

# The Ricardian Rover

## Travels with King Richard III

June 16 – June 27, 2008

**Ready for a delightfully different travel experience?** Then, come join our friendly little band of Ricardians as we explore the England of Richard III! This marvelous tour fits the bill perfectly if you are a sociable person with a keen interest in Richard and in medieval England! Sites we will visit having associations with Richard III include, among others, the castles at Middleham, Carlisle, Warkworth, Framlingham, Barnard Castle and Castle Rising, as well as the parish churches of Middleham, Sutton Cheyney, Fotheringhay and Wingfield. This year, our travels will also include magnificent Lincoln Cathedral and the city of Norwich with its lovely cathedral, as well as visits to Walsingham Abbey (still very much a shrine) and marvelous Old Gainsborough Hall (where Richard was once a guest.). You'll have an entire day at leisure in the wonderful city of York and, of course, we will make our annual pilgrimage to Bosworth Battlefield where Richard lost his crown and his life. Included in this special day will be a stop to hang our annual memorial wreath at Sutton Cheyney church, and an opportunity to view the fascinating medieval village of Ambion Parva being constructed by medieval methods adjacent to the Battlefield Centre.

Also featured in the tour will be choice selection of Britain's other gems – famous Hadrian's Wall, the mystical island of Lindisfarne (the birthplace of Christianity in the north of England), mighty Durham Cathedral (one of the greatest Norman buildings in Britain) – plus much more! To top it all off, we plan a visit to the venerable Society of Antiquaries, where we will be treated to a close look at the first known portrait of Richard III, the Bosworth processional cross, and other interesting relics associated with Richard III and his era.

Our journey will take us through some of Britain's loveliest scenery, from the rugged north of England to the gentle, pastoral countryside of East Anglia. During the course of our travels, we will often be warmly welcomed and accompanied on our sightseeing by Ricardian friends from various English branches and groups — always special occasions for all of us!

A truly unique tour, **The Ricardian Rover** offers you a happy alternative to the large, impersonal "package" tour or the hassle of self-drive. Just sit back and enjoy 11 days of leisurely touring and real camaraderie in our comfortable, mid-size coach, as well as a quite special morning in London. Our lodgings, mainly located in attractive market towns or villages, will be in charming smaller hotels and coaching inns where you'll be met with a cordial welcome, a comfortable room with full amenities, and delicious meals. Most of our lunches will be at picturesque village or countryside pubs that are recommended for their tasty food. Your enthusiastic tour coordinator/escort and host will be long-time member Linda Treybig, who has planned and led 16 previous Ricardian tours.

**Group size is limited to a maximum of 14** (minimum of 8) with space available on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Preference will be given to members of the Richard III Society, but other interested persons are welcome as well. Several members are already committed to the 2008 tour, so **please register as early as possible** and join us for a truly memorable tour!

**LAND TOUR RATE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE: \$2,950.00.** (Single Supplement: **\$350.00**). Deadline for reservation form and deposit of \$300.00 is February 5, 2008. Balance in full is payable by April 10, 2008.  
**Airfare and expenses in London are not included in rate. Please see General Information.**

### CANCELLATION FEES:

<b>60 days or more</b> before departure:	<b>Loss of deposit</b> plus any non-recoverable payments made on client's behalf.
<b>45-59 days</b> before departure:	<b>35% of tour cost</b> plus any non-recoverable payments made on client's behalf.
<b>30-44 days</b> before departure:	<b>50% of tour cost</b> plus any non-recoverable payments made on client's behalf.
<b>Less than 30 days</b> before departure:	<b>Nonrefundable</b> (but any recoverable monies may be returned to client.)

**CANCELLATION PENALTIES APPLY,  
SO TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.**

## OUR ITINERARY

**June 16:** Welcome to Richard III's England! A remarkable journey awaits us this morning on arrival at Manchester Airport. Boarding our coach, we will make our way towards the historical city of Carlisle and check into our pleasant hotel. After lunch, we can indulge in a little catch-up sleep and begin to get acquainted with one another. Then we will pay an afternoon visit to **Carlisle Castle**, where we'll be greeted by Ricardian friends from the Cumbrian Group. This impressive medieval fortress, guarding the western border of England with Scotland, was one in Richard's keeping and can claim a 900-year past that is literally jam-packed with history. Tonight we will enjoy the first of many excellent dinners together.

OVERNIGHT (1 night): In or near Carlisle

**June 17:** All aboard for a fascinating step back into Roman Britain! We will follow the old military road along famous Hadrian's Wall and pay a visit to the civilian settlement of Chesterholm (Vindolanda) and its engaging little museum of Roman life and artifacts. A little further down the road lies the Chester Roman Fort, one of the best fort remains along the Wall. Time permitting, we will also enjoy a little free time in a pleasant market town. And then, it's on to our attractive hotel near the North Sea.

OVERNIGHT (2 nights): Northumberland coast

**June 18:** 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**, a stronghold of the Percy family. Begun before 1215 AD, its fine ruins include an outstanding 15th century keep. Then, continuing 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 19:** 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 with its massive columns 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, we travel on to **Barnard Castle**, where we will explore the marvelous ruined castle that was granted to Richard as part of his Neville inheritance. (You can try your luck at finding his boar emblem!) If time permits, we may also make a short visit to **Richmond Castle**.

OVERNIGHT (3 nights): North Yorkshire

**June 20:** Today we'll enjoy a day 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, also well known to Richard), several excellent museums, and much more, as well as many good shops and places to dine. And why not take time for a short stroll on the city walls?

**June 21:** 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, we've planned a visit to one of Yorkshire's hidden secrets, a spectacular medieval manor house completely surrounded by its moat. Only opened to the public only a few years ago on a limited basis, Markenfield Hall is one of the finest early medieval houses in England, its great hall dating from 1310. It abounds with history, so expect this one to be a real treat!

**June 22:** Saying farewell to Yorkshire, we wend our way south into Lincolnshire. First on today's schedule will be **Gainsborough Old Hall**, a notable and fascinating example of a 15<sup>th</sup> century town manor house in which Richard III was welcomed by its wealthy owner, a city burgher, in 1483. With its superb medieval great hall and kitchen, Gainsborough is another favorite of many Ricardians. Our other venue today is **Lincoln Cathedral**. In this richly designed cathedral lie the tombs of Bishop John Russell, Richard's Chancellor, and of Katherine Swynford, Beaufort ancestress of both Richard and Anne. Its Angel Choir represents the finest in Gothic architecture. (Don't forget to look up and say "hello" to the cheeky Lincoln Imp!)

OVERNIGHT (2 nights): Melton Mowbray

**June 23:** 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 on to the Battlefield Centre where we'll meet our guide, hear the latest report on what progress has been made towards determining the most probable location of **Battle of Bosworth** and visit both Richard's memorial stone and "King Dick's" Well." Here, we'll also explore the interesting little village of Ambion Parva being erected by medieval methods next to the Battlefield Centre. Following lunch onsite, we will pay a visit to **Dadlington church** nearby, where so many of the slain lie buried. During the course of this special day, there are sure to be both lively discussions on the course of the battle and moments of quiet reflection.

June 24: A gentle journey this morning brings us to Richard's birthplace of Fotheringhay. Sadly, 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 day continues with a visit to **Castle Rising**. This castle, with its massive keep and notably preserved staircase, was visited by Edward IV and a young Richard in 1469. From here, Richard's earliest known letter was written as the brothers raised troops to put down a rebellion in the north. In a peaceful situation not far from Norwich stands Castle Acre Priory, an 11<sup>th</sup> century Cluniac foundation. An exploration of its remains, which include a beautiful Norman west front, a noteworthy reredorter and a Tudor gatehouse, brings the day to a close.

OVERNIGHT (2 nights): In or near Norwich

**June 25:** Our first venue today will be a visit to **Walsingham Abbey**, famous shrine to Our Lady of Walsingham, with both an Anglo-Catholic shrine and a Roman Catholic Slipper Chapel. Walsingham was a favorite destination of medieval pilgrims, including Henry II and Richard III. Afternoon finds us at Blickling Hall, where we will continue our sightseeing with a visit to this beautiful Jacobean country house and its gardens. And finally, we'll enjoy some free time in the pleasant old city of **Norwich**, which claims, among its many treasures, a splendid cathedral, a castle (now a museum), and Elm Hill, quite a picturesque medieval street. We will have an opportunity to discover one or two of its attractions, enjoy some shopping, or attend a service of Evensong in the cathedral before we return to our hotel for the night.

**June 26:** On our final day together on the road, our first stop will be at **Wingfield church** (1392), a lovely little jewel in the peaceful Suffolk countryside with effigies of Richard's sister, Elizabeth, and her husband, John de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk. Our final venue will be the considerable and impressive ruins of **Framlingham Castle**. This historic castle was the ancestral home of Anne Mowbray and the Dukes of Norfolk, and it later lodged Mary Tudor and her troops until she returned to London to claim her crown. Boarding our coach a final time, it's on to the fabulous, cosmopolitan city of London!

OVERNIGHT: Central London

**June 27:** This morning, we're in for a real treat! The final event of our tour this year is a visit to the Society of Antiquaries in London. Here we will hear a presentation and will be able to view various artifacts relating to Richard III that are in the care of the Society. Among them is the first known portrait of Richard, which many believe must bear the closest resemblance to him, as well as the mysterious "Bosworth Processional Cross", which was found not so very long ago in the battlefield area. Though its provenance has yet to be firmly established, many Ricardians like to think that it may have been carried with Richard III's forces to the Battle of Bosworth. The tour now comes to an official end, but you are all cordially invited to join your escort for a final dinner together tonight before we all go our various ways. May you return home safely with many fond memories of our travels with King Richard III!

**NOTES:**

- (1) Sites having known connections with Richard III and the House of York appear in *bold italic*. Others are underlined.
- (2) To help you enjoy your sightseeing to its fullest, each tour member will be provided with a packet of background information on every site we plan to visit.

**A FINAL WORD . . . . . DON'T miss this opportunity to take part in a top-notch Ricardian excursion! DO say you'll join us! 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 fascinating places off the beaten track, discovering the best of both medieval and contemporary England = AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE!**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Cost of land tour:** \$2,950.00 in shared room (Single Supplement: \$350.00) - **Air extra** (see below)

**Land tour includes:** 11 days of touring in comfortable midi-coach (smaller vehicle for less than 8)  
Services of driver/courier and tour coordinator/escort throughout tour  
Visit to Society of Antiquaries in London  
10 nights' accommodation  
Full English breakfast daily while touring  
10 evening meals  
All admissions, entrance fees, and donations to churches included in the itinerary  
Full baggage handling throughout the tour  
All service charges and value added taxes on the above  
Driver's gratuity (a generous group tip)

**Not included:** **Airfare** (tickets arranged by your escort as a courtesy if desired)  
Lunches, snacks, or beverages not included in price of meals  
**Expenses in London** (meals, accommodation, transportation, etc.)  
Return airport transfers (assistance provided with individual arrangements)  
Laundry, telephone calls, room service, individual tips, or other personal expenses

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Air arrangements:** The land tour begins at Manchester Airport, where we'll all meet on the morning of June 16, and officially ends in London at noon on June 27. Linda Treybig will be pleased to assist you with your air arrangements, whether you prefer to join other group members for the flight to England or travel independently. OR you are free to make your own air arrangements if you like. **Please note: *Dates of both flights are flexible.***

**Pre/Post-tour arrangements:** Linda Treybig will select a central London hotel for the group and book it for the number of nights desired by each person. You will also be offered assistance with all your arrangements for additional travel, including itinerary suggestions, hotel or bed & breakfast recommendations, and public transportation or car rental.

**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 expense budget should allow at least £6.00 to £6.50 per day for lunch.)

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

**(Please read carefully):** Reservations are only considered confirmed on receipt of deposit of \$300.00 per person. Reservations and deposit must be received by **February 5, 2008**, but it is wise to book as early as possible. Remember that the early bird gets the worm! **DEPOSIT IS NONREFUNDABLE.**

**Tour balances** are due and payable by **April 10, 2008**. If later bookings are accepted, payment in full is required at time of booking. **ALL TOUR PAYMENTS MUST BE BY MONEY ORDER OR BY CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO LINDA TREYBIG.** Regrettably, credit cards cannot be accepted except for airfare or hotel room guarantees.

## 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 (8), 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.*

For further details, please contact:

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## TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ ALLERGIES OR MEDICAL PROBLEMS: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note that this information is helpful to tour escort and 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 (\$350.00 supplement).  Yes

\* If, due to your physical condition, you require a shower rather than a bath, please check here.  (Every effort will be made to accommodate your needs.)

I will require London accommodation for \_\_\_\_\_ nights.

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

### COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WHERE APPLICABLE:

Please arrange my airfare, departing from and returning to:

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_

**Departure: June 15, 2008. Return: June 28, 2008.** If you prefer an earlier departure or a later return, please complete:

Departing: \_\_\_\_\_ Returning: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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