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This tour will take approximately six hours. Time to visit tourist attractions is allowed for in our itineraries.



Goathland

Goathland is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and with so much stunning scenery to be admired and enjoyed it is hard to imagine that anyone could ask for anything more. Here in the wilds of North Yorkshire, magnificent peaks and fells are seemingly endless. The North Yorkshire Moors Railway, carrying upwards of 200,000 passengers a year, is one of the most scenic and well-travelled steam lines of its type. Linking Grosmont and Pickering, it follows the route of the 19th century line that gave Whitby reliable access to the outside world for the first time. The most popular half of the line, sitting 500 feet above sea level, is understandably Goathland, thanks to its 'Heartbeat' associations. All the signs, lamps and features are original, except for the footbridge, which was installed in the last ten years. Goathland has its own signal box and is one of the few stations on this line with two tracks. This provision allows trains coming in either direction to pass each other. In Goathland village itself, the popularity of Heartbeat is evident in some of the shops, although its history extends back to Viking times, and plenty of curiosities remain. The most obvious of these is the tame black-faced sheep that graze the village common and surrounding moorland.



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A favourite picnic spot in the summer months. But for those not wanting to relax by the river, the Rydale Folk Museum offers an insight into how people lived and worked in the neighbouring villages. There are 13 historic buildings showing the lives of ordinary people from the earliest times to the present day. Many of the buildings have been rescued and restored here at the museum. It's very much a 'hands-on' museum, and visitors get the opportunity to learn some of the traditions of the past.