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8am - 3:30pm.

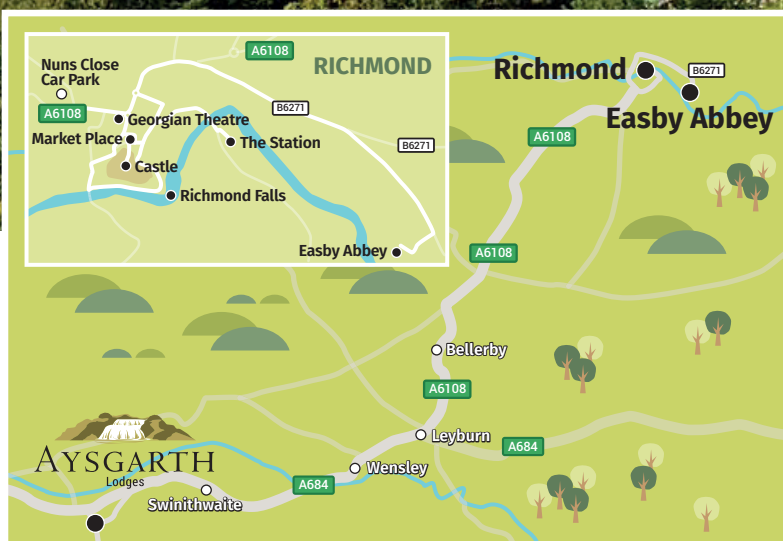
From The Green Howards Museum, on the other side of the Church, you will spot The Obelisk at the heart of the town centre.

## 4. Richmond Castle

Location; **DL10 4QW** 1 min walk from the Obelisk

From The Obelisk, head towards the bottom right corner of the hill into the Marketplace. Turn right after the Town Hall and through the alleyway, which will bring you to Richmond Castle.

Open daily 10 am – 5 pm, With its breathtaking views of the Yorkshire Dales, Richmond Castle fully deserves its place as one of the finest tourist attractions in North Yorkshire. The castle was originally built to subdue the unruly North of England and is one of the greatest Norman fortresses in Britain.





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## 5. Richmond Falls

Location; **DL10 4LH**  
4 mins walk from the castle

From the Castle, head back out the alleyway into the Marketplace. Turn right and head towards the bottom right corner of the Marketplace. Turn right at the bottom of the hill and follow the road down the hill. When you reach the car park at the bottom of the hill, the Falls will be on your left-hand side.

The Falls is a popular hot-spot in Summer, with many people swimming and even jumping off the waterfalls into the water below. There is a small shop which offers hot drinks, cold drinks, ice creams, etc

## 6. Easby Abbey

Location; **DL10 7EU** 1.1 miles walk from the falls

From The Falls, pass immediately through a concreted picnic area and continue heading downstream on the riverside path. As the bridge approaches ahead, head to the left-hand side of the grassy area and onto the tarmac path which leads out onto the road which crosses the bridge.

As the road is reached, go straight across down a lane (Lombards Wynd) to the right of the church, then turn almost immediately right down the lane, which initially heads downhill, then rises, and after a few yards there is a green sign for "Easby Abbey ¾ mile". The track soon becomes unmetalled and begins to climb slowly, affording excellent views back through the trees to the castle behind and on the right. At the drummer boy plaque, the track splits. According to legend, the stone marks the spot where the Richmond drummer boy reached in the tunnel supposed to lead from Richmond marketplace to Easby Abbey. The plaque marks the spot where the sound of the drumming ceased and was never heard again.

Ignore the tracks ahead and take the right-hand path to the right track stating "private property", and head along the right-hand side of the fence a few yards to the left of the River Swale. Follow this path for just under half a mile where the path leaves the riverbank by way of some steps leading upwards to meet another path. Turn right along this path and after a few yards pass through a kissing gate into a field. Here the path splits, take the right-hand fork keeping close to the wire fence and head for Abbey Mill ahead. Upon reaching the mill, where the fence meets the wall in the corner of the

field, pass through the kissing gate, then through a metal gate and continue ahead down the conifer-lined track. A little further down this track, there is Easby Abbey on the left-hand side.

The impressive ruins of Easby Abbey lie in picturesque surroundings by the River Swale. Easby Abbey is one of the best-preserved monasteries of the Premonstratensian "white canons", with the magnificent refectory, gatehouse and dormitory remaining. The parish church within the precinct, which is still in use, contains rare 13th-century wall paintings.





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## 7. The Station

Location; **DL10 4LD** 1.2 miles walk from the Abbey

Next to the Abbey is the parish church of Saint Agatha, Easby. The road here can be followed around to the left to pass the ruins of the original church built in 700AD, and on for a further one hundred yards to obtain a view of the Abbey in the foreground with Richmond Castle on the horizon. Return down past the church ruins and down the left-hand side of a small car park to continue along the riverside path following the public bridleway sign.

Continue along the gravelled track for a further five hundred yards to where the path splits. Take the higher left-hand path and follow the path around and over the bridge to the right. The path now enters out onto the line of a disused railway. This was part of the old Darlington to Richmond railway line. Follow this disused railway line for about a mile, at one point crossing a road to continue ahead, until the path passes out into a large grassy

picnic area just short of the old railway station.

The station now has been converted into a fitness centre and a swimming pool but does offer a café and cinema inside which offers a limited selection of films for guests to experience their cinema rooms. There is also some information on the history of Richmond Station and Richmond itself inside.



## 8. Richmond Marketplace

Location; **DL10 7EU**

As the track ends, continue along the paved area down under a small bridge which limits traffic to nine feet in height. As the swimming pool car park is entered, turn right down some steps and follow the path down the side of the swimming pool itself. As the path reaches the river, turn left and follow the path along and down through two kissing gates under the bridge over the river. After passing under the bridge, the path veers off slightly left and uphill and pulls in alongside a fence. After a hundred yards pass through a further kissing gate and continue straight ahead, ignoring any paths that branch off to the right and heading down into the woods below. Keep ahead and pass through a further kissing gate now heading slightly uphill to the left of the trees surrounding the riverbank. About fifty yards further on, the path passes through another kissing gate and enters

the woods, following a yellow waymark arrow pointing downwards.

Head down along the man-made steps through the woods, pulling in close by the river just upstream of the waterfall. Continue along the riverside path. Up to the right, there are excellent views of the Castle perched high up on the rocks seemingly impenetrable. The path then passes out into a field, which is Richmond Town Football Club. Keep to the right-hand side of the field and head to the right of the changing rooms ahead and out onto the road. Turn right onto the road and right again over the bridge.

About thirty yards over the bridge as the road bends around to the left, turn right up Bridge Street. As the road bends around to the left, turn right through the no-entry signs into Cornforth Hill. Head up this steep cobbled street and

pass through a surviving section of the medieval wall around Richmond. Continue up the cobbled path around to the left, then turn right and follow the road around into the marketplace.

From here you can browse through any of the many varieties of shops, grab a bite to eat (Greggs, Fish & Chips, Pizza, etc.) or enjoy a well-deserved drink at one of the plenty of Public Houses available to visitors. When you are ready, head back to your vehicle the way you came back from Nuns Close car park.

Finish:

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**Back to your lodge for a well-deserved soak in your hot tub!**

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