



See Things Differently

Explore England's Enchanting Northeast Coast: 5-Day Sample Itinerary

The English coastline is one of the most exciting in the world, more than 185 million years old, and one of the most varied, rich in maritime port cities, quaint villages, family resorts, nature and wildlife. This year England's Coast Path has been officially renamed as the '**King Charles III England Coast Path**'. The National Trail is scheduled to be fully accessible for walking by the end of 2024 and will stretch over 2,700 miles in total length once completed. Northumberland's coast features dramatic landscapes and magnificent castles, quiet sandy coves and quaint fishing villages with more castles than any county in Britain. Trips includes adventures to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, the spectacular **Bamburgh Castle** and the inspiring county Durham.

Please note: The below itinerary offers a grand tour of the North East England, hopping between quaint villages, daunting castles and breathtaking estates along the Northumberland and Durham coast. It is strongly recommended to arrive via train to Alnwick Station or fly into Newcastle International Airport and use a car rental or coach journeys for the duration of the trip. For car rental options from Newcastle, please check out companies such as [Enterprise](#), [Hertz](#), [Avis](#), and [Budget](#). If you prefer travel by train or coach, visit [National Rail](#) for rail routes and [National Express](#) for coach routes. Check here for local public transport options in [Northumberland](#) and [Durham](#).

Day 1	
Morning	Arrive at Newcastle International Airport or Alnwick Station
Travel	Travel to hotel via car in 45 mins or coach in 40 mins
Check-in	Check in at the Tempus Hotel - Northumberland The hotel has idyllic views of their private 150-acre country estate and the interiors have been inspired by Alice in Wonderland full of imaginative design.
Dinner	Dinner at The Tempus restaurant A new bar, restaurant and orangery offering bistro-style dining. Expect everything from a hearty Northumbrian breakfast to traditional well-loved dishes with a twist for dinner.
Overnight	The Tempus Hotel
Day 2	

Breakfast	Breakfast at the Tempus Hotel or Carnaby's Cafe Head just up the road to Carnaby's Café for a specialty coffee or a traditional English breakfast. The café offers locally sourced seasonal dishes in addition to a gift and homeware shop.
Morning	Visit to Alnwick Castle Alnwick Castle has over 950 years of history to discover as the Castle dates back to the Norman period. The iconic Alnwick Castle has played host to legendary film productions such as Harry Potter, Downton Abbey and many more.
Lunch	Lunch at Treehouse, The Alnwick Garden Nestled in the treetops, experience a cosy lunch by a roaring log fire surrounded by twinkling lights. Their experienced chefs have curated menus, offering modern British dishes with a focus on seasonality and local produce.
Afternoon	Poison Garden at the Alnwick Garden The Alnwick Garden is home to stories galore and plays host to the small but deadly Poison Garden filled exclusively with over 100 toxic plants.
Dinner	Dinner at The Craster Arms The Craster Arms is a local favourite for delicious food and drink and a cosy night's accommodation in the Beadnell area. Here you'll find plenty of hearty British dishes, with a warm Northumbrian welcome.
Overnight	The Tempus Hotel
Day 3	
Breakfast	Breakfast at the hotel
Check-out	Check out from the hotel and leave for Bamburgh Castle
Travel	Travel by car in 22 mins, check here for alternate train or Local bus routes.
Morning	Explore Bamburgh Castle This year's winner of the 'Northeast England large attraction of the year', Bamburgh Castle boasts over 3000 years of incredible history and has featured in films including Netflix's The Last Kingdom and Disney's recent Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny.
Travel	Leave Bamburgh and travel to Holy Island. Check here for the best crossing times during your visit
Afternoon	Holy Island A pint-sized island that has pubs and cafés a-plenty, Lindisfarne Castle and the ancient Lindisfarne Priory.
Lunch	The Crown & Anchor The Crown & Anchor is an independently run inn situated at the heart of Holy Island. A few must try meals include - traditional fish and chips made with locally sourced haddock and vegetarian dishes such as Northumberland cheese sausages or sweet potato and fennel curry.
Optional Travel	Craster 48 mins drive or 1hr 32 mins via public transport The fishing village of Craster, with its charming harbour, is set within the Northumberland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Local art, a tranquil cove and bird spotting are highlights of the village attractions.

Travel	It is strongly recommended to use a car rental or taxi service around Durham for the duration of this trip
	Depart to Durham from Craster – 1 hr 15 mins drive or 2 hr 38 mins train journey
	Depart to Durham from Holy Island – 1 hr 55 mins drive or 1 hr 51 mins via public transport
Check – in	Ramside Hall Hotel Situated on the outskirts of Durham City, the hotel boasts 127 luxurious bedrooms and suites, each offering its own unique charm with stunning views across 350 acres of beautiful private grounds. Their luxury spa provides the ideal opportunity to unwind, with one of the Britain's largest hydrotherapy pools, a state-of-the-art gym and a huge range of specialist treatments on offer.
Dinner	Fusion Restaurant Ramside is also home to some of the very best restaurants in County Durham, including the famous Pemberton's Carvery, Rib Room Steakhouse and our award-winning Pan-Asian restaurant, Fusion. The Fusion restaurant at the Spa at Ramside Hall Hotel offers an extensive selection of Asian-inspired food. Using traditional recipes from Southeast Asia and coupling them with locally sourced produce results in dishes that are innovative and fresh, all served within a relaxed casual dining environment.
Overnight	Ramside Hall Hotel
Day 4	
Breakfast	Breakfast at the hotel
Travel	Public transport options are limited in this area, but the beach is just 24 mins by car or taxi.
Morning	Seaham Hall Beach World-famous for its abundance of unique sea glass, the lively harbour town of Seaham is found on the Durham Heritage Coast. People travel from far and wide for a chance to collect sea glass gems.
Lunch	Seaham Hall Hotel A bitesize selection is available for lunch chosen by the chef to showcase the best of British sweet and savoury treats, all accompanied by your choice of loose-leaf tea, artisan coffee, or a glass of fizz.
Travel	23 minute drive to Durham or 2 hrs on public transport
Afternoon	Cocktail making class at Durham Distillery Learn the secret to combining spirits and elixirs along with a few cocktail making tips and tricks to impress.
Dinner	Dinner at the Cellar Door (5-min walk from the distillery) Set within a 13th century riverside building with a hidden entrance on the main thoroughfare up to the cathedral, The Cellar door offers a range of dining options, from outdoor dining with river views and an atmospheric ancient cellar conversion.
Overnight	Ramside Hall Hotel
Day 5	
Breakfast	Breakfast at the hotel & check out

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Travel	24 minute drive to Seaham or 1 hr 38 mins on public transport
Morning	<p>Walk the Durham Coastal Path: Seaham to Crimdon The 11-mile Durham Heritage Coast path boasts beaches, rugged cliffs, imposing headlands and is recognised internationally for its rare plants and wildlife. The coastal path leads through a colourful mosaic of grasslands, wildflowers, flora and fauna and passes through areas of natural, historical and geographic interest. Inland from the coast are ancient yew and ash woodlands. The picturesque Castle Eden Dene is a national nature reserve with 550 acres of ancient woodlands that date back to pre-medieval times and is home to more than 450 species of plants and wildflowers.</p>
Lunch	<p>Flamingo Bar & Café A small, independent health food café located along the pretty Seaham coastline in the marina. Exciting healthy options include tostadas and acai bowls. Their sun-drenched terrace has stunning sea views and a comfy, rustic seating area.</p>
Travel	26 minute drive or 1 hr 22 mins on public transport from Crimdon.
Check – in	<p>Hardwick Hall Hotel Surrounded by the stunning Hardwick Country Park, the award-winning four-star hotel is steeped in charm and character providing the perfect setting for a luxurious getaway. Each one of their stylish boutique hotel rooms have been individually designed and include large baths, walk-in showers, luxury furnishings and huge king size beds you'll never want to get out of.</p>
Travel	23 minute drive or 48 mins on public transport
Afternoon	<p>Explore Durham – The Cathedral, Crook Hall Gardens</p> <p>Durham Cathedral Built in 1093, Durham Cathedral has been a place of pilgrimage, worship and welcome for almost a millennium. It is also the home of the Shrine of St Cuthbert and the Tomb of the Venerable Bede. Together with Durham Castle and the historic buildings nearby, Durham Cathedral is part of the Durham UNESCO World Heritage Site. The cathedral has been used as a filming location in blockbusters including Avengers Endgame, Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone and Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. The cloisters formed part of Hogwarts, while the Chapter House was used for Professor McGonagall's classroom.</p> <p>Crook Hall Gardens Set against the backdrop of the medieval hall, Crook Hall Gardens offer a haven of tranquillity from the bustle of Durham City. The 10-acre garden is owned by the National Trust and has magnificent views over the city. Paths lead through a series of interlinked gardens, each with its own character.</p> <p>Riverbank walk Minutes from the city centre you can enjoy a peaceful walk along the riverbank, surrounded by trees and with stunning views of the cathedral. Hire a rowing boat to see views of the cathedral and castle from the water.</p> <p>Shopping There are lovely independent shops to visit, including the indoor market which dates back to the 1850s, and lots of nice places to eat and drink.</p>
Travel	21 mins drive or 52 mins via public transport

Dinner	Dinner at El Castillo El Castillo features Spanish Tapas with local flavours, created from ingredients grown in Auckland Castle's gardens. The menu celebrates modern tapas style dining, and features small plates of unfussy, flavourful, heart-warming dishes.
Travel	16 minute drive or 1hr 30 mins via public transport
Overnight	Hardwick Hall Hotel