

BOOKABLE PRODUCT

Lord Byron's Newstead Abbey With Afternoon Tea

Legendary tales for a modern-day adventure

Sherwood Forest's Robin Hood is not the only literary rebel of Nottinghamshire. In fact, the notorious Romantic poet Lord Byron also found his home here for many years, at the beautiful and ruinous Newstead Abbey. Not only regarded as one of England's greatest poets, Byron was one of the world's first celebrities, gaining a rock star-like reputation in his day.



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One-day example itinerary

11:30am – GUIDED TOUR OF NEWSTEAD ABBEY

Arrive at this charming estate and enjoy a one-hour character-led guided tour with Byron himself as he lets you in on secrets of his scandalous life and breath-taking poetry. Hear how Byron spent his time at Newstead, from decadent parties to his love of swimming in the lake, as you explore the stately rooms filled with antiques, paintings, and curiosities. Discover why he went from being adored by the masses to becoming the 'mad, bad and dangerous to know' poet in exile. Learn about his family roots in the area, his links to the local Luddite movement, and how he spoke out in parliament for the lacemakers of Nottingham.

Once the tour is finished, you will be invited to indulge in a traditional afternoon tea with Byron. Taking place in the Abbey's rustic Victorian Kitchen or the delightfully airy Garden Room, enjoy a selection of fine finger sandwiches, tea, cakes and scones.

Afterwards there is optional free time to explore the beautiful grounds and enjoy the blend of wild beauty and stately charm that inspired Byron himself.

MORNING – DEPART LONDON

By train:

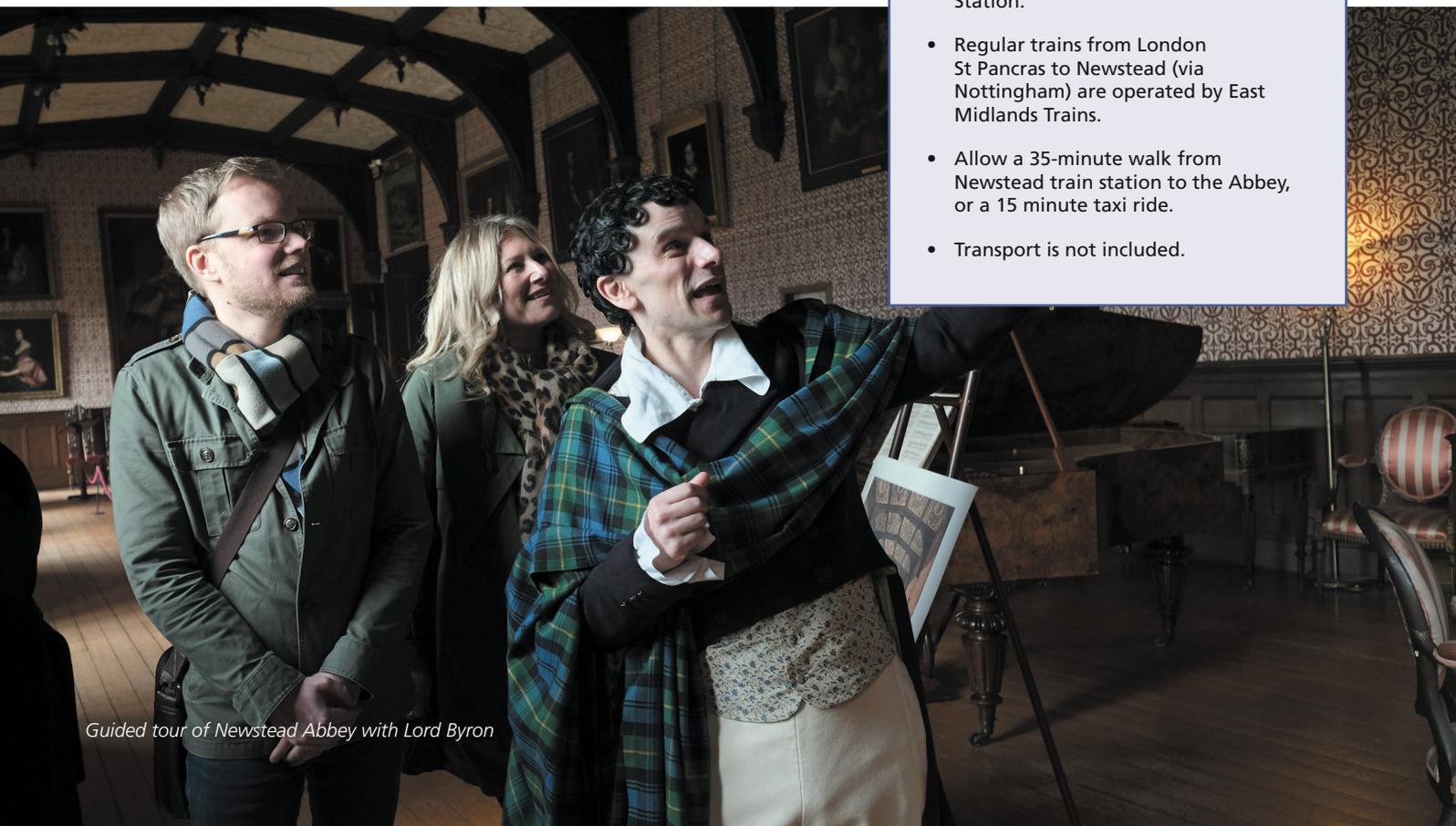
Depart London St Pancras Station 8.34am
Arrive Newstead Station 10.44am

By road:

Depart London 8.00am
Arrive Newstead Abbey approximately 11.00am

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Coach travel is recommended due to the semi-rural location of Newstead Abbey.
- The journey time by road is estimated on travel from London Victoria Coach Station.
- Regular trains from London St Pancras to Newstead (via Nottingham) are operated by East Midlands Trains.
- Allow a 35-minute walk from Newstead train station to the Abbey, or a 15 minute taxi ride.
- Transport is not included.



Guided tour of Newstead Abbey with Lord Byron



Newstead Abbey



ENGLAND'S LITERARY GREATS



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AFTERNOON – FREE TIME TO EXPLORE THE SURROUNDING AREA

From Newstead Abbey you may wish to take the short journey to St. Mary Magdalene Church where Lord Byron is buried in the family vault, or a little further to wander around the pretty market town of Southwell where Byron spent many summer holidays.

Just a few miles from Newstead is Britain's finest working Victorian water pumping station, Papplewick Pumping Station*. Visit this fine example of beautiful Victorian craftsmanship, boasting a range of original features, and now protected as a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Alternatively, you may prefer to spend the afternoon exploring Nottingham and discover the city's great modern culture and historic past.

COACH PARKING

DROP OFF/PICK UP:

Coach parking is available at Newstead Abbey and Papplewick Pumping Station*. **Pre-booking is required.**

Nottingham City Centre has several coach drop-off and pick-up points with coach parks on the city outskirts.

Information can be found at www.robinhoodnetwork.co.uk

TOUR DATES

Frequency

Tours available daily between 10am – 4pm, by prior arrangement.

Duration

2.5 hours - One hour for the tour, approximately 90 minutes for the afternoon tea.

*Papplewick Pumping Station is open selected days only and for special events.



Southwell Minster



Burgage Manor, Southwell

PRICES AND HOW TO BOOK

Price

£50 per person

Commission rates payable by negotiation.

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