

York Ghost Walk

A self-guided evening through York's haunted streets, with expanded ghost stories, exact Google Maps links, and hand-picked food, drink, and cinema stops for the perfect city break.

Format	Self-guided digital walking map	Walking time	About 75-90 mins without stops
Ghost stops	8 core locations across central York	Extras	Pubs, restaurants, cinema, and route links

Scan for the full route

Open the whole walk in Google Maps and drop in or out whenever it suits you.



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How to use this guide

This is a visitor-facing companion for exploring York on foot. The map on the next page has been restored and enlarged so it works properly as a route page. Use it for the overall shape of the walk, then use the Google Maps links for exact turn-by-turn navigation whenever you need it.

Best time: late afternoon into evening, when York's lanes start to feel quieter and moodier.

Google Maps links are the exact navigation tool. Use the route QR or the link at each stop.

The walk is compact, but York's streets can be busy. Allow extra time if you want food, drinks or photographs. Highwayman Tours recommends pairing the route with one drink stop and one food stop rather than trying to do everything at once.

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Map at a glance

The route runs from Treasurer's House to Clifford's Tower. Use this page for orientation. The stop pages that follow include the Google Maps links for exact navigation.

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Map at a glance

York city-centre map



The ghost stops

1. Treasurer's House

Roman soldiers beneath the Minster

York's most famous ghost story remains one of its strangest. In the 1950s a witness at Treasurer's House reported a line of Roman soldiers walking through the cellar wall, their lower legs hidden below the modern floor as if an older road still ran beneath the building. That single detail - boots vanishing at shin height - gives the tale its staying power. It feels less like a stage-managed haunting and more like a glimpse of York at a different depth.

Standing here, the story makes immediate sense. The city is layered with Roman, medieval and Georgian York, all stacked one on top of another, and Treasurer's House sits beside the Minster where those layers feel especially close. Even sceptics usually admit this is the stop that best captures York's gift for making history feel present rather than remote. Pause in the yard, look around, and it becomes easy to imagine a city still moving just under the surface of the one you can see.

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2. Guy Fawkes Inn

High Petergate folklore

High Petergate is one of those York streets that changes character as the light goes. By day it is handsome and busy; by evening it starts to feel theatrical. The Guy Fawkes Inn fits perfectly into that shift. Dark timber, warm windows and centuries of city gossip give it the kind of frontage that invites stories whether or not you arrive believing in ghosts.

This stop works because it shows how hauntings in York rarely feel confined to grand monuments alone. They cling just as easily to old inns, upper rooms and ordinary-looking doorways. Pause here and look back toward the Minster. The view is beautiful, but it also carries that familiar York feeling that something old is still watching from just beyond the candlelight.

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3. Barley Hall

Medieval chambers off Stonegate

Tucked behind Stonegate, Barley Hall feels like a hidden pocket of medieval York preserved inside the modern centre. The approach is narrow, the courtyard unexpectedly quiet, and once you imagine the city's earlier life here it becomes very easy to let the centuries collapse in on each other. Few stops on the route create that sensation so quickly.

The eerie pull here is not built around one famous apparition. It is stronger than that: atmosphere, enclosure and age. Timbered rooms, uneven surfaces and the hush of the passageway do most of the work for you. On a busy evening this stop feels like stepping sideways out of present-day York and into a version of the city where lanterns, not streetlights, set the tone.

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4. The Golden Fleece

One of York's best-known haunted pubs

If visitors arrive in York hoping one pub will look convincingly haunted, this is usually the one. The Golden Fleece has all the right ingredients: low beams, crooked lines, small rooms and a reputation that has grown into part of York folklore in its own right. Even from outside it has exactly the kind of frontage that promises stories before you hear a single one.

That is why this stop lands so well on the walk. It is not just about ghost lore; it is about mood. The building feels lived in, uneven and old in all the right ways, and that physical character does half the haunting for you. Stop for a drink if you like, or simply take in the exterior and let this be the point where the route leans fully into classic haunted-York atmosphere.

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5. Merchant Adventurers' Hall

Fossgate and old York wealth

Merchant Adventurers' Hall changes the flavour of the walk. Here the city feels less like a collection of pub legends and more like a place shaped by wealth, trade and power over a very long time. Fossgate is one of York's richest historic streets, and the Hall gives it weight - timber, status and memory gathered in one place.

The ghostly appeal here comes from that density of history rather than one neat jump-scare story. This is old civic York: prosperous, disciplined and deeply rooted. Standing outside, the atmosphere feels more serious and less playful than the previous stops. It reminds you that York's darker mood is not only about apparitions in windows; it also grows from the lives, ambitions and anxieties of the people who built the city.

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6. St George's Churchyard

Dick Turpin's grave on George Street

George Street offers one of the route's quieter and more reflective pauses. Dick Turpin's grave draws people here for the name alone, but the real power of the stop lies in its mood. It sits close to the busier centre and yet feels slightly removed from it, as though the city lowers its voice for a moment around the churchyard.

This is a reminder that York's legends are not all about pale figures on staircases and footsteps in empty rooms. Some are attached to notorious lives that still cast a long shadow. Turpin adds a theatrical edge, but the space itself is what makes the stop work: calm, contained and just sombre enough to shift the walk into darker territory before you head toward the final stretch.

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7. York Dungeon / Clifford Street

Dark-history edge near the bridge

By the time you reach Clifford Street the walk has started to open out and the tone changes with it. The tighter medieval lanes loosen, traffic picks up and the city feels broader, older and heavier. This stop sits on the threshold between storytelling and the real weight of York's harsher history, which is exactly why it works.

This is less intimate than the earlier sections of the route and more severe. You are moving toward ground associated with punishment, spectacle and public memory rather than cosy folklore. Even if you do not go inside, the area gathers an edge that suits the last part of the walk perfectly. It feels like a hinge between ghost-story York and the more unforgiving city beyond it.

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8. Clifford's Tower

A dramatic finish above the city

Clifford's Tower gives the walk its strongest ending. After enclosed lanes, low-beamed interiors and narrow passages, the city suddenly opens into stone, height and wind. It feels exposed in the best possible way. From here York no longer seems like a maze of tucked-away stories; it becomes a wider historic landscape stretching out around you.

That is what makes this final stop so effective. It does not rely on one intimate ghost tale. Instead it leaves you with scale - a sense that York's haunted reputation belongs to a much larger civic memory of conflict, authority and survival. If the earlier stops make you feel watched, Clifford's Tower makes you feel small, which is exactly the right note on which to end the route.

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Where to eat, drink, and linger

A great York evening is better when the ghost walk is not treated like a checklist. These are strong add-ons around the route, from a quick pint to a proper dinner booking. Highwayman Tours suggests choosing one drink stop and one food stop rather than trying to do everything at once.

A. The Last Drop Inn Pub stop	Google Maps
B. The Royal Oak Classic old-city pub on Goodramgate	Google Maps
C. Evil Eye Cocktails - strongly recommend the Singapore Sling	Google Maps
D. Impossible York Lively central drinks stop	Google Maps
E. SPARK:York Casual food hall and flexible refuel stop	Google Maps
F. Skosh For a more expensive taste - booking is vital	Google Maps
G. Fossgate Social Coffee, drinks and a quieter pause	Google Maps
H. Khao San Road Great Thai food on Walmgate	Google Maps
I. Shambles Kitchen Quick central food stop	Google Maps
J. Cresci Pizzeria Great pizza on Piccadilly	Google Maps
K. El Gaucho Amazing steak on Walmgate	Google Maps
L. Il Paradiso del Cibo Best Italian on Walmgate	Google Maps
M. City Screen Best independent cinema for after the walk	Google Maps

Particular picks: Evil Eye for cocktails, especially the Singapore Sling. Skosh if you want the most ambitious dinner, but book ahead. City Screen if you want the evening to continue with an independent film afterwards.

Practical notes

Navigation	Use the individual Google Maps links for exact positioning. The guide map is designed for readability first; the links are the precision tool.
Timing	Walk the route in one go, or split it into sections. York city centre makes it easy to drop in and out.
Best pairing	This works brilliantly alongside a meal, drinks stop, or a guided outing with Highwayman Tours.
Using the file	Ideal for phones, tablets, or print-at-home. You may share the route with your group, but not resell or redistribute the file.
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