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The CITY of YORK: HISTORICAL and CULTURAL LEGACY THROUGH the CENTURIES

York is a historical, picturesque, cultural city in the north of England. It has always attracted visitors from around the world. York ranked the most popular city to visit in the UK. According to the UK News, in 2023 the number of visitors to the city has been around 9 million, with 1 million of them traveling internationally.

The best things to do in York mostly revolve around the city's long history, which it proudly displays. It's a place of old traditions and little details that make it a great place to just walk around and explore. The city as we now know it began with the Romans in 71 AD. The Romans create York, lived and ruled in it for the next three centuries, turning it into a city of global importance. Vikings invaded in the 9th century, and York was a Danish trading center for two centuries. They farmed the land and were great craftsmen, traders, artists, engineers and shipbuilders. Conquered by the Normans, Medieval York was England's second largest city and became wealthy on the wool trade.

York has a bloody history due to multiple wars. In the 15th century, York was involved in the War of the Roses. Henry VIII made York the capital of his northern church, and today's York Minster is still one of the most powerful in the Church of England. During the English Civil War, the city of York played a huge role. Fighting valiantly, the city also became an alternative seat of the Royal government.

York is the place of talented people like David Hockney, John Barry, Jessica Ennis-Hill and exciting events. Every year a huge number of festivals take place there such as Jorvik Viking Festival, York Early Music Festival and Illuminating York.

York is full of outstanding and inspiring places and sights. For example, York Minster which is one of the largest cathedrals in Northern Europe and is renowned for its stunning Gothic architecture. One more tourists' attraction of the city is York City Walls. The York city walls are one of the best-preserved medieval walls in England. The total length of the York city walls is approximately 2.5 miles, making it one of the longest medieval walls in England. National Railway Museum also is a popular tourists' destination. It is the largest railway museum in the world and attracts over one million visitors annually. The museum also features interactive exhibits, workshops, and demonstrations that showcase the history and technology of the railways.

York is also known for its diverse food scene, offering a wide range of options to suit all tastes and budgets. York's traditional cuisine includes more than 400 kinds of pizza one can only taste there.

The hospitality and kindness of the locals makes it the friendliest city to visit and to live in. York's strong sense of community is evident in its numerous local events, festivals, and activities that bring people together to celebrate and enjoy each other's company. The city's diverse population and rich cultural heritage contribute to its friendly and inclusive atmosphere.