



TOUR NOTES
“Family Adventure”
Level 1 – Self-guided
2 Nights, 3 Days

Tour Overview

The perfect family getaway! This tour is designed for families to enjoy the city of York, the countryside, as well as some specific attractions that the whole family can enjoy! With York as your base, you will be cycling along some wonderful country cycle paths, with great places to stop for picnics or meals. When you return to York you will find many family friendly restaurants and attractions on the doorstep of your accommodation!

At SCOOT, we understand the needs of families, and the flexibility they sometimes require. We try to adapt the holiday to suit the particular family, so if you have any particular needs or requirements we are always more than happy to discuss this with you. We take the hassle out of your holiday by providing you not only with top-notch family friendly accommodation and great quality bikes, but also detailed maps showing exactly where you will be heading to, with stop-off points and places of interest marked on for you. We will do our utmost to make sure your cycling holiday is the perfect break for both you, and your children.

We also know that families span a range of ages. Where one child may have boundless energy another may need an afternoon nap. Where one may be eminently sensible another may need to be kept in check when roads are involved. We can go through these issues and find ways to ensure you have a safe and stress-free holiday.



Day 1- York

On your arrival into York, you will be met by a member of the SCOOT team, at York railway station. You will be measured for your bicycles and cycling equipment, helmets, locks, lights etc and also issued with your route maps and information on places of interest along the way. We will give you comprehensive instructions on how to find your pre-booked accommodation as well as information about your support team – should you need them.



We will give you an introduction to York on our sightseeing tour at 2pm. This will provide you with a fun and informative cycle through York, and we will point you in the direction of a number of great family-friendly attractions that you will all enjoy!

Day 2 – York to Murton Park



Following a leisurely breakfast you will head out of the city on quiet cycle lanes and tracks, cycling towards Murton Park, home of the famous Museum of Farming (open during school holidays only), where you and the little SCOOTERS can have a unique and wonderful day out! Perhaps experience life on the farm, or maybe travel back in time to the Dane Law Viking village, Roman Fort or Tudor Croft. You can do whatever appeals most to you! Why not enjoy lunch here before heading back into the magnificent city of York.

There are many attractions for all ages. For example, the National Railway Museum is a must for young and old. The NRM has three separate halls, the Station Hall and the Great Hall, which are linked by a subway to The Works. We recommend a minimum of three hours for your visit, there are hands on activities for the youngest and a café for refreshments – oh and the museum is free – although there may be a charge for a special event. After spending your time sight-seeing you will be able to head back to your accommodation to recharge your batteries.



Distance return (approx. 10 miles)

Day 3 – York through the Solar System to Riccall

Heading south of York today, you will take the path alongside the planets of our solar system! The planets get increasingly far apart in proportion to their distances in the solar system itself. If you take time to stop you can see that some planets have days longer than their years! This is not only great fun for the little SCOOTERS but informative too! Look for the wire sculpture on the bridge as you go over the river at Naburn.

Once you reach Riccall, if you have time, you may like to visit the landing point of the invading Viking army of 1066. Based at Riccall, they took York and defeated the northern army, before being defeated by Harold Godwinson (before he in turn was defeated at Hastings).

Having refreshed perhaps in Riccall, you journey back again through the fine Yorkshire countryside to York, where you will be met by your SCOOT representative to return your bikes and take back your luggage for your journey home.

Distance (approx. 20 miles round trip)



£195 per person (with discounts for children as below)

Starting days - Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday

Discounts for children:

We endeavour to pass on any discount we are able to negotiate with our accommodation partners. Your very youngest SCOOTERS (under 3) will usually go free when sharing a room with their parents. A small charge may be levied however for the use of specialist equipment – eg. cots – please check at the time of booking.

Your older SCOOTERS – 3+ to 12 years usually qualify for a 40% discount when sharing a room with their parents, subject to availability; please check at the time of booking.

SCOOT TRIP GUIDE – GRADING LEVELS

We want you to get the most out of your SCOOT CYCLING HOLIDAY and whilst cycling involves a certain amount of energy we want you to be comfortable in your selection of tour. Grading is subjective but we hope the guide below will help you choose the perfect holiday.

Level 1 - Gentle

For infrequent or beginner cyclists on quiet and generally flat routes.
Distances of 15 - 20 miles per day.

Level 2 - Easy

For the leisure cyclist who takes regular exercise on routes with a few climbs.
Distances of 20 - 30 miles per day.

Level 3 - Moderate

For the person who cycles regularly on roads with a few steep climbs.
Distances of 20 - 35 miles per day.

Level 4 - Challenge

For a more experienced cyclist who does not mind steep climbs (or is happy to get off and push!).
Distances of 35 - 40 miles per day.

Remember these levels are just guides and at SCOOT we believe that the journey is more interesting than merely the distance travelled.

GENERAL INFORMATION

What the price includes:

1. Bed & Breakfast accommodation (twin or double share basis)
2. Route maps and instructions specific for your tour
3. Luggage transfer between accommodation
4. Meet and greet by SCOOT team member at the start and finish of your trip
5. Emergency back up from 10am – 5pm. This does not include our coming out to mend punctures but the tyres on our bicycles are puncture resistant and punctures are few and far between.
6. Cycling equipment – bike, helmet, child seats as appropriate, lights, locks, puncture repair kit.

What the price excludes:

1. Personal clothing and equipment
2. Travel and medical insurance
3. Lunch and evening meals, and water en route
4. Single occupancy

Bags

We ask you to stick to one bag per person with a maximum weight of 17kg. which will be transferred between accommodation stops for you.

All SCOOT adult bikes have a small pannier fitted, if you think you will need to carry more than would fit into a pannier please provide your own rucksack for your day's cycling or alternatively you can hire a bigger Ortlieb pannier from us at a cost of £5 per day.

Accommodation

All the accommodation provided by SCOOT has been inspected by us, we strive to use independent family run Bed & Breakfasts, inns or small hotels. Linen, towels and breakfast will be included in your stay.

All rooms will be en-suite unless otherwise stated and agreed at the time of booking. Single occupancy is subject to availability and a surcharge may be applicable. Please check at the time of booking.

Cycling Equipment

SCOOT provides all bikes. For adults we use hybrid Giant lightweight bikes that are maintained by our own trained cycle technician.

All children's equipment – tag alongs, child seats and pull alongs are compliant with EU and British Safety Standards and comprehensively maintained.

Helmets are provided and we recommend that you use them. Gloves, wet weather gear, cycling shorts etc are not provided.

Weather

SCOOT cannot be held responsible for “adverse” weather conditions. Remember.... this is England! Carrying wet weather kit, and an extra layer is always sensible.

Insurance

SCOOT does not provide holiday insurance. We strongly recommend that you take out adequate holiday insurance including medical cover, personal accident, loss of belongings & cancellation cover. We cannot be held responsible for your own illness, change of travel plans, injury or loss of or damage to your belongings whilst on holiday.

Booking and payment

Before you book we recommend that you check the itinerary and grading level of each trip together with the booking conditions.

To book a tour please send a completed booking form to SCOOT CYCLING HOLIDAYS LTD we will then confirm you're booking by email within 48hours, and send you an invoice for (a) deposit of £50 per person on all holidays or (b) the full holiday cost.

If only the deposit is paid at time of booking then full payment of the holiday is required no less than 8 weeks before the start of your holiday. No further reminder is sent. If you book your holiday within 8 weeks of the holiday start date, the full holiday cost is required at time of booking. Payments can be made by cheque, bank transfer or using your credit card via PayPal through the website – this gives you security and peace of mind.

Customer Satisfaction

We want you to thoroughly enjoy your SCOOT holiday. We welcome feedback on all aspects of our holidays so that we can continue to improve them.

If you have any problems or are unhappy in anyway with any aspect of the holiday please call us at the earliest opportunity so that action can be taken to remedy the problem. If we know about it, we can probably sort it.

Any complaint made to SCOOT CYCLING HOLIDAYS LTD after your holiday should be made in writing within 28 days of your return home.