The literary and industrial heritage of …

WEST YORKSHIRE

LEEDS, BRADFORD & ENVIRONS

5 days – 4 nights. £799 per person*

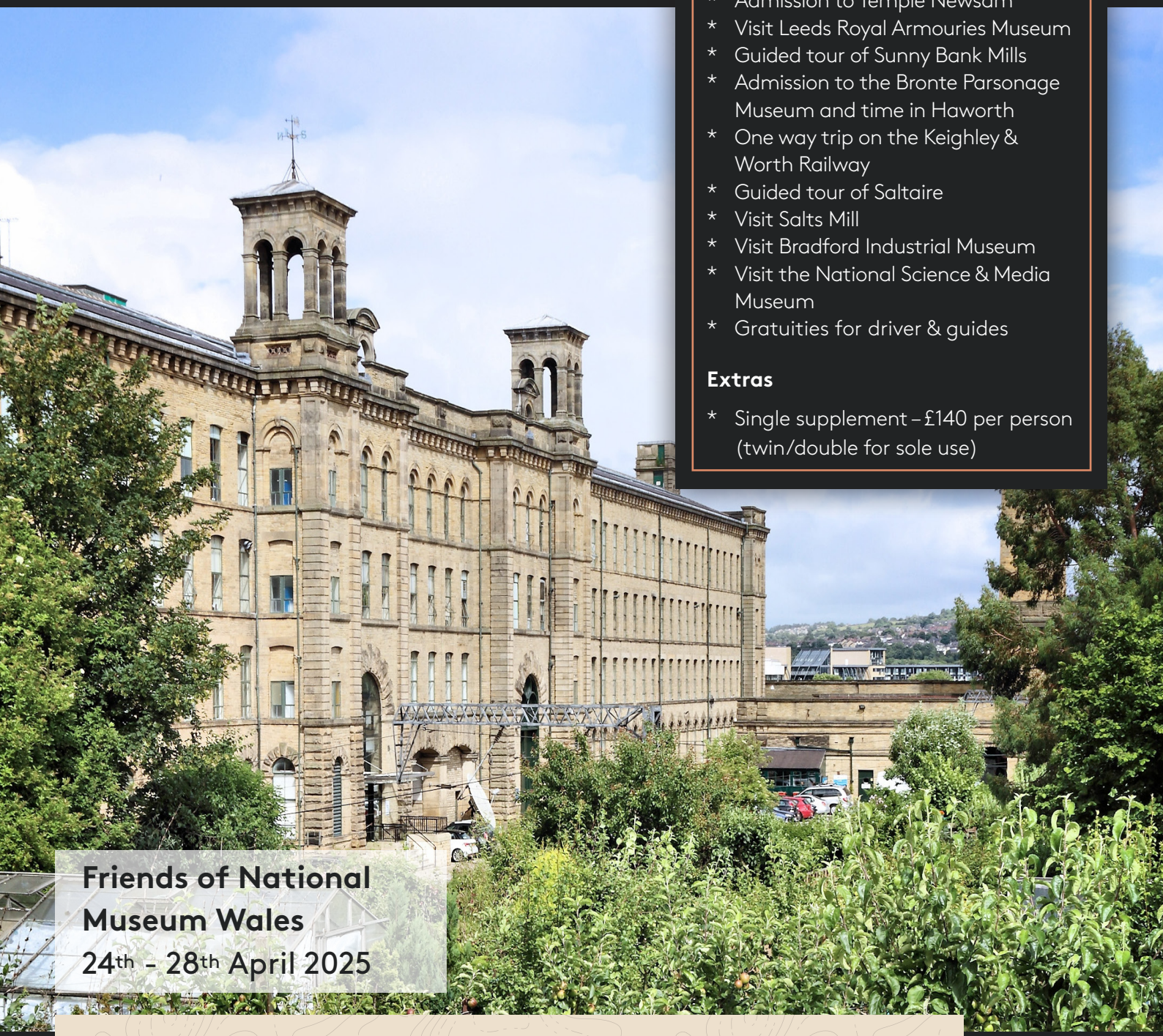
Our Tour

What's included

* Executive coach travel throughout
* 4 nights half board accommodation
* Admission to Temple Newsam
* Visit Leeds Royal Armouries Museum
* Guided tour of Sunny Bank Mills
* Admission to the Bronte Parsonage Museum and time in Haworth
* One way trip on the Keighley & Worth Railway
* Guided tour of Saltaire
* Visit Salts Mill
* Visit Bradford Industrial Museum
* Visit the National Science & Media Museum
* Gratuities for driver & guides

Extras

* Single supplement – £140 per person (twin/double for sole use)



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The industrial towns and cities of West Yorkshire were key in the industrial revolution in England, and today an array of museums, historic canals, heritage steam railways and striking Victorian architecture are testament to this fascinating past. Accompanied by our very own Yorkshireman, we will visit a variety of the area's highlights with, we hope, something to appeal to all interests.

*Based on two sharing a twin/double room and a minimum of 35 members travelling.

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Our Itinerary

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Day 1 - Departing Cardiff, we travel northwards with a stop for lunch (not included) before continuing to **Temple Newsam.** This Tudor-Jacobean mansion offers a fascinating insight into the past residents who lived and worked here, including Lord Darnley, the second husband of Mary, Queen of Scots. Browse collections and special exhibitions whilst exploring over 40 rooms and outbuildings, and roam 1,500 acres of grounds and gardens landscaped by famed 18th century gardener, Capability Brown. After the visit we continue to our hotel. Dinner at the hotel is included each evening.

Temple Newsam

Day 2 - Today commences with a visit to the **Royal Armouries Museum**, Leeds. This museum is home to thousands of incredible objects, from Japanese samurai to iconic movie props, from Henry VIII's armour to an Indian war elephant. There are also live performances, including combat demonstrations, object handling sessions and talks, which we may be lucky enough to join. After time to obtain lunch (not included) we head to **Sunny Bank Mills**. Here, we take a tour of the Museum and Archive, which tells the stories of over 180 years of cloth production at the mills and the lives of those who worked here. It contains more than 60,000 lengths of cloth, 8000 fabric designs, 5000 dye cards, 300 guard books and numerous artefacts associated with nearly 200 years of cloth production, which it aims to preserve for the community and future generations.

Day 3 - We have more of a literary focus today, commencing with a trip to the **Brontë Parsonage Museum,** the inspirational former home of the Brontë family, the beautiful village of **Haworth**. The house was their home from 1820 to 1861, and is the place where Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë wrote some of the greatest novels in the English language including Jane Eyre, Wuthering Heights and The Tenant of Wildfell Hall. We will also enjoy a guided walk around Haworth, a quaint village steeped in literary history, with its cobbled streets and hillside setting. After time to obtain lunch here (not included), we can rellax and enjoy the scenery aboard the 5 mile-long **Keighley & Worth Valley Railway**. Perhaps most famous for its role in the 1970 film version of Edith Nesbit's story The Railway Children, the line runs from Keighley to Oxenhope through beautiful Brontë country.

Day 4 - After breakfast we head to **Saltaire**, a Victorian model village which takes its name from its founder – Sir Titus Salt – and the River Aire, the waterway which flows through the village. Saltaire is home to wonderful architecture, bustling independent businesses, a unique narrow-gauge tramway and world-class art exhibitions, including a large collection of works by **David Hockney**, displayed in **Salt's Mill**. The village has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site thanks to its immaculately preserved industrial heritage. We will learn more from

Bronte Parsonage Museum © John Darch

a local guide before having time o explore Salts Mill and obtain lunch (not included). This afternoon we visit Bradford Industrial Museum, home to permanent displays of textile machinery, steam power, engineering and motor vehicles.

Day 5 - Checking out of the hotel, we hope to visit the **National Science & Media Museum**, currently closed for a major transformation and reopen in 2025 to align with the launch of Bradford's City of Culture year. After the visit commence the return to Cardiff.

The order of excursions is subject to change. This tour will involve a considerable amount of walking - a reasonable degree of mobility and appropriate footwear are recommended.

Our Hotel

The 4* Thorpe Park Hotel & Spa is located on the edge of Leeds and boasts an award-winning spa and AA Rosette restaurant. There's also a bar and lovely atrium courtyard, perfect for relaxing. The en-suite bedrooms are well appointed and facilities include TV and mini-fridge.

How to book

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