

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXPLORER'S ROAD



### BURGHLEY HOUSE

One of the most fabulous homes of the British aristocracy from the simplicity of the Tudor kitchen to the Baroque opulence of the Heaven Room. The house is surrounded by a Capability Brown designed landscape heady with the scent of ancient blooms and the sound of water fountains. [www.burghley.co.uk](http://www.burghley.co.uk)



### YORK MINSTER

One of the world's most magnificent cathedrals. Join the free guided tour to learn about its huge collection of medieval stained glass and climb the 275 steps up the Central Tower for views over York's old centre. <https://yorkminster.org>



### ALNICK CASTLE AND THE ALNICK GARDEN

Alnwick Castle's history brims with drama, intrigue, and extraordinary people. Its impenetrable walls rise up above The Alnwick Garden, a wonderful combination of spaces, themes and quirkiness from the Grand Cascade to a Poison Garden plus a collection of over 4000 plant varieties. [www.alnwickcastle.com](http://www.alnwickcastle.com)  
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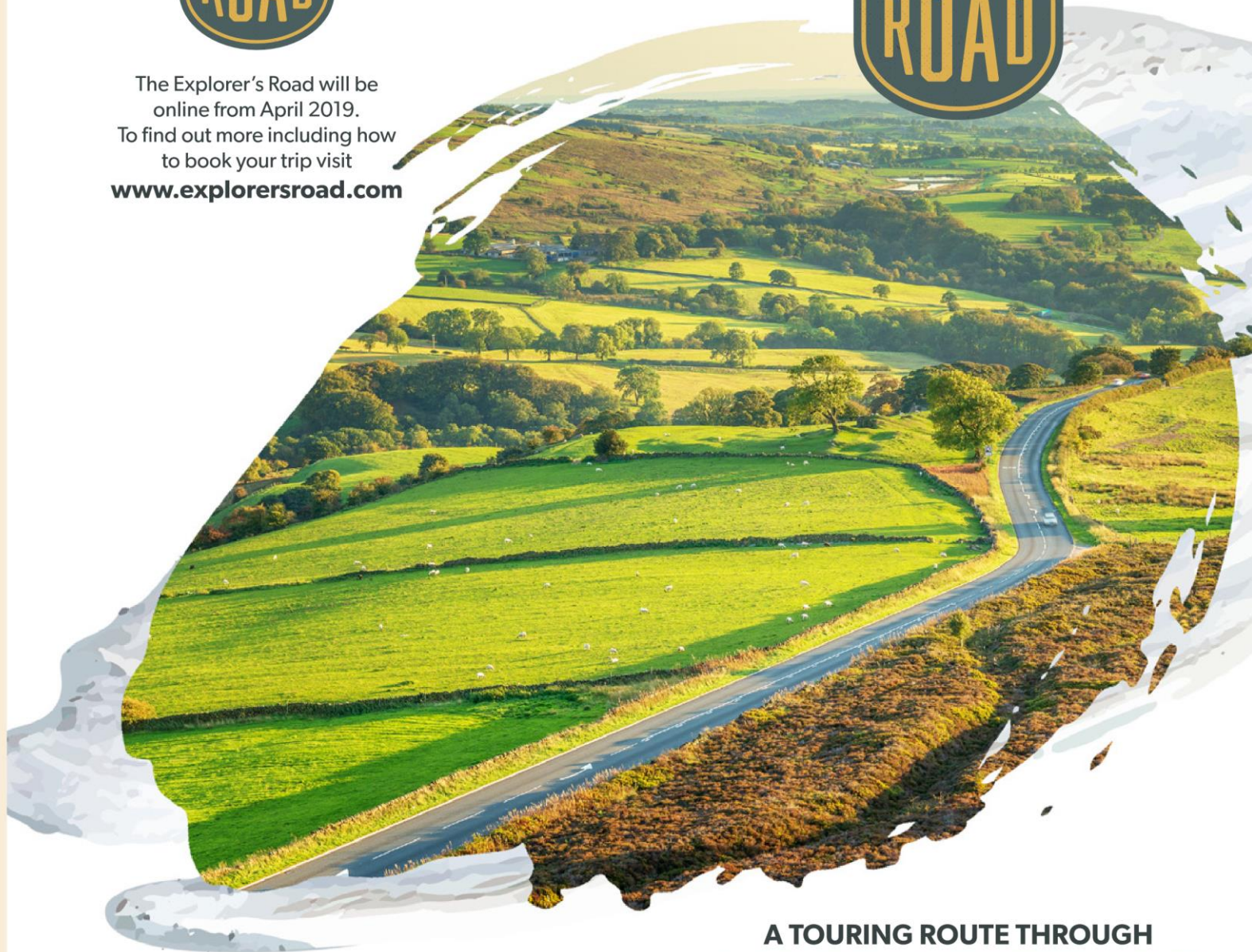


### KIELDER WATER AND FOREST PARK

Kielder Water and Forest Park is nature on a grand scale. Hire a bike, walk the forest trails, go red squirrel watching or board the Osprey ferry for a trip around the lake. This is a great location for year-round star gazing at The Kielder Observatory in the heart of Northumberland's International Dark Sky Park. [www.visitkielder.com](http://www.visitkielder.com)



The Explorer's Road will be online from April 2019. To find out more including how to book your trip visit [www.explorersroad.com](http://www.explorersroad.com)



**A TOURING ROUTE THROUGH  
THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC HEART  
OF ENGLAND**

EXPERIENCE ENGLAND'S HISTORY  
AND CULTURE UP CLOSE ON

## THE EXPLORER'S ROAD

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For two thousand years the English  
have travelled a highway which connects



## north to south along a 500km route through the historic and cultural heart of the nation.

Now curious travellers can get to know England and the English by exploring their traditions and eccentricities, enjoying their much-loved countryside, and revealing hidden attractions and landmarks known only to local people as you tour the Explorer's Road.

The Explorer's Road offers a huge variety of attractions and experiences. Each day you can choose from sightseeing at stately homes and castles, uncovering English history at fascinating and quirky museums, walking and cycling in stunning landscapes or exploring ancient market towns and historic cities. Each evening we invite you to take your pick from traditional coaching inns and cosy bed and breakfasts to pubs with rooms, country house hotels or up

### HOUSES OF HISTORY

Every era of English history builds new monuments to wealth, architecture and status, be it castles that once defended the realm, or the stately homes that have come to define it. Travelling the Explorer's Road paints for visitors a vivid and awe-inspiring picture of English history, society and time with an intriguing secret hidden behind every door.

### CULTURE AND CURIOSITIES

The English take afternoon tea and amass vast collections of everything from clocks to horseshoes. They made Robin Hood and Dick Turpin folk heroes. And they invented Earl Grey tea. Often shaped by these eccentric ancestors, The Explorer's Road is a chance to uncover the quirks and peculiarities which have sculpted England's cultural landscape.



market citybased properties and enjoy good food in good company served up with a warm welcome.

### DISCOVERY AND ADVENTURE

On two feet or two wheels, in classic cars, along rivers and into the estates of the landed gentry, there are many ways to explore England and see it from a different perspective. Take to the water in a kayak, circumnavigate a lake by bike or walk a heritage trail in the company of a local guide. The Explorer's Road will take you off the beaten track to reveal sites and stories that aren't on the usual tourist trail.



Tour England's culinary landscape, from centuries-old inns  
**EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY**

### FROM ROSE TO RADISH

The English love to garden and to share their greenfingered creativity and passion. From the intriguing stories of eccentric owners to the impressive landscapes of grand estates cultivated by world famous horticulturalists, Rose to Radish is packed with botanical secrets to uncover and beautiful scenes to explore.

serving flagons of dark ale, to the artisan cheeses, gins and baked goods of small-scale local producers, and the outstanding young chefs redefining modern British cuisine. Discover a country with a kitchen culture as deep, varied and delicious as any gastronomic nation on earth.

