



United Kingdom IFFR 2025 Meeting @York

18th -21st May 2025.

Sunday 18th May



Arrive At Leeds East
EGCM (Church Fenton)
Airfield 12.00-13.00 for a
Buffet lunch.



14.00 Talk on the history of Leeds East (formerly known as RAF Church Fenton) where Hurricanes and Spitfires were based during WWII and a tour of the hangars. The airfield now is used for general aviation and Business Aviation, and has had a lot of investment in the last few years.



15.00 Depart by coach to the Novotel York Hotel. After check in you have free time.
18.30 Meet in the bar for drinks.
19.00 Evening meal at the Hotel and social time, catching up with old friends. Dress code Casual.



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Monday 19th May

09.30 Coach leaves for the York aviation and allied forces museum, which is probably the largest independent museum of its kind in the UK covering everything from the first flyers to the cold war Jets and beyond with a French officer's mess and 1942 original control tower. Based on the Former RAF WW2 Bomber Base.

10.00 We will have a 2 + hour Private Guided tour of the museum and then a Hot and cold Buffet lunch in the Halifax Suite at the museum and free time to wander around. To see the exhibits in more depth.



15.00 Coach leaves the museum to return to the hotel.

18.30 Pre dinner drinks reception in the hotel bar. Dress code Smart Casual.

19.00 Gala dinner in the hotel.



Tuesday 20th May

Today we explore the City of York steeped in history, visited by the Vikings, built by the Romans along with its 13 century Gothic Cathedral.

09.30 to 11.30 Walking tour of York.

Then free time to walk the Roman Walls (ramparts) which gives views across York or visit the Chocolate Factory, or shopping in the Shambles, or just sit in a coffee shop and have lunch at your leisure to watch the world go by.

14.00 Meet outside York Minster Cathedral. Guided tour of York Minster's 13th century Gothic Cathedral (2hours). Don't forget to visit the Crypt

Then free time to explore more of York. Please see some of our suggestions on the next page.

18.30 Meet in reception to walk (15 minute) to the Panda Mami Restaurant (an all you can eat restaurant serving food from all around the World).

19.00 Farewell dinner. Panda Mami 19 Bridge Street York YO1 6DA. Dress code Casual.

Wednesday 21st

It is time to say goodbye.

09.30 Coach departs for Leeds East Airfield to collect your car or to Fly away until we meet again next time



York

The City of York is a very compact city as everything is within easy walking distance, and there are lots of things to do and see from Gardens, Museums, Art galleries, along with the best transport museum in the UK.

Some suggestions are copied below

- Bettys Tea Rooms - <https://www.bettys.co.uk/cafe-tea-rooms/our-locations/bettys-york>
- Chocolate Factory - <https://www.yorkschocolatestory.com/the-tour/>
- National Railway Museum - <https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/>
- Shambles - Shambles is one of York's most famous landmarks and one of the best-preserved medieval shopping streets in Europe. <https://visityork.org/business-directory/category/shambles>
- City walls - The beautifully preserved walls are the longest medieval town walls in England. <https://visityork.org/business-directory/yorks-city-walls>

I would thoroughly recommend staying on for a few days, if you have never been to York before.

Leeds East (Church Fenton) EGCM

Free Landings to all aircraft with the uplift of 75ltrs of fuel. The cheapest in the North Parking £10.00 per day. Customs and Immigration are available by arrangement / prior notice. [More information for pilots here](#)

Train and car

York is easily accessible by train with main line connections to most destinations, along with a good road network. Airfield Postcode LS24 9SE

International Airport

The nearest international airports are Leeds/Bradford (being the nearest), Manchester, Teesside.



Please note that from 2 April 2025, EU, EEA and Swiss citizens (except Irish citizens) will need an [electronic travel authorisation \(ETA\)](#) to travel to the UK.

Costs of the weekend

Activities during the event: £ 275 pp, which includes:

- Buffet lunches, dinners, and gala dinner as per the programme
- All guided tours and visits to the aviation museum included
- Bus transfers

Confirmation of your participation:

Please fill out the registration form and payment here rotary-event.org/IFFR-UK/york-25/new before 1st May 2025.

Hotel Bookings

The Novotel York Centre at Fishergate, York, YO10 4FD. Overlooking the idyllic banks of the River Foss, guests can enjoy a 4-Star, family-friendly stay at our Novotel York Centre hotel. Situated close to the historical City walls, the hotel is perfectly located for exploring York.

*Please book with the hotel direct, mentioning **IFFR Meeting**, as we have a special rate of £140.00 for a double/twin room and £115.00 for a single room per night inclusive of breakfast. This rate is available up until three weeks prior to the event, or our allocation of rooms 20 rooms is fully booked.*

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