



York Food Guide

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Welcome to

York

York has a long and rich food history. From Yorkshire puddings to Yorkshire curd tarts, Rowntree's fruit pastels and Terry's chocolate oranges, ancient Roman markets to its modern vibrant street food scene. It's not possible to go hungry in this foodie city. This guide is an introduction to York's food scene, filled to the brim with delicious options and tasty discounts. We couldn't possibly fit everything short guide, so get out there and explore for yourselves too.

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Breakfast and lunch

Whether it's the start of your day, or you're stopping for a rest in the middle of exploring the city, York isn't short of great spots to fuel up. Grab a coffee or a bite to eat from one of the many wonderful eateries and recharge.

Drift-In

10 Clifford Street

You'll always find a seat and a welcoming smile at Drift-In. They serve breakfast and lunch options in their very convenient city centre location, making it a great place to start the day if exploring within York's city walls. They have a wide selection of drinks, whether you're looking for a filling smoothy to set you up for the day, or a honeybee latte with cinnamon and wildflower honey to boost your energy.



Show this guide when ordering to receive a 10% discount.

www.instagram.com/driftinyork

Forty Five Vinyl Café

29 Micklegate

This café is a music lover's dream. Filled to the brim with music memorabilia and records to browse through, it's easy to lose track of time here. With a range of coffees and a selection of sandwiches, hot dogs, pies and platters, you'll be well fed and entertained. They also host live music events during the evening.

www.fortyfiveuk.com



Robinsons

7 Bishopthorpe Road

There are few places that do brunch like Robinsons. The open kitchen fills the café with energy and enticing smells of something delicious on the way, from creamy truffled mushrooms on fresh sourdough, to a stack of American pancakes smothered in compote and maple syrup.

Show this guide when ordering. When the bill comes at the end of your meal, Robinsons will provide a die – if you roll a 6, your table eats for free!

robinsonsyork.co.uk

Speakcheesy

16 Gillygate and 39 Fossgate

At Gillygate you can indulge in a cheese and meat board and sample the wine pairings, or keep it classic and order an artisanal grilled cheese, all while enjoying the quiet cozy serenity of their secret garden, hidden behind their quaint unsuspecting cheese shop. Or, if the weather won't permit al fresco dining, their second location in Fossgate is great for a cozy, relaxed indoor cheesy dining experience.

Show this guide when purchasing for 10% off dine-in, take away, or in the shop.

www.lovecheese.co.uk

V's Artisan Kitchen

78-80 Gillygate

Just across the road from the University is V's Artisan Kitchen. Serving a variety of sandwiches and baked goods, both sweet and savoury, there's a little something for everyone. Pop in to refuel with something tasty between talks.

Show this guide when ordering for 10% from 17 to 19 of June.

www.instagram.com/vsartisankitchen

Quick eats

Street Food and takeaway



Shambles Food Court

5 Silver Street

Hidden between the central market and the famous Shambles is a collection of food trucks with some of the best that York has to offer. The food is just as impressive as the location, right in the city centre and steps away from one of the UK's best preserved Medieval streets.

Show this guide when placing an order at selected vendors below to receive a discount.

visityork.org/business-directory/shambles-food-court

Goldee's Bagels

They serve bagels, made fresh every day, with signature fillings, such as smoked salmon with dill cream cheese, or mortadella with runny eggs and Emmental.

10% off

Thai Season

For mouthwatering, authentic and traditional Thai street food, from noodle dishes to dim sum.

10% off

Taylor Made Kitchen

Taylor Made Kitchen offers a range of creative feel-good food, from Katsu loaded fries to their Hello Me burger, with hallumi, chorizo and black garlic pesto.

50p off soft drinks, £1 off small items, and £2 off mains.

SPARK

17-21 Picadilly

If variety is what you're after, SPARK has got you covered. Playing host to a huge range of independent traders, including 14 different bars and restaurants, SPARK is a food court style venue for al fresco dining. If you can't decide on one place as a group, or just want to eat your way around the world, SPARK is the spot for you.

Show this guide to the select traders below to receive a discount.

www.sparkyork.org

Clucking Oinks

Grab one of their creative burgers and loaded fries, or go straight for their buttermilk chicken strips.

20% off

Tiro

Enjoy the flavours of Sicilian street food, with a fresh focaccia panino, or a selection of delicious arancini.

20% off

Sweet treats



Heavenly Desserts

19-21 Blake Street

Heavenly Desserts offers some delicious and unique creations. From waffles and croffles and crepes to cakes. Located very close to the Minster, it could be a great option for an easy morning start before explore the city, for dessert to round out a night on the town.

Show this guide when making a purchase for 10% off your meal.

www.heavenlydesserts.co.uk

The Savvy Baker

16 Swinegate

They may specialise in brownies, but The Savvy Baker also offers cookies and specialty drinks. Whether you're looking for a sugar rush or a caffeine hit, this bake shop is bound to have something you're craving.

Receive an online code for 10% off code after making a purchase in store.

thesavvybaker.co.uk





Evening dining

York comes alive at night, with as many pubs and bars as there are days of the year. Whether it's the end of your night or it's only just beginning, there are some fantastic places to find food and drink all across the city.

Brew York

Unit 6, Enterprise Complex, Walmgate

Brew York's taproom and bar is on the original site of their brewery, with the brewing vessels still on full display. With 50 taps in this location alone, you will find the beer that's right for you. They also provide Asian street food through their collaboration with Yuzu.

Show this guide for 20% off drinks.

brewyork.co.uk

Fish and Forest

13 Grape Lane

Featured in the Michelin guide, Fish and Forest communicate their love and respect for the culinary arts, and all the components and ingredients that go into their dishes through their select, seasonal menu. Their fish is caught from small boats, meat from farmers with a humane husbandry ethos, and game attained from local shoots. Visit for an elegant and thoughtful fine dining experience.

Booking advised. Show this guide for 10% off your meal.

fishandforestrestaurant.com

Legacy at The Grand

Station Rise

For a gourmet tasting menu like no other, indulge in an evening at Legacy, based in York's only 5 star hotel, The Grand. Choose between three paths: stone, water, or steel, and begin your culinary journey. Relax, unwind, and travel across time through three defining eras that have made York the great city it is today.

This guide entitles holders to the Steel for Stone discount, which reduces the cost to £100 for the 8 course Steel culinary journey. Delegates must ask for this discount in their booking notes when booking a table, and the discount is only available on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

www.thegrandyork.co.uk/drinking-dining/legacy



Thai Season

21 Bishopthorpe Road

Thai Season restaurant is in a quiet side of the city centre, and offers a range of traditional curry and noodle dishes. It's pretty popular, so booking ahead may be necessary.

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