

HARROGATE

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WELCOME

Welcome to *Harrogate*

We are a family-run team based in town. Since 2020 we have hosted more than 2,000 guests across 5,000+ nights, and earned over 1,500 five-star reviews. This guide is the advice we give them: the tea rooms worth queuing for, the walks we do ourselves, and the day trips that are actually worth the drive.

Everything here is picked by us. Nobody has paid to be included. Opening times change, so check before you set off, and if you are staying with us, message your host any time.

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stay**
Harrogate

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The English *spa town*

Harrogate grew rich on its mineral waters. Victorian visitors came from across Europe to drink and bathe in them, and the grand hotels, gardens and crescents they left behind are what make the town so easy to fall for.

1571

The year the Tewit Well was found, the start of Harrogate as a spa town.

88

Mineral springs found in and around the town centre, more than almost anywhere in Europe.

200

Acres of The Stray, open parkland protected by Act of Parliament since 1778.

1897

The year the Turkish Baths opened. They are still running today.

1919

Frederick Belmont opens the first Bettys café, on Cambridge Crescent.

35

Minutes by train to both Leeds and York.

A SHORT HISTORY

- 1571
William Slingsby finds the Tewit Well. Doctors start sending patients to "take the waters".
- 1778
The Stray is protected from building for good.
- 1842
The Royal Pump Room opens over the Old Sulphur Well.
- 1897
The Royal Baths and Turkish Baths open.
- 1926
Agatha Christie is found at the Swan Hydropathic, now the Old Swan Hotel, after her 11-day disappearance.
- Today
A town of tea rooms, gardens, festivals and independent shops, regularly ranked one of the best places to live in Britain.

TRY THE WATER

Brave enough?

You can still taste Harrogate's famous sulphur water at the Royal Pump Room Museum. Locals will warn you it smells of rotten eggs. They are right. It is also something every visitor should try once.



An aerial photograph of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, showing a dense residential area with many stone buildings. In the foreground, a tall, grey, rectangular obelisk stands on a grassy area. The town is surrounded by trees with autumn foliage. The sky is blue with some clouds.

THE SPA TOWN

Your weekend *starts here*

Grand crescents, tea rooms, 200 acres of parkland and the Dales on the doorstep. Here is how to make the most of it.

48 hours in *Harrogate*

Only here for the weekend? This is the route we send our own friends on. Everything is walkable from the town centre, apart from Knaresborough on day two.

DAY ONE • THE TOWN

Morning

Breakfast at Bettys on Parliament Street. Go early, the queue builds from mid-morning. Try a Fat Rascal.

Late morning

Wander the Montpelier Quarter: cobbled lanes, antiques, galleries and boutiques.

Lunch

Something light at Baltzersen's, or a long lunch at The Ivy.

Afternoon

Taste the sulphur water at the Royal Pump Room, then walk up through Valley Gardens to the Pinewoods.

Evening

Drinks at Hales Bar, the town's oldest pub, then dinner at Stuzzi or Drum & Monkey.

DAY TWO • SLOW DOWN

Morning

Book the Turkish Baths. Allow two hours for the full steam room and plunge pool circuit.

Lunch

Brunch at Farmhouse, or pack a picnic for The Stray.

Afternoon

Drive or take the train 10 minutes to Knaresborough: castle ruins, the viaduct and rowing boats on the Nidd.

Evening

A show at Harrogate Theatre, or craft beer at Cold Bath Brewing Co on King's Road.



EAT & DRINK

Eat & drink

From a 100-year-old tea room to a Michelin star, small plates and Yorkshire ale. These are the places we book for ourselves.

Start *here*



TEA ROOM • SINCE 1919

Betty's

The one everyone has heard of, and it lives up to it. Swiss-Yorkshire cakes, proper afternoon tea and a piano in the evenings. Upstairs takes bookings, the café downstairs does not.

Parliament Street



BRASSERIE

The Ivy Harrogate

A glamorous all-day brasserie with a big central bar. Good for brunch, a long lunch or a special dinner. Book ahead at weekends.

Parliament Street



BRUNCH

Farmhouse

Generous breakfasts and brunches with a relaxed feel. Our pick for a slow start before a day out.

Station Parade



CAFÉ • SCANDINAVIAN

Baltzersen's

Cardamom buns, open sandwiches and good coffee. Small, busy and worth it.

Oxford Street

Evenings out



ITALIAN • SMALL PLATES

Stuzzi

Lively, friendly and always busy. Fresh pasta, arancini and plates to share. One of the best value dinners in town.

King's Road



TAPROOM • DOG FRIENDLY

Cold Bath Brewing Co

Harrogate's own brewery. The lager is brewed with leftover bread from Bettys, and Yuzu serves Korean street food alongside.

King's Road



PUB

The Fat Badger

A lively gastropub at the White Hart, with Yorkshire ales and hearty, award-winning food. Easy for groups.

Montpellier Quarter



BAR & KITCHEN

Foundry Project

Industrial-style bar for burgers and cocktails, with Chi-Chi margarita bar next door. Good for a lively night.

The Ginnet

COLD BATH ROAD

The street locals call Harrogate's Notting Hill. Start with tapas at La FERIA, share plates at The Drunken Piglet, try Pranzo for pasta or North Slice for pizza, then cocktails at District Bar.

Worth the *occasion*

MICHELIN STAR • 2026

FIFTY TWO at Rudding Park

Harrogate's only Michelin-starred restaurant, awarded its first star in February 2026. Twenty guests sit around an open kitchen in five converted shipping containers, eating a surprise tasting menu grown in the hotel's kitchen garden. You even pick a song for pudding. Book well ahead.

MICHELIN STAR

Shaun Rankin at Grantley Hall

Fine dining in a grand country house hotel, about 25 minutes away.

SEAFOOD • SINCE 1971

Drum & Monkey

A Harrogate institution. Queen scallops, fish pie and an old-school dining room. Book ahead; closed Sundays.

Montpellier Gardens

PAN-ASIAN

The Orchid

Elegant Asian dining at the Studley Hotel. A favourite for celebrations.

Swan Road

HISTORIC PUB

Hales Bar

Harrogate's oldest pub, still lit by gas lamps, with sulphur springs under the cellar. Sometimes you can smell them.

Crescent Road

AFTERNOON TEA

Bettys is the classic. Hotel du Vin and the Majestic do quieter versions, or try Bettys at RHS Harlow Carr after a walk.

GOOD TO KNOW

Book Friday and Saturday dinners ahead, especially during the Great Yorkshire Show. Many kitchens close around 9pm. Staying with us? We will happily book for you.

NIGHT IN?

Deliveroo delivers across Harrogate from more than 40 local restaurants, and Uber Eats covers the town too. Most deliveries arrive in around 30 minutes.



SHOPPING

Shop *local*

Harrogate is still a town of independents. Head for the Montpellier Quarter, Parliament Street, Commercial Street and the lanes off James Street.

SHOPPING

Our *favourite* stops



BOUTIQUES • GALLERIES

Montpellier Quarter

Cobbled streets of 19th-century shopfronts, full of antiques, galleries, cafés and small boutiques. The prettiest part of town for a wander.

Montpellier Parade



ANTIQUES

Antiques on High

Lots of dealers under one roof: furniture, jewellery, glass and curios. Easy to lose an hour here.

Montpellier Mews



FASHION

Morgan Clare

A long-standing Harrogate boutique for women's fashion, shoes and accessories.

Montpellier Gardens



JEWELLERY

Montpellier Jewellers

Vintage and bespoke jewellery with a reputation for friendly, expert service.

Montpellier Mews

Also worth a look: Jo Malone London and Space NK for fragrance and beauty, and the Victoria Shopping Centre for the high-street names.

The *independents* trail

Harrogate's best shops are spread across a few streets. This route links them up: about a mile, or a lazy two hours with stops.

1 Montpellier Quarter

Start among the cobbles: antiques, galleries, Farrah's sweet shop and Harrogate Wines.

2 Parliament Street

Walk down past Bettys and duck into Westminster Arcade for Imagined Things bookshop.

3 James Street

Old Harrogate names: Ogden the jewellers (1893) and Woods for linen (1895).

4 Oxford Street

Jespers for stationery, then a coffee and cardamom bun at Baltzersen's.

5 Beulah Street

Gifts at Sophie Likes and vintage finds at SPACE, with Major Tom's upstairs.

6 Commercial Street

Finish on the indie street: The Cheeseboard, Rhodes Wood hardware and Bean & Bud coffee.

TAKE HARROGATE HOME

Five things to pack

Harrogate Toffee

From Farrah's, still sold in the blue and silver tin.

Bettys tea and Fat Rascals

From the shop counter at Bettys, no queue needed.

Yorkshire soap

From The Yorkshire Soap Company.

Loose-leaf tea

From the True Tea Company.

A Harrogate watercolour

Prints of Bettys, the Pump Room and more by Joanne Knowles, from shortstayharrogate.co.uk. Every print supports Martin House Children's Hospice.



Take the *waters*

People have come to Harrogate to rest and recover for over 400 years. You can still do it in style, in a Victorian bath house or a modern hotel spa.



VICTORIAN SPA • SINCE 1897

Turkish Baths Harrogate

One of the best preserved Victorian Turkish baths anywhere. Work your way through the hot rooms, steam room and plunge pool under painted ceilings. Some sessions are women-only or mixed, so check the timetable before you book.

Parliament Street



HOTEL SPA

The Harrogate Spa at the Majestic

A full hotel spa with pool, sauna and steam room, a few minutes' walk from the station.

Ripon Road



COUNTRYSIDE SPA

Rudding Park Spa

A short drive out of town, with a rooftop hydrotherapy pool and gardens. The one to choose for a proper treat.

Follifoot, 10 minutes by car

INSIDER TIP

Spa slots go quickly at weekends. Book a week or more ahead, and earlier still for Saturdays.

See & do



MUSEUM

Royal Pump Room Museum

The octagonal pump room where visitors once queued for sulphur water. Small, fascinating, and you can still try the water.

Crown Place



GALLERY

Mercer Art Gallery

A beautiful old assembly room showing changing exhibitions and the town's own art collection.

Swan Road



THEATRE

Harrogate Theatre

A Victorian theatre with drama, comedy, music and one of the best pantomimes in Yorkshire.

Oxford Street



GARDENS

Valley Gardens

Grade II listed gardens with a sun pavilion, colonnade, boating pond and the Magnesia Well Café. Free and open all year.

Next to the Royal Pump Room



PARKS & WALKS

Get outside

PARKLAND

The Stray

200 acres of open grass wrapping around the town centre, famous for spring crocuses and cherry blossom. Perfect for a morning run or a picnic.

EASY • 1 TO 2 HOURS

Valley Gardens to the Pinewoods

Start at the Royal Pump Room, follow the gardens past the Magnesia Well Café and into the Pinewoods. Keep going to reach RHS Harlow Carr.

GARDEN

RHS Garden Harlow Carr

58 acres of gardens, woodland and streams, with a Bettys café for afterwards. Lovely in every season.

WOODLAND • MODERATE

Nidd Gorge

Quiet woodland trails above the River Nidd, north of town. Bring proper shoes, it can get muddy.

Beyond *Harrogate*

Harrogate sits right on the edge of the Dales, with abbeys, castles and moorland within half an hour. Times are by car unless we say otherwise.



10 MIN

Knaresborough

The view of the railway viaduct over the Nidd is one of the most famous in Yorkshire. Climb to the castle ruins, hire a rowing boat, then visit Mother Shipton's Cave, said to be England's oldest visitor attraction.



45 MIN

The Yorkshire Dales

Bolton Abbey, Malham and Grassington all make easy day trips. Wide open walks, stone villages and good country pubs.

25 MIN

Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal

The largest monastic ruin in the country, set in a World Heritage water garden. Our top day trip.

15 MIN

Ripley Castle

A castle that has been home to the same family for 700 years, with a pretty estate village.

30 MIN

Brimham Rocks

Huge wind-carved rock formations on the moors. Great with children.

35 MIN BY TRAIN

York

The Minster, the Shambles and the city walls, without the hassle of parking.

ALL YEAR ROUND

Harrogate in *every season*

Blossom on The Stray in spring, flower shows and county shows in summer, and the big wheel and festive lights in winter.

Something *every* season

Dates move each year, so check before you travel. The town gets very busy around the big shows, which is when it is most worth booking early.

SPRING • APRIL

Spring Flower Show

The flower show that started it all. Gardens, nurseries and floral displays at the Great Yorkshire Showground. On The Stray, the crocuses and cherry blossom arrive.

SUMMER • JULY

Great Yorkshire Show

Four days of farming, food and Yorkshire at its proudest. One of the biggest county shows in the country, so book everything early.

SUMMER • JULY

Crime Writing Festival

The world-famous crime fiction festival at the Old Swan Hotel, where Agatha Christie was found in 1926.

SUMMER • AUGUST

Harrogate Food & Drink Festival

Street food, makers and music in the grounds of Ripley Castle, 15 minutes away.

AUTUMN • SEPTEMBER

Autumn Flower Show

Giant vegetables, autumn gardens and a great day out for anyone who grows anything.

WINTER • NOV TO DEC

Festive Harrogate

Christmas lights, seasonal markets, carols and a traditional panto at Harrogate Theatre.



Ask a *local*

The questions our guests ask most, answered.

Rainy day

Turkish Baths, the Royal Pump Room Museum, the Mercer Gallery, a long afternoon tea, or an afternoon browsing the antiques centres.

With children

The Stray and Valley Gardens playgrounds, Brimham Rocks, rowing boats in Knaresborough and the panto at Christmas.

With the dog

The Stray, the Pinewoods and Nidd Gorge for walks. Many pubs welcome dogs, including Cold Bath Brewing Co. Always ask before you go in.

On a budget

Most of the best things are free: The Stray, Valley Gardens, the Montpellier lanes and Knaresborough riverside.

Early riser

Walk The Stray at sunrise, then be first in the queue at Bettys.

Local secret

The Magnesia Well Café in Valley Gardens, a tiny café in an old spa building that most visitors walk straight past.

"Stuck for ideas? Message your host. We live here, and we are always happy to help you plan your day."

YOUR SHORT STAY HARROGATE HOSTS

Getting around

By train

The station is right in the centre. Direct LNER trains run to London King's Cross roughly every hour, in just under three hours. Northern trains reach Leeds in about 35 minutes, and York via Knaresborough.

By air

Leeds Bradford Airport is about 30 minutes by taxi, or take the A2 Flyer bus from Harrogate bus station.

By car

The A1(M) is around 20 minutes away. Town centre parking is mostly pay and display. If your stay includes parking, your host will send details.

On foot

The town centre is compact. Almost everything in this guide is within a 15 minute walk.

Buses & taxis

The 36 runs up to every 10 minutes to Leeds via Harewood, and north to Ripley and Ripon. Its leather seats are famous. Taxis wait at the station rank.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergencies

999

Non-emergency medical help

NHS 111

Nearest A&E

Harrogate District Hospital, Lancaster
Park Road

Short Stay Harrogate

01423 222092

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DURING YOUR STAY

Lost a key, need a cot or want a late checkout? Message your host. We are local and we answer fast.

Pick by *mood*

Not sure where to start? Choose the kind of day you are after. Full details for every place are in the A to Z at the back.

Sunday roast

The Pickled Sprout
Coach & Horses
Pine Marten, Beckwithshaw
The Fat Badger

Dog friendly

Cold Bath Brewing Co
Rooster's Taproom
Major Tom's Social
The Tap on Tower Street
Starling
Crema Coffee
Farmhouse

Rainy day

Turkish Baths
Royal Pump Room Museum
Mercer Art Gallery
Imagined Things bookshop
Antiques on High
Surge Padel (indoor)

Date night

The Drunken Piglet
The Orchid
La Feria
Pranzo
District Bar
Champagne + Fromage

Great coffee

Crema Coffee
Bean & Bud
No35
The Saints Coffee
Baltzersen's

Pick by *company*

Whoever you are travelling with, here is where we would send you.

With children

Valley Gardens play area
Farrah's Olde Sweet Shop
RHS Harlow Carr
Rowing boats, Knaresborough
Mother Shipton's Cave
Brimham Rocks

On a budget

Taverna
North Slice
Harrogate Fisheries
The Winter Gardens
The Stray and Valley Gardens (free)

Late night

MOJO
Montey's
Roland's
The Mayfair

Groups & weekends away

Padel at Surge, then Rooster's next door
MOJO (games and karaoke)
Papa's Authentic
The Barologist
Paradise Tap & Taco

Special occasion

FIFTY TWO at Rudding Park
Shaun Rankin at Grantley Hall
Horto
Rhubarb
The Ivy Harrogate

Stay active

Here for a week or more? You don't have to skip your routine. Padel has taken off in Harrogate, and it is a brilliant way to spend a rainy afternoon with friends.

Harrogate Leisure and Wellbeing Hub

Gym, pool, sauna and steam on the old Hydro site. One day pass covers everything, around £14.50.

Nuffield Health

Full gym with pool, sauna, steam and classes. Day passes through the Hussle app.

PureGym

Budget gym with day passes under £10. Good for early starts.

Surge Padel

Six indoor courts at Hornbeam Park with a bar. Book on Playtomic, from about £24 an hour per court.

Spa Tennis & Padel Centre

Two covered padel courts, tennis and a café on Claro Road. £10 beginner classes.

Running

The Stray is flat, open and right in town. The Pinewoods and Valley Gardens add hills and trees.

MAKE A DAY OF IT

Book a padel court at Surge, then walk two minutes to Rooster's Brewery taproom for a pint and street food. Both are on Hornbeam Park.

Art with *purpose*

Every artwork sold helps support Martin House Children's Hospice, providing free, family-led care for children and young people with life-shortening illnesses.



Proud to support

Martin House
Children's Hospice

Registered Charity No. 517919

Here when
families
need us most

550+ children and young people supported a year

Free care for every family

3 regions: West, North and East Yorkshire

Helping children and families through every artwork sold

100% of our profits from every purchase are donated to Martin House Children's Hospice, helping provide specialist care, comfort and support when families need it most.



HARROGATE IN WATERCOLOUR

Take a piece of Harrogate home

Nine prints of Harrogate landmarks by Yorkshire artist Joanne Knowles, from Bettys to the Royal Hall. Signed fine art prints from £25, framed or unframed, with free UK delivery.



Shop the collection

shortstayharrogate.co.uk/shop

Harrogate A to Z

Every place we recommend, in one list. Prices are a rough guide per head: £ under £15, ££ £15 to £35, £££ £35 to £60, ££££ over £60. Checked October 2026, but things change, so check before you go.

Restaurants

Bettys ££

The famous tea room, open since 1919. Cakes, afternoon tea and a pianist in the evenings.

Parliament Street • Afternoon tea, classic Harrogate

Bistro du Vin £££

French brasserie at Hotel du Vin, overlooking The Stray.

Prospect Place • Classic dinner, afternoon tea

Champagne + Fromage ££

French cheese, charcuterie and fizz.

Date night, wine

Domo ££

Authentic Japanese, well reviewed locally.

8 Montpellier Street • Sushi

Drum & Monkey £££

Seafood institution, open since 1971. Book ahead; closed Sundays.

5 Montpellier Gardens • Seafood, special lunch

The Drunken Piglet ££

Cosy small-plates and wine bar, opened late 2025.

Cold Bath Road • Date night, wine

Efes ££

Turkish and Mediterranean grill.

Groups

FIFTY TWO at Rudding Park ££££

Michelin-starred chef's table in converted shipping containers, cooking from the hotel's kitchen garden.

Rudding Park, Follifoot • Special occasions

Fisk £££

Seafood restaurant, highly rated.

Seafood

Fodder ££

Farm shop and café at the Great Yorkshire Showground.

Showground, Wetherby Road • Families, lunch

Gurkha Nimto ££

Nepalese restaurant.

Something different

Harrogate Fisheries £

Traditional fish and chips.

Budget, takeaway

Horto at Rudding Park ££££

Garden-led fine dining at Rudding Park.

Rudding Park, Follifoot • Special occasions

The Ivy Harrogate £££

Glamorous all-day brasserie with a big central bar.

Parliament Street • Brunch, special occasions

Jinnah ££

Family-run Kashmiri restaurant, open over 20 years.

Cheltenham Parade • Groups, families

Jodhpur ££

Regional Indian cooking, good with allergies.

Station Parade • Curry night

Konak Meze ££

Turkish meze, highly rated.

Sharing, groups

La Feria ££

Andalusian tapas with tiles from Cádiz and a summer terrace.

Cold Bath Road • Sharing plates, outdoor

North Slice £

Neapolitan pizza from the Hoxton North team.

Cold Bath Road • Casual, quick dinner

The Orchid £££

Pan-Asian restaurant inside the Studley Hotel.

Swan Road • Date night, dietary needs

Papa's Authentic ££

Greek taverna, lively in the evenings.

Princes Square • Groups, celebrations

The Pickled Sprout **££**

Modern British at the Yorkshire Hotel, with a strong Sunday roast and dog-friendly bar.

Town centre • Sunday roast, dogs

Pranzo **££**

Family-run Italian, fresh pasta. Book at weekends.

Cold Bath Road • Date night, groups

Rhubarb **££££**

Fine dining, European.

Special occasions

Rubin's **££**

Lebanese restaurant.

Sharing plates

Shaun Rankin at Grantley Hall **££££**

Michelin-starred fine dining in a country house hotel.

Grantley, near Ripon (25 min) • Special occasions

Stuzzi **££**

Italian small plates, lively and good value.

46B King's Road • Casual dinner

Sukhothai **££**

Thai restaurant.

Dinner

Taverna **£**

Greek, very good value.

Budget

Weetons **££**

Food hall, deli and bright restaurant; small café on West Park too.

Leeds Road and West Park • Lunch, food shopping

Yorkshire Tapas at the Blues Bar **££**

Yorkshire twist on tapas, above a live music bar.

Montpellier Parade • Live music, groups

Cafés & brunch

Baltzersen's **£**

Scandinavian café and bakery, famous cardamom buns.

Oxford Street • Breakfast, coffee

Bean & Bud **£**

Independent coffee shop since 2010, excellent single origins.

Commercial Street • Coffee lovers

Café Lago di Como **£**

Small Italian café, top rated.

Italian coffee

Crema Coffee **£**

Specialty coffee and brunch, dog friendly.

Royal Parade • Coffee, dogs

Farmhouse **££**

Generous breakfasts and brunch under the Everyman cinema. Dog friendly.

Westgate House, Station Parade • Brunch, families, dogs

Folk Coffee House **£**

Friendly community coffee shop.

Coffee

Grane **£**

Café on Station Parade, known for its croissants.

Station Parade • Pastries

Harrogate Chocolate Factory Café **£**

Chocolate shop and café.

Families, treats

Love Brownies **£**

Brownies and coffee on Montpellier Parade.

Montpellier Parade • Treats

Magnesia Well Café **£**

Tiny café in an old spa building in Valley Gardens.

Valley Gardens • Walks, families

No35 **£**

Specialty coffee since 2017, bagels and cakes. Dog friendly.

35 Cheltenham Crescent • Coffee, dogs

Nomad Café & Deli **££**

Café and deli, highly rated.

Lunch

Pink Door **£**

Compact specialty coffee bar.

Coffee

The Saints Coffee **£**

Aussie-style flat whites.

Beulah Street • Coffee

Slingsby's **££**

Café with home baking and breakfasts.

Breakfast

Starling **££**

Café in the day, craft beer bar at night. Family and dog friendly.

Oxford Street • Brunch, families, dogs

Sunflower Bakery **£**

Bakery on Montpellier Parade.

Montpellier Parade • Bakes

Tilly Peppers £

Small, busy brunch café with great cakes. Dog friendly.
Brunch, dogs

Pubs & bars

The Barologist ££

Cocktails, bottomless brunch and live sport.
Parliament Street • Groups, brunch

Blues Bar £

Live music bar.
Montpellier Parade • Live music

Chi-Chi ££

Margarita and tequila lounge, opened July 2026.
The Ginnel • Cocktails

Coach & Horses ££

Restored gastropub, cask ales and a big Sunday roast.
West Park • Sunday roast, real ale

Cold Bath Brewing Co ££

Brewery taproom; its lager is brewed with bread from Bettys. Street food from Yuzu.
King's Road • Beer, dogs

District Bar ££

Intimate cocktail bar with a covered terrace.
Cold Bath Road • Cocktails, date night

The Fat Badger ££

Gastropub at the White Hart with Yorkshire ales.
Montpellier Quarter • Pub dinner, groups

Foundry Project ££

Industrial-style bar still trading; its pizza side became Chi-Chi in July 2026.
1 The Ginnel • Nights out

Hales Bar £

Harrogate's oldest pub: gas lamps, Victorian bar and sulphur springs under the cellar.
1-3 Crescent Road • History, real ale

The Little Ale House £

Micropub.
Cheltenham Crescent • Real ale

Major Tom's Social £

Relaxed craft beer and pizza bar up the stairs, board games.
The Ginnel • Beer, dogs

The Mayfair £

Sports bar over several floors with a terrace.
Parliament Street • Sport, budget

MOJO ££

Late-night cocktails with games, karaoke and a roof terrace.
Late night, groups

Montey's ££

Long-standing late bar with live rock and indie.
The Ginnel • Late night, live music

Paradise Tap & Taco £

Mexican street food and craft beer, pool table upstairs.
Oxford Street • Casual, groups

Pine Marten ££

Country pub with good food, a short drive out.
Beckwithshaw • Sunday roast, families

Roland's ££

Cocktail bar with glass doors that open in summer.
Cocktails

Rooster's Brewery Taproom ££

Award-winning brewery with 16 beers on tap and rotating street food.
Hornbeam Park • Groups, dogs, kids until 7pm

The Tap on Tower Street £

Traditional real ale pub with 300 board games. Dogs welcome.
Tower Street • Real ale, dogs

The Winter Gardens £

Wetherspoon pub inside the restored Victorian Winter Gardens of the Royal Baths.
Parliament Street • Budget, architecture

Shops

Antiques on High

Antiques centre with many dealers.
Montpellier Mews • Antiques, rainy days

Baytree Interiors

Interiors and furniture shop.
Interiors

Bils & Rye

Gallery shop of craft and design from makers across the UK.
Gifts, art

The Cheeseboard

Specialist cheese shop.
Commercial Street • Food gifts

Commercial Street

Street of 25+ independents: cheese, butchers, books, coffee.
Commercial Street • Browsing, food

Dove Tree Art Gallery

Studio of local artist Anita Bowerman: paintings and paper cuts.

Local art

Duttons for Buttons

Buttons, ribbons and haberdashery.

Crafts

Farrah's Olde Sweet Shop

Traditional sweet shop with a link to the spa days.

Montpellier Parade • Families, gifts

Geek Retreat

Games, comics and a café: good for teenagers.

Teens, rainy days

H2K Botanicals

Harrogate-born natural beauty brand.

Beauty, gifts

Harrogate Fair Trade Shop

Fair trade gifts, crafts and food.

Gifts

Harrogate Wines

Independent wine merchant.

Montpellier Street • Wine

Imagined Things

Award-winning independent bookshop in a Victorian arcade, great for children's books.

Westminster Arcade, Parliament Street • Books, rainy days

Jespers of Harrogate

Stationery and art supplies, family-run since 1901.

14 Oxford Street • Stationery, gifts

Jo Malone London

Fragrance and candles.

Town centre • Gifts

Julie Fitzmaurice

Designer ladies' fashion.

Parliament Street • Fashion

K Addyman

Independent butcher.

Commercial Street • Self-catering

Lighthouse Lane

Gifts and homeware.

Royal Parade • Gifts

Little Alligators

Children's gifts and toys.

Cold Bath Road • Kids, gifts

McTague of Harrogate

Gallery specialising in prints, maps and pictures.

Art

Montpellier Jewellers

Vintage and bespoke jewellery.

Montpellier Mews • Jewellery

Montpellier Quarter

Cobbled lanes with 50+ independent boutiques, galleries and cafés.

Montpellier • Browsing

Morgan Clare

Designer womenswear.

Montpellier Gardens • Fashion

Neuhaus

Belgian chocolatier.

Treats, gifts

Ogden of Harrogate

Prestigious family jeweller dating back to 1893.

38 James Street • Jewellery

Rapture Gallery

Art gallery.

Art

RedHouse Originals

Well-known independent art gallery.

Art

Rhodes Wood

Old-fashioned family hardware shop since 1907.

Commercial Street • Browsing

Rose Velvet

Eclectic women's clothing.

Montpellier Street • Fashion

Seddon and Davison

Interiors store.

Homeware

Shine

Handmade jewellery, accessories and home decorations.

Gifts

Silson Contemporary

Contemporary art gallery.

Art

Sophie Likes

Lifestyle boutique: homeware, stationery and children's gifts.

36 Beulah Street • Gifts

Space NK

Beauty and skincare.

Town centre • Beauty

SPACE Vintage, Retro & Design

Vintage fashion and retro design, below Major Tom's Social. Top-rated gift shop in town.

Beulah Street area • Vintage, gifts

Susie Watson Designs

Painted furniture, ceramics and textiles.

Interiors

Sutcliffe Galleries

Fine art gallery.

Montpellier Street • Art

True Tea Company

Loose-leaf tea specialist.

Gifts, tea lovers

Victoria Shopping Centre

High-street names opposite the station.

Station Parade • High street

Walker Galleries

Long-established fine art gallery.

Art

Westminster Arcade

Small Victorian arcade of independents, with a bookshop and a tea room.

Parliament Street • Browsing, rainy days

Woods of Harrogate

Luxury bedlinen and home furnishings since 1895.

39 James Street • Homeware

Yarn Etc

Much-loved yarn shop with expert help.

39 Cold Bath Road • Crafts

York Fine Arts

Fine art gallery.

Art

The Yorkshire Soap Company

Handmade soaps and bath gifts.

Gifts

Supermarkets & essentials

Co-op Food

Local stores on Leeds Road, Skipton Road, Otley Road (Harlow Hill), Knaresborough Road, Starbeck and Pannal.

Various • Top-ups, outlying stays

Grocery delivery

Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Co-op and Asda all deliver in Harrogate via their own apps or Uber Eats.

Arriving late

Marks & Spencer

Clothing and food hall in the main shopping street.

18-20 Cambridge Street • Treats, ready meals

Morrisons Daily

Convenience store on Royal Parade, handy for Montpellier and Valley Gardens.

Royal Parade • Top-ups

Sainsbury's and Asda superstores

Out-of-centre superstores; best by car.

Big shop, drivers

Sainsbury's Local

Several small stores round the centre: Cambridge Street, King's Road, Cold Bath Road and Leeds Road.

Town centre • Top-ups

Takeaway delivery

Deliveroo covers Harrogate with 40+ local restaurants, from fish and chips to curry and pizza. Uber Eats also delivers.

Whole town • Nights in, late arrivals

Tesco Express

Open early till late (around 6am to 11pm).

Cambridge Road • Late-night essentials

Tesco Superstore

Large supermarket, about a mile from the centre.

Skipton Road • Big shop, drivers

Waitrose

Full supermarket in the centre, a short walk from the station.

92 Station Parade • Big shop

Weetons

Independent food hall and butcher for something special.

Leeds Road • Food shopping

Fitness & sport

Coach Gym Harrogate

£

Smaller gym with free weights, functional training and classes.

Strength training

David Lloyd Harrogate

£££

Members club with gym, pool and two outdoor padel courts. Sources disagree on public access, so check before listing.

Members

Harrogate Leisure and Wellbeing Hub

£

Council-run centre with gym, pool, sauna and steam. Day pass covers all of it (£14.50 at time of writing).

Jubilee Road (the old Hydro) • Pool, day pass

Harrogate Spa Tennis & Padel Centre £

Two covered padel courts plus tennis and a café. Pay to play via Playtomic, around £20 an hour; £10 beginner classes.

Claro Road • Padel beginners, tennis

Harrogate Sports & Fitness Centre £

Two outdoor padel courts, one with a canopy.

Hookstone Wood Road • Padel

Nuffield Health Harrogate ££

Full gym with pool, sauna, steam and classes. Day passes via Hussle.

Pool, classes

PureGym Harrogate £

Budget 24-hour style gym, day passes available.

Budget, early starts

Surge Padel ££

Six indoor courts with a bar and pro shop. Book through Playtomic; roughly £24 to £48 an hour per court.

Hornbeam Park • Padel, groups, rainy days

Wetherby Padel Club £

Six outdoor courts, cheapest in the area (from about £16).

Wetherby (20 min) • Padel on a budget



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