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Cultural trips by train - No-fly options in the UK and northern France

For those who prefer to keep their feet on the ground, [The Cultural Travel Company](#) shares three cultural trips which will get you to your destination without having to board a plane.

[Normans and Plantagenets – medieval history in Normandy and Anjou](#)

After meeting at the Paris Gare du Nord, this trip embarks on visits to Rouen, Caen, Bayeux, Angers and Le Mans, exploring the history of the 10th and 12th centuries, when revolutionary changes were hammered out in political, religious and military life. In the company of expert historian Marc Morris, we unravel the complexities through visits to a wealth of monuments, from exquisite Romanesque cathedrals to impregnable hilltop forts.

Departs 16 May 2019 (7 days).

From £1,575 (pp, two sharing), includes 3- and 4- star hotels, 1 dinner, private coach travel from Paris, admissions and taxes.

[Great French Châteaux – Castles and Gardens of the Loire](#)

Visit the gardens and castles of the Loire in June, with writer and garden historian Steven Desmond. After meeting in Paris, this immersive trip takes you to the Châteaux at Chenonceau, d’Azay-le-Rideau and Villandry, with its famous kitchen garden, and then to Chambord and Cheverny, to explore the themes of court intrigue, political rivalry and religious tumult of 15th and 16th century France. Hotel accommodation in Tours and one group dinner is also provided.

Departs 21 June 2019 (4 days)

From £1,095 (pp, two sharing) includes hotel, 1 dinner, private coach travel from Paris, admissions and taxes.

[Cathedrals & Abbeys of the North - Magnificent medieval architecture in England](#)

Join in York for a 4-day trip including a cluster of medieval buildings that rank among the greatest in Europe. Highlights include York Minster, Beverley Minster, Lincoln Cathedral, Rievaulx Abbey, Durham Cathedral and Ripon Cathedral. Staying in 3* accommodation in central York, commentary and insight is provided throughout the trip by medieval specialist Dr James Cameron.

Departs 28 June 2019 (4 days).

From £905 (pp, two sharing), includes hotel accommodation, one group meal, private coach travel and admissions.

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Notes to editors:

The Cultural Travel Company, established in 2017, offers exceptional cultural travel experiences at affordable prices. Accompanied by first-rate speakers, we explore many of the cultural highlights of Europe and the UK. Art, architecture, archaeology, history and music are all on the menu, and on each carefully-paced itinerary there’s a mix of guided tours, lively lectures, group dinners and free time.

We set up The Cultural Travel Company to deliver inspiring trips, art journeys, and historical learning at reasonable prices. We have achieved fantastic value for money by focusing on the core ingredients, using sensible hotels, cutting the frills and allowing greater freedom than is usual on this sort of trip.

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immaculately-planned tours across the globe. We draw on the same experience and expertise and share their unrivalled pool of speakers.