

THE RICARDIAN ROVER

In the Footsteps of Richard III

June 18 – 29, 2005

Come join our little band of Ricardians on a delightful adventure, as we explore the England of Richard III! This unique specialty tour is just perfect for you if you have a keen interest in Richard III and England's medieval period in general. Sites we will visit that have associations with Richard include among others: the castles at Middleham, Penrith, Skipton, Castle Rising, Warkworth (Lord Percy), Castle Bolton (Lord Scrope), and Ashby-de-la-Zouch (Lord Hastings), as well as the parish churches of Middleham, Sutton Cheney, Dadlington, Penrith and Fotheringhay. We will also spend a day and two nights exploring the fabulous historical city of York, pay our respects at the Towton Battlefield memorial, be treated to an intriguing presentation on a subject of Ricardian interest, and explore the marvelous medieval colleges of Cambridge. Most importantly, we will make our annual pilgrimage to Bosworth Battlefield, where Richard lost his crown and his life. Here we will enjoy our always-excellent guided tour, of special interest this year as it has recently been expanded to include the alternative battlefield site of Dadlington.

Also featured is a choice selection of other venues, including Hadrian's Wall and Lindisfarne (Holy Island – the birthplace of Christianity in the north of England), Bolton Priory and beautiful Rievaulx Abbey, the magnificent cathedrals at Durham and Ely, and two remarkable Elizabethan homes, Hardwick Hall in Derbyshire and Levens Hall, with its fabulous topiary gardens. Our travels will take us through some of England's most striking scenery in the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales and along the Northumberland coast. In the course of our travels, we will frequently be warmly received and accompanied on our sightseeing by Ricardian friends from various English branches and groups — always special occasions for all of us!

You can expect lots of real camaraderie, as well as the full services of a friendly, helpful driver/courier, during our 12 days of well-paced touring in a comfortable small to mid-size coach. Our accommodations, located mainly 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, good food, and a cordial welcome; and each room will have private facilities and full amenities. Most of our lunches will be at unspoiled country pubs of character, which are recommended for their food. Your enthusiastic tour coordinator and escort will be Linda Treybig, long-time member of the Richard III Society and specialist on travel in Great Britain, who has designed and led 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. Preference will be given to members of the Richard III Society, but members of the general public are welcome as well. Several members are already committed to the 2005 tour, **so please register as early as possible** and join us for a truly memorable tour!

LAND TOUR RATE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE: \$2,820.00. (Single Supplement: **\$280.00**). Deadline for reservation form and deposit of \$300.00 is February 10, 2005. Balance in full is payable by April 5, 2005.
Air extra. Please see **General Information.**

CANCELLATION FEES:

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| 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). |

CANCELLATION PENALTIES APPLY, SO TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED! PLEASE ASK FOR DETAILS.

THE ITINERARY

June 18: Welcome to Richard III's England! A very special journey awaits us this morning on arrival at Manchester Airport. Boarding our coach, we will transfer to our attractive hotel in the outskirts of the Lake District. You'll have the rest of the day free, so you can get a little catch-up sleep, take a relaxing walk, or just soak up the atmosphere of this unspoiled corner of England. Dinner tonight brings to a close our first day together.

OVERNIGHT (2 nights): Northern Lake District

June 19: All aboard for a short jaunt to the historical city of **Penrith**, where we'll be greeted by Ricardian friends from the Cumbrian Group! During his lordship, Richard III made several additions to the stout border **castle** here, including the banqueting hall. After exploring the castle ruins and learning a little of its history, we will take a stroll to the interesting **church of St. Andrew** to view the stained-glass windows relating to Richard III and the Neville family. Following lunch nearby, a relaxing afternoon's drive through the scenic Lake District brings us to Levens Hall, our final venue today. Set in world-famous topiary gardens, the interior of this alluring Elizabethan home features a superb collection of Jacobean furniture and walls covered in rich tooled leather.

June 20: This morning, taking a fascinating step back into Roman Britain, we will follow the old military road along Hadrian's Wall and pay a visit to the civilian settlement of Chesterholm (Vindolanda) and its engaging little museum of Roman life and artifacts. Continuing in a northeasterly direction, our other stop today will be at Brinkburn Priory. This almost perfectly preserved 12th century church, in its lovely setting, is a prime example of early Gothic architecture. Then, it's on to our charming hotel near the North Sea.

OVERNIGHT (2 nights): Northumberland coast

June 21: The historical gems of Northumberland, England's northernmost county, remain unrevealed to most tourists as they hurry through on their way into Scotland. Today we will become acquainted with two of these treasures: First, a visit to spectacularly-sited **Warkworth Castle**, stronghold of the Percy family. Begun before 1215 AD, its impressive ruins include an outstanding 15th century keep. Our lunch stop will be at a picturesque fishing village. Then, passing through fine coastal scenery, we cross by causeway to mystical Lindisfarne (Holy Island), one of the earliest and most influential seats of Christianity in England from which originated the glorious Lindisfarne Gospels (circa 698). Although there is no trace of the first monastery, the remaining ruins of the Benedictine priory, dating from 1083 and very like the mother church in Durham, are an excellent example of Norman work. Lindisfarne has always been a firm favorite with tour members!

June 22: Up bright and early today, we board our coach and head south. Our first venue will be Durham Cathedral. Arguably the finest Norman structure in Britain, this majestic cathedral is the site of the tomb of the Venerable Bede and the ancient coffin of St. Cuthbert. As a man of the North with strong religious beliefs, Richard III undoubtedly knew this cathedral well, and it has stood virtually unchanged over the centuries. This afternoon's sightseeing will focus on your escort's favorite site in all England — the extensive ruins of Rievaulx Abbey, a splendid 12th century Cistercian monastic foundation of remarkable beauty and peace. At the award-winning museum here, one can gain real insight into medieval monastic life as lived up through Richard's era. Finally, on to the marvelous city of **York**, where we'll spend the next two nights.

OVERNIGHT (2 nights): York

June 23: This day in **York** is yours to spend as you choose! In this timeless, eminently walkable city, you can stroll through a maze of medieval streets, walk the ancient walls, browse in fine shops, and visit many worthy attractions. You shouldn't miss magnificent York Minster (250 years in the making!) or the Merchant Adventurers Hall, Europe's most outstanding medieval guildhall (with which Richard was doubtless well acquainted). This remarkable city also boasts the Jorvik Viking Centre, the ruins of Clifford's Castle, the National Railway Museum, the one-of-a-kind Castle Museum, and the York Museum where the famous Middleham Jewel may be found. And why not treat yourself to afternoon tea at Betty's Tea Rooms or round off the day with dinner at one of York's many fine restaurants or a riverside pub?

June 24: Saying farewell to York, we set off for the scenic Yorkshire Dales. After a brief stop to view the **memorial** commemorating the **Battle of Towton**, we will then make our way to the diminutive Lead Chapel nearby, one of the few survivors of a small village that was decimated by the plague. Here we will be treated to a **presentation** by a member of the Yorkshire Branch on the history of the Lead Chapel and the chapel at Towton begun by Richard III but never completed due to his untimely death. After lunch at a local inn famous for offering the granddaddy of all Yorkshire puddings, we will make our way to the thriving market town of Skipton. Restored by Lady Anne Clifford in the 16th century, **Skipton Castle** is one of the most appealing and

best-preserved castles that once belonged to Richard, remaining floored and roofed throughout; and he is known to have done some renovations in the adjacent parish church. If time permits, we will also pay a short visit to one of Yorkshire's prime beauty spots, Bolton Priory, on the banks of the River Wharf. Then, on to our

welcoming old coaching inn in the heart of "Richard's country."

OVERNIGHT (2 nights): Yorkshire Dales

June 25: The attractive little town of **Middleham** has been dubbed "the Newmarket of the North" because of its many racing stables. Here, in the early morning, one wakes to the smart clip-clop of hooves, as dozens of sleek racehorses cross the market square on their way up to the Gallops above the town for their daily exercise. Today, we'll be meeting friends from the Yorkshire Branch and the morning will be devoted to exploring Richard's mighty **castle** and favorite home, as well as the **parish church of St. Mary and St. Alkelda**. Following an enjoyable lunch with our friends at a local pub, we will make the short drive to Lord Scrope's impressive fortified manor house, **Castle Bolton**. Visible from miles away, this impressive structure truly is more castle than manor house (even having the requisite dungeon!) and offers breath-taking views out across Wensleydale. Passing through stunning Dales scenery on the way back to our hotel, we will make a few short stops at places that epitomize the best of Yorkshire's countryside – the final touch to a wonderful day!

June 26: Originally an early motte-and-bailey castle, **Sandal Castle**, was rebuilt by Thomas Earl of Lancaster in 1320 as an impressive stone fortress. Here, during Christmas 1460, Richard's father, the Duke of York, and his brother, Edmund, met their deaths. This morning, we will hear an account of this sad misadventure as we stroll among the castle remains. Our other venue of the day will be "Hardwick Hall, more glass than wall." This *nonpareil* that time and care have miraculously preserved since the 16th century was built by the wealthy and powerful Bess of Hardwick, shrewd lady-in-waiting to Elizabeth I, and contains a notable collection of furniture, needlework and tapestries. We arrive at our charming hotel near Leicester in the late afternoon.

OVERNIGHT (2 nights): Leicestershire

June 27: Today is our banner day, the day we pay tribute to the life and death of Richard III! First we will visit the little **church at Sutton Cheney** to hang our lovely memorial wreath. Then we'll enjoy an excellent, in-depth **tour of Bosworth Battlefield**, during which there is sure to be lively discussion on the course of the battle and lots of speculation as to the true battlefield site, as well as moments of quiet reflection. Following lunch and a visit to the **church at nearby Dadlington**, where so many of the slain lie buried, this memorable day will conclude with an exploration of nearby **Ashby-de-la-Zouch castle**. Built by Lord Hastings who was in the process of expanding it at the time of his death, this prepossessing, mostly 15th century castle presents a more contemporary face to the world than Richard's far earlier and less comfortable Norman castle in Middleham.

June 28: A gentle journey this morning brings us to Richard's birthplace of Fotheringhay. Unfortunately, other than a small stack of stones, nothing remains of the castle in which he was born; but we will visit beautiful **Fotheringhay church**, which contains a number of 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. The afternoon will begin with a visit to **Castle Rising**. This castle, with its massive keep and magnificent, notably preserved staircase, was visited by Edward IV and a young Richard III in 1469. From here, Richard's earliest known letter was written as the brothers raised troops to put down a rebellion in the north. Our final venue for the day will be glorious Ely Cathedral, a true gem with its beautiful painted ceiling and soaring octagonal lantern tower.

OVERNIGHT (1 night): In or near Ely

June 29: King Richard III and Queen Anne had a number of connections with **Cambridge**. Our final day begins in this lovely university city, where we'll take a walking tour of the medieval and Tudor colleges, including Queen's College and the famous King's College Chapel. Regrettably, all good things must come to an end, and our sightseeing concludes with a visit to the marvelous **medieval church** and guildhall in **Thaxted**, Essex. Boarding our coach for a final time, we will travel on to London, where we'll arrive in the late afternoon, replete with memories of a delightful adventure taken in the footsteps of Richard III! Before we go our separate ways, you are all invited to join your escort at a nearby restaurant for a farewell dinner tonight.

OVERNIGHT (1 night): London

** Sites having known connections with Richard III and the House of York appear in **bold italic**. Others are underlined.

NOTE: To help you enjoy your sightseeing to its fullest, each tour member will be provided with a packet of excellent background information on every site we plan to visit.

A FINAL WORD

Don't miss this opportunity for a marvelous adventure! Traveling through England's beautiful countryside and villages with a small group of friendly fellow Ricardians who share your interest in the man called Richard III, enriching your knowledge of him and his times, exploring places off the beaten track, discovering the best of both medieval and contemporary England — it all adds up to an unforgettable experience! **WON'T YOU JOIN US?**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cost of land tour: \$2,820.00 in shared room (Single Supplement: \$280.00) — **Air extra** (see below)

Land tour includes: 12 days of touring in comfortable midi-coach (smaller vehicle for less than 7)
Services of driver/courier and tour coordinator/escort throughout tour
11 nights' accommodation
Full English breakfast daily
Three-course dinners on 9 nights
All admissions, entrance fees, and donations to churches included in the itinerary
Baggage-handling throughout tour
All service charges and Value Added Tax
Driver's gratuity

Not included: **Airfare** (offered at reduced rates from your nearest airport)
Lunches, snacks, or beverages not included in price of meals
Accommodation on night of arrival in London (*but will be booked for you by escort)
2 dinners in York and dinner on night of arrival in London
Return airport transfer (assistance provided with individual arrangements)
Laundry, telephone calls, room service, individual tips, or other personal expenses

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Air arrangements: The land tour begins on arrival at Manchester Airport and officially ends on our arrival in London. Linda Treybig is pleased to offer air arrangements to each participant at a discounted price. With connecting flights to Newark Airport, the group will then fly together to Manchester and return from London. (You are free to make your own air arrangements if you like.) **Please note: Dates of departure and return are flexible.**

Pre/Post-tour arrangements: If you would like to spend more time on your own in England before or after the tour, you will be offered assistance with all your arrangements, including itinerary suggestions, hotels, transportation and flights to suit your needs.

Lunches: Lunches are not included in the price of the tour, so that each person may choose from a varied menu according to his or her appetite. (Your budget should allow at least £6.00 per day for lunch.)

For further details, please contact:

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BOOKING CONDITIONS

Reservations are only considered confirmed on receipt of deposit of **\$300.00 per person**. Reservations and deposit must be received by **February 10, 2005**. **DEPOSIT IS NONREFUNDABLE.**

Tour balances are due and payable by **April 5, 2005**. If later bookings are accepted, payment in full is required at time of booking. **PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY.** Regrettably, credit cards cannot be accepted. (Check should be made payable to Linda Treybig.)

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

The Richard III Society, Inc. and Linda Treybig, tour coordinator/escort (who acts only as agent in arranging transportation, hotel accommodation and all other services included in this tour) decline all liability or 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 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 the owner's risk unless insured. Should the number of participants not meet 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. If the tour should be cancelled, the limit of liability is the return of monies paid by the tour participant.

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ ALLERGIES OR MEDICAL PROBLEMS: _____

(* Please note that this information is confidential.)

I will be sharing a room with: _____

I am traveling alone but would like to 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 happy to arrange discounted airfare and help you make any pre/post-tour arrangements you require at a very competitive price.

Please arrange my airfare, departing from and returning to:

(City) _____ (State) _____

Departure: June 17, 2005. Return: June 30, 2005. If you prefer an earlier departure or a later return, please complete:

Departing: _____ Returning: _____

I will require post-tour London accommodation. _____ Yes Number of nights: _____

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 agree to the responsibility clause and to the booking conditions as stated. Please find \$300.00 deposit per person enclosed.

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

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

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