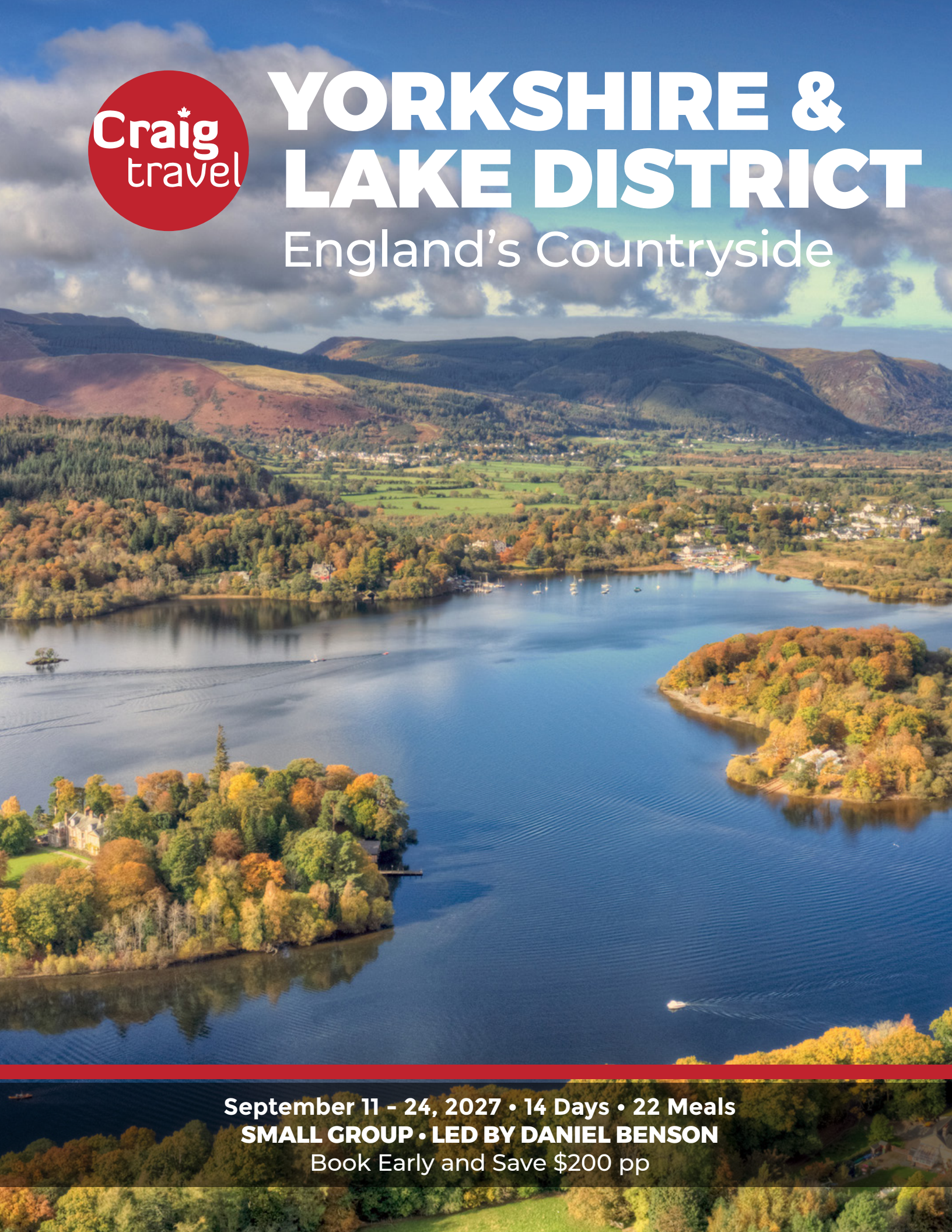

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YORK Shambles

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

ENGLISH HOUSES & ESTATES
Tour Castle Howard and Harewood House, two grand 18th-century estates. Explore Sizergh Castle, the topiary gardens of Levens Hall, and Wray Castle on the shores of Windermere. Visit Bolton Castle's medieval rooms and Halifax's Piece Hall, the only remaining Georgian cloth hall in the world.

CATHEDRALS & ABBEYS
Visit York Minster's Undercroft and Crypt, Ripon's rare 7th-century Saxon crypt, Holy Trinity Church in Wensley and St. John the Baptist in Halifax. Walk the ruins of Bolton Abbey Priory and photograph Rievaulx Abbey.

LITERARY LANDSCAPES
Follow James Herriot through the Dales, visit Beatrix Potter's Hill Top and Wordsworth's Dove Cottage, and pass through Haworth, home of the Brontë sisters.

NATURAL & HISTORICAL WONDERS
Cruise Lake Windermere, stand inside the Castlerigg Stone Circle and cross the North York Moors. Ride the Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway, explore the medieval Shambles in York and visit the Marmion Tower in West Tanfield.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE
Limited to 25 members

CT RATING: 2.5/5

SLIGHTLY CHALLENGING:
This journey is designed as a long-stay, relaxed holiday based in two regions of England. Members should have good mobility, as some days include longer walks over natural or uneven terrain and stairs. A few early starts may be required. As with many rural touring itineraries, a number of included meals are served at the hotels.



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ITINERARY

SEP 11 | DEPART CANADA
Tour members gather in Toronto for our flight to Manchester.

SEP 12 | ARRIVE MANCHESTER / HARROGATE
We arrive at Manchester Airport and transfer to Harrogate, a Victorian spa town at the heart of Yorkshire. The evening begins with a welcome dinner at our hotel. ***DoubleTree by Hilton Harrogate Majestic Hotel and Spa – 8 nights*** (D)

SEP 13 | HERRIOT COUNTRY
We spend the day winding through the Yorkshire Dales, the landscape that inspired James Herriot's beloved stories of rural life. Our visits include Ripon Cathedral, with its Saxon crypt dating to the 7th century and one of England's oldest, and the medieval Marmion Tower in West Tanfield. Further along the dale, Holy Trinity Church in Wensley marks the spot where Herriot's fictional wedding was filmed. On our way back we pass through Burnsall, a picturesque village on the banks of the River Wharfe, before stopping at Greenhow for views across the Nidd Valley. (BL)

SEP 14 | YORK
York is one of England's most beautiful medieval cities, with 13th-century walls and cobbled streets that have changed little over time. We first explore the Shambles, a narrow street lined with timber-framed buildings that once housed the city's butchers. Then we visit York Minster, one of the largest Gothic cathedrals in Northern Europe, where we take in the Undercroft, Treasury and Crypt, and its remarkable medieval stained-glass windows. We'll be free to explore the city at our own pace before returning to Harrogate. (BD)

SEP 15 | ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL
Today we follow James Herriot's footsteps through the Dales, passing views of the River Swale and the Norman castle of Richmond. We visit Askrigg, known as Darrowby in the TV series "All Creatures Great and Small", before continuing to Cringley House and the Wheatsheaf Inn in Carperby.. Bolton Castle, built in 1399, served as both a luxurious country home and a defensive fortress, and its rooms tell the story of both. Kitchens, dungeon, solar, nursery, armoury and the Great Chamber all survive, scarred by over 600 years of history including the Pilgrimage of Grace, Mary Queen of Scots' imprisonment and a Civil War siege. (BD)

SEP 16 | NORTH YORK MOORS
We head across the North York Moors, stopping at Goathland, where the TV series Heartbeat was filmed. After lunch in Whitby, we continue along the coast to Scarborough, then inland through Pickering to Helmsley, where the ruins of Rievaulx Abbey, founded in 1132, make for a striking photo stop. (BL)

SEP 17 | BOLTON PRIORY
Crossing Blubberhouse Moor, we reach Bolton Abbey Priory, a 12th-century ruin on the banks of the River Wharfe. A walk along the river through woodland and moorland paths gives a feel for this quiet corner of the Dales before we board the Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway. We depart from the historic Bolton Abbey station and ride past a 16th-century tower and St. Wilfrid's Church. (BD)

SEP 18 | HALIFAX & BRONTË COUNTRY
Today begins at Harewood House, one of the region's finest 18th-century estates, set within gardens of equal distinction. In Halifax, we discover Piece Hall, the sole surviving northern cloth hall of its kind, a testament to the hand-woven textile trade that defined pre-industrial Yorkshire. We also visit St. John the Baptist Church, which has stood for over 900 years and holds an extraordinary collection of surviving features within its walls. We pass through Haworth on our way back, home of the Brontë sisters. (BD)

SEP 19 | CASTLE HOWARD
Castle Howard, one of Britain's grandest historic houses, sits in the Howardian Hills just outside York. The 18th-century house holds world-class collections and is surrounded by ornamental gardens, woodland and lakeside walks and a walled rose garden. We return to Harrogate with the afternoon to explore the Victorian spa town on our own. (BD)

SEP 20 | TO THE LAKE DISTRICT
We leave Yorkshire and head for the Lake District, stopping first at Sizergh Castle. Home to the Strickland family for over 750 years, it has one of the finest Elizabethan interiors in the country. Levens Hall follows, the family home of the Bagots, a mansion built around a 13th-century pele tower with a collection of Jacobean furniture and fine paintings accumulated over generations. Its gardens are among the most remarkable in England, a topiary collection of over 100 individually shaped pieces that has been growing and evolving for centuries.
Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa – 4 nights (BD)

SEP 21 | LAKE WINDERMERE
A scenic cruise on Lake Windermere is followed by a visit to Hill Top, the farmhouse of Beatrix Potter, the beloved author and illustrator of Peter Rabbit. Just up the road, we wander through Hawkshead, one of the most picturesque villages in the Lake District, with whitewashed buildings, archways and quiet courtyards. We continue to Dove Cottage in Grasmere, the poet William Wordsworth's home from 1799 to 1808, the years he considered his most inspired and productive. (BD)

SEP 22 | KESWICK & CASTLERIGG
We drive north to Keswick, nestled between the Skiddaw Mountains and Derwentwater Lake. Here, we discover Castlerigg Stone Circle, a ring of 38 stones set within a natural amphitheatre of fells that has stood for around 4,500 years since its creation by Neolithic farming communities. (B)

SEP 23 | WRAY CASTLE & AMBLESIDE
On the western shores of Lake Windermere stands Wray Castle, a neo-Gothic mansion built around 1840 that counts Beatrix Potter and William Wordsworth among its visitors. After exploring the grounds, the afternoon is free in Ambleside and Windermere before we gather for a farewell dinner. (BD)

SEP 24 | DEPART MANCHESTER
We transfer to Manchester Airport and fly home to Canada.

B: BREAKFAST (11) L: LUNCH (2) D: DINNER (9)

DID YOU KNOW?

The Lake District is home to England's highest mountain, deepest lake and largest natural lake, making it one of the country's most spectacular landscapes despite covering less than 1% of England. Its breathtaking scenery has inspired generations of writers, artists and nature lovers, including William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter.



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Daniel Benson, a seasoned traveller and United Church minister, shares his passion for exploring new places. He has travelled extensively across Canada, Europe, Switzerland, the U.K., Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, and studied in Israel, Scotland, France, and Italy. Dan's love of people and places makes him an intrepid traveller, seeking out the unusual, connecting with locals, and exploring each destination's history and meaning. His interests include art, architecture, literature, history, and landscapes.



BOLTON ABBEY

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