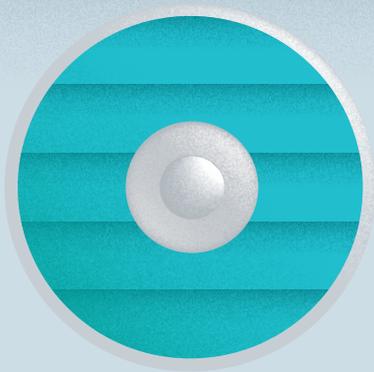


Five ways TO LIVE LIKE A VIKING FOR THE DAY IN YORK

Channel your inner Ivar the Boneless and explore York like a marauding warrior.



Be like a Viking

Experience life in a Viking encampment and take part in a battle re-enactment at the JORVIK Viking Festival in February. Despite what you may have read about their bloody campaigns, not all Vikings were bloodthirsty! The Vikings in York were a creative bunch. Get hands-on like a Norse craftsman with a pottery-making class at York Open Studios in spring and see one of the most important collections of pottery in the UK at the new world-class Centre of Ceramic Art at York Art Gallery.



Eat like a Viking

Vikings ate what they could hunt, fish or gather so their diets were meat-heavy and full of rich stews. For locally sourced produce and mouth-watering meaty meals which could satisfy the most ravenous raiders, stop for a spot of lunch at Walmgate Ale House, where you can enjoy Yorkshire puddings stuffed with pulled beef and lashings of gravy. Nothing beats beef for a good hearty meal and The Whippet Inn is known for theirs, with a variety of cuts and breeds.



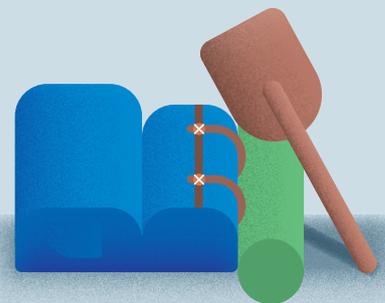
Celebrate like a Viking

When the Vikings were not being belligerent they would be enjoying a celebratory drink. Wash down your meal at one of the best ale-houses in York like the medieval inspired Ainsty Ales. Begin in the Brewery Taproom Bar at York Brewery for a pre-tour drink and then take a tour to experience the brewing process of real, traditionally-made ale, from grain to glass.



Shop like a Viking

The Vikings sold items like pottery and leather to buy materials such as jewellery, spices and glass. You won't be able to trade leather to buy your goods, but you can breathe in spicy aromas similar to the exotic spices in a Viking marketplace at Rafi's Spice Box, browse beautiful leather footwear at Charles Clinkard and peruse fine jewellery at Bradley's Jewellers.



Travel like a Viking

To reach Jorvik, traders would travel overland or in boats along the river Ouse. Cruise through the city with York Boat to discover the Viking city by water or follow in the footsteps of the Norse travellers with a historical walking tour of York. York Voluntary Guides are full of Jorvik knowledge and will take you on a journey back in time to the Viking city, free of charge.