

PRESENTING THE 2003 AMERICAN BRANCH RICARDIAN TOUR

The Last of the Plantagenets

King Richard III of England

July 5 – July 16, 2003

You are invited to join us for a truly delightful touring experience as we explore medieval England, the England of Richard III. This year's Ricardian tour is perfect for those with a keen interest in Richard III and in England's medieval period in general. We are especially pleased that we will have the opportunity to attend both the Middleham Festival and the Tewkesbury Medieval Fair; and our itinerary also includes a veritable feast of sites with Ricardian connections — more than twenty! Included (among others) are: the ancient city of York; Barnard Castle, Middleham, Bolton, Richmond, Raby, Warwick and Ludlow castles; the parish churches at Middleham, Sheriff Hutton, Sutton Cheyney and Fotheringhay; Lincoln Cathedral, the abbeys at Crowland and Tewkesbury, as well as Great Malvern Priory; Minster Lovell Hall and Gainsborough Old Hall. We will enjoy both a re-enactment of the Battle of Tewkesbury and our usual excellent guided tour of Bosworth Battlefield, where Richard III lost his crown and his life. As a added bonus, at several sites, we will be warmly received and accompanied on our sightseeing by old and new Ricardian friends from various English branches and groups — always special occasions for all of us!

Also included in the itinerary will be other outstanding venues such as England's finest fortified medieval manor house, the beautiful ruins of Rievaulx Abbey, a 14th century tithe barn, and an ancient almshouse with a fascinating history.

You will enjoy 2 nights in London and 10 days of leisurely touring in a comfortable mid-size coach, with a friendly, helpful escort and driver/courier. Our accommodation, located in attractive market towns or villages, will be in charming smaller hotels and coaching inns with the highest ratings in their class. Emphasis is placed on quality, individuality, comfort, excellent food and a warm welcome. All rooms will have private facilities and full amenities. Most of our lunches will be at village pubs of character, which are recommended for their food. Your enthusiastic tour coordinator/escort will be Linda Treybig, member of the Richard III Society since 1979, specialist on travel in Great Britain, and tour coordinator/escort of 13 previous Ricardian tours.

Group size is limited to a maximum of 12 (minimum of 6) with space available on a "first-come, first-served" basis. **Note:** Preference will be given to members of the Richard III Society, but members of the general public are welcome as well. A number of Ricardians have already expressed a strong interest in the 2003 tour, so **please register as early as possible** and join our friendly little band of travelers for a really memorable tour of fifteenth century England!

LAND TOUR RATE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE: \$2,695.00. (Single Supplement: **\$280.00**). Deadline for reservation form and deposit of \$250.00 is February 25, 2003. Balance in full is payable by April 20, 2003.

Air extra. Please see **General Information**.

CANCELLATION FEES:

60 days or more before departure: **Loss of deposit** plus any non-recoverable payments made on client's behalf.

45-59 days before departure: **35% of tour cost** plus any non-recoverable payments made on client's behalf.

30-44 days before departure: **50% of tour cost** plus any non-recoverable payments made on client's behalf.

Less than 30 days before departure: **Nonrefundable**, but any recoverable monies may be returned to client.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. PLEASE ASK FOR DETAILS.
TOUR ITINERARY

- Sat., July 5:** Morning arrival at Manchester Airport and transfer to our charming hotel in North Yorkshire. You will have the rest of the day free to recover from jet lag and just soak up the ambience of this stunning and totally unspoiled area of England. This evening, we'll enjoy the first of many delectable dinners together.
- OVERNIGHT (4 nights): Yorkshire Dales
- Sun., July 6:** You're in for an exciting introduction of Richard's England today! With the annual **Middleham Festival** in full swing, we will enjoy a panoply of fun-filled medieval events held in the grounds of Richard's favorite dwelling, **Middleham Castle**, where we'll greet old friends from the Yorkshire Branch and mix with Ricardian visitors from far and near. Also included will be a visit to **Middleham church** and lunch at a local pub. A mid-afternoon trip to nearby **Bolton Castle**, once owned by the influential Lord Scrope (one of Richard III's loyal followers), brings to a conclusion a most rewarding day!
- Mon., July 7:** First on our agenda today will be a visit to the extensive ruins of **Rievaulx Abbey**, an early 12th C. Cistercian monastic foundation of remarkable beauty and peace. Following a short stop at **Sheriff Hutton church** (with the tomb thought possibly to be that of Richard's son, Edward), we will have an afternoon at leisure in the ancient city of **York**. In its warren of medieval streets, you'll discover a wealth of historical sites, including glorious **York Minster**, the Merchant Adventurers Hall (the finest guildhall in Europe), and much more, as well as many fine shops. And why not take time for a short walk on the city walls?
- Tues., July 8:** Our fourth day begins with a trip to **Barnard Castle**, where we will explore the marvelous ruined castle granted to Richard as part of his Neville inheritance. (You can try your luck at finding his boar emblem!) Just up the road lies **Raby Castle**, once the home of Cecily Neville. This great medieval castle still retains a magnificent great hall and a sizeable medieval kitchen. Our day concludes with a stop in the attractive market town of Richmond, where you'll have time to visit the keep of **Richmond Castle** (granted to Richard III in 1478), hit the shops, or enjoy a lovely stroll along the river below the castle walls.
- Weds., July 9:** As we travel south today, our first venue will be **Gainsborough Old Hall**, the engaging home of a prosperous city official who entertained Richard III in the course of his travels — always a favorite with Ricardians. Next we'll visit magnificent **Lincoln Cathedral**, the seat of Bishop John Russell, Richard's Chancellor. And finally, we'll make a short stop at the **Angel & Royal** in Grantham to view the historical room where Richard received the Great Seal during his campaign to put down Buckingham's rebellion in 1483.
- OVERNIGHT (2 nights): Near Leicester
- Thurs., July 10:** Up bright and early, we will first visit **Crowland Abbey** (source of the *Croyland Chronicle*), where Edward IV and a young Richard stayed in 1469. Our next venue today is beautiful **Fotheringhay church**, which contains several treasures, including a House of York stained glass window, the tomb of Richard's parents and possibly of his brother, Edmund, Earl of Rutland, and a rare pulpit given by Edward IV. Today's itinerary also includes **Lyddington Bede House**, a place with a fascinating history: first a home of the Bishops of Lincoln, then a priests' house of prayer and, finally (from the 17th century to the 1930's!), an almshouse. If time permits, we will also visit **Castle Rising**, with its fine keep and a notably preserved staircase.
- Fri., July 11:** This, our banner day, features an excellent guided tour of **Bosworth Battlefield** and the hanging of our American Branch memorial wreath at **Sutton Cheney church**. In the afternoon, we will pay a visit to **Warwick Castle**, the world-famous home of the powerful "Kingmaker", birthplace of Anne Neville and host to Richard III during his coronation progress. **OPTIONAL:** If you are a theater buff, we can arrange a drop-off in Stratford-on-Avon for Royal Shakespeare Theatre production this evening! (Tickets and transportation to hotel at your expense.)

OVERNIGHT (3 nights): The Cotswolds

- Sat., July 12:** It's off to the fair today! On the way, we'll stop to view an outstanding example of a 14th century the barn. Then, the remainder of the day will be spent at the colorful Tewkesbury Medieval Festival with fun for all — medieval craft exhibitions, market stalls, sideshows and many forms of medieval entertainment. The day, which will culminate with an exciting re-enactment of the ***Battle of Tewkesbury***, will also feature a visit to splendid ***Tewkesbury Abbey***, which figured prominently in the battle.
- Sun., July 13:** Stokesay Castle, England's finest fortified manor house, claims our attention this morning. After exploring this outstanding 14th C. home in its lovely pastoral setting, we will make our way to mighty ***Ludlow Castle***. Set high above its bustling market town and river, Ludlow Castle was for several years the home of Edward IV's elder son. Richard III spent some time and effort on ***Great Malvern Priory***, one of his many renovation projects, and our day concludes with a visit to this gracious late medieval church with its fine stained glass windows. (We also hope to include a short stop at ***Little Malvern Priory church***.)
- Mon., July 14:** Now let's unwind! We will spend the final day of our travels meandering through one of the most captivating areas of England — the picturesque countryside and quaint golden villages of the Cotswolds. The day will be capped off with afternoon tea and a visit to the beautiful remains of ***Minster Lovell Hall*** (home of Richard's most loyal friend, Sir Francis Lovell), exquisitely situated on the banks of the River Windrush. Boarding our coach for the last time, we head for the great cosmopolitan city of London, arriving in the late afternoon.

OVERNIGHT (2 nights): Central London

- Tues., July 15:** Our tour officially concludes this morning with a visit to distinguished ***Society of Antiquaries***, where we have been invited to view an exciting array of items relating to Richard III and his reign. **Note:** This afternoon, there will be an optional visit to glorious ***St. George's Chapel*** (tomb of Edward IV) at Windsor Castle. Tour members are invited to join their escort for a final dinner together tonight!
- Weds., July 16:** Today we bid farewell to England and return home, replete with memories of an exceptional tour!

** Sites having known connections with Richard III and the Plantagenets are shown in ***bold italics***. Others are underlined.

- NOTES: (1)** Your escort will be happy to help you arrange additional days in London or the countryside, as well as a later return flight, if you wish! See **Additional Information**.
- (2)** To help you enjoy our sightseeing to its fullest, each tour member will be provided with a packet of extensive background information on every site we plan to visit.

A FINAL WORD

Our unique, intimately-scaled tour is just jam-packed with Ricardian sites you won't want to miss! Traveling through England's beautiful countryside and villages with a small group of friendly people who share with you a keen interest in Richard III, exploring places off the beaten track, enriching your knowledge of Richard and his times, discovering the best of both medieval and contemporary England — it all adds up to a truly serendipitous experience! Won't you join us?

For further details, brochure and reservations form, please contact:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Cost of land tour: \$2,695.00 in shared room (Single Supplement : \$280.00) — **Air extra** (see below)

Land tour includes: 10 days of touring in comfortable midi-coach (16-19 seats) for 7 or more, smaller vehicle for less than 7
1 day of sightseeing in London
Services of driver/courier and tour escort throughout tour
9 nights' accommodation while touring (full English breakfast and 3-course dinner daily)
2 nights' accommodation in London (Continental breakfast only)
All admissions, entrance fees, and donations to churches listed in the itinerary
Baggage-handling throughout tour
All service charges and Value Added Tax
Driver's gratuity

Not included: **Airfare** (offered by escort at reduced rates from each tour member's gateway city)
Lunches, snacks, and beverages not included in price of meals
Dinners in London (2)
Return airport transfer (Most members prefer to make individual arrangements.)
Laundry, telephone calls, individual tips or other personal expenses

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Air arrangements: The land tour begins on arrival at Manchester Airport and ends at noon on the day after our arrival in London. We are pleased to offer air arrangements to each participant at a discounted price. With connecting flights to Newark Airport, we will then fly together to Manchester and return from London. (If you prefer, you can make your own air arrangements.) **Your return to the U.S. may be on the date of your choice.**

Post-tour arrangements: Do you want to spend more time in London or visit another area of England? Please ask about any special arrangements after the tour ends, including hotel, transportation and a flight to suit your needs.

Lunches: Lunches are not included in the price of the tour so that you may choose from a varied menu exactly what and how much you would like each day. Your budget should include £5.50 to £6.00 per day for lunch.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Reservations are only considered confirmed on receipt of deposit of **\$250.00 per person**. Reservations and deposit must be received by **February 25, 2003**. **DEPOSIT IS NONREFUNDABLE.**

Tour balances are due and payable by **April 20, 2003**. IF later bookings are accepted, payment in full is required at time of booking. **PAYMENT MUST BE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY.** Regrettably, credit cards cannot be accepted.

RESPONSIBILITY

Linda Treybig, tour coordinator and escort, acts only as your agent in arranging transportation, hotel accommodation and all other services included in this tour and declines responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property, personal injury, or any expense connected with the provision of services for this tour. The tour coordinator reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant, to expel any tour participant from the tour, and to make changes in the itinerary whenever deemed necessary for the convenience, comfort or safety of the tour participants. Luggage and personal articles are at owner's risk unless insured. Should the number of participants drop below the minimum number stated (6), the tour coordinator reserves the right to adjust the tour price or to cancel the tour. However, the tour will not be cancelled less than six (6) weeks before the scheduled date of departure. In this event, the limit of liability is the return of monies paid by the tour participant.

PLEASE NOTE: Refund policy applies to the cost of the land tour only. Both land tour and air tickets may be covered by trip cancellation insurance.

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NAME:

STREET:

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ **PHONE:**

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

I will be sharing a room with:

I am traveling alone but will share a room if possible. _____ Yes _____ No

Smoking _____ Non-smoking _____ I would like a single room (\$280.00 supplement). _____ Yes

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WHERE APPLICABLE:

Your tour coordinator, Linda Treybig, will be pleased to arrange your discounted airfare and make any post-tour arrangements you require at a very competitive price.

Please arrange my airfare, departing from and returning to:

(City) _____ (State)

Departure: July 4, 2003. Return: July 16, 2003. If you prefer a later return date, please complete:

Returning: _____

I would like additional post-tour London accommodation. _____ Yes

If "Yes", dates London hotel required:

I would like information about additional travel arrangements while in England. _____ Yes

Name, address and phone number of family contact in the U.S.:

I/We have read and understand the responsibility clause and agree to the booking conditions as stated.
Please find \$250.00 deposit per person enclosed.

SIGNATURE(S): _____ **DATE:**

Please mail reservations form and deposit by check or money order to:

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