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Yorkshire Dales and Skipton from Bingley

Cruise this route from : Bingley

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Cruising Days : 4.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 13.50

Total Distance : 26.00

Number of Locks : 0

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 0

Scenic lock free cruise along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal

Skipton is the gateway to the magnificent Yorkshire Dales, people travel the length and breadth of the country to visit this charming market town. With its famous 900 year old castle, romantic ruined priory and historic cobbled High Street.

Steam train enthusiasts can explore the old steam trains and locomotives on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway and Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway

Explore Bronte country, the Parsonage where all their famous books were written between the unique village of Haworth and the wild moorland beyond, this homely Georgian house still retains the atmosphere of the Brontes time

Cruising Notes

Bingley is listed in the Domesday book of 1086 as Bingheleia. Steeped in history going through all the ages starting with the Normans, Medieval and Tudor through to the Industrial Revolution.

The Old White Horse Inn is one of the oldest surviving buildings, a Grade II listed coaching inn, built in the mid 17th century. There has been an inn on the site since 1379. Note the two stone lanterns on the gable which signify the building was once owned by the Order of the Knights of St John.

During the Industrial Revolution Bingley had several mills and a tannery. The Bingley Building Society was also formed at that time.

The town has plenty of local shops, a street market, banks and the Little Theatre. Most textile mills have closed except for the Damart factory.

Day 1

If mooring up in Riddlesden then you must visit The National Trusts East Riddlesden Hall, a 17th-century manor house with romantic, intimate gardens. Friendly room guides bring the house to life and share the fascinating stories. Just south of Bridge 197a. The hall was built in 1642 by a wealthy Halifax clothier, James Murgatroyd. There is a medieval tithebarn in the grounds. There is a nice pub the Marquis of Granby by bridge 197.

It is 1 hour to here so a good place to moor with plenty to see and do in Riddlesden and Keighley. Cliffe Castle in Keighley was originally the home of Victorian millionaire and textile manufacturer Henry Butterfield, and built in the 1880's. Visitors can see sparkling Victorian rooms and furniture, paintings, and decorative art. Special galleries deal with natural history, archaeology and social history and there is an internationally important display of stained glass by Morris and Co.

The Keighley and Worth Valley Railway is a 5-mile-long branch line that served mills and villages in the Worth Valley and is now a heritage railway line. It runs from Keighley to Oxenhope. The line was made famous by the film *The Railway Children*.

The train stops at the lovely village of Haworth which is best known as the home of the literary Bronte sisters who lived with their father in the local parsonage. Charlotte, Emily and Anne Bronte, were the authors of some of the greatest books in the English language. Haworth Parsonage was their much-loved home and *Jane Eyre*, *Wuthering Heights* and *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* were all written here. Haworth Parsonage, next to the interesting churchyard, is now a museum known as Bronte Parsonage Museum. It has 19th century furniture and personal mementoes of the family. The dining room is furnished with pieces bought by Charlotte Bronte from her royalties from *Jane Eyre*. It is set out just as when the three sisters discussed their literary projects in the evenings.

Set between the unique village of Haworth and the wild moorland beyond, this homely Georgian house still retains the atmosphere of the Brontes time. The rooms they once used are filled with the Brontes' furniture, clothes and personal possessions. Here you can marvel at the handwriting on their tiny manuscript books, admire Charlotte's wedding bonnet and imagine meeting Emily's pets from her wonderfully lifelike drawings. Gain an insight into the place and objects that inspired their works.

The writing desks belonging to the three sisters are always on display, and their other personal possessions are changed on a yearly basis so that you can always be sure of seeing something new.

Day 2

The constant succession of lift bridges impede the boats progress. All require a handcuff key.

There is a stores just south of Bridge 197 and an attractive mooring by woods to the east of Bridge 195. Compared with other industrial towns Keighley is a clean and pleasant town with a large new shopping centre.

Silsden is to the west of Bridge 191a, a well contained stone built industrial town with attractive canal wharves and an old corn mill dating from 1677. It is close to the Yorkshire Dales, and there are plenty of shops near the canal. Silsden was mentioned in the 1086 Domesday Book (Siglesdene) as the most important village in Craven. Industry came with the canal and the Industrial Revolution. The town hosted a number of mills none of

which now operate in their original form.

The village of Kildwick has some nice restored Canal buildings, now private residences. There are good moorings here. The streets are extremely steep and one goes under the canal. Kildwick is steeped in history, St Andrew's is a historically significant church. Fragments of 9th century crosses have been excavated from its walls, evidence of the Anglo Saxon church built here before the Norman Conquest.

The village of Bradley has an attractive waterfront, and there is a pub the Slaters Arms ¼ mile up the hill , take the 1st turning on the right over the lift bridge. Visitor moorings on the tow path side only.

The Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway is a heritage railway 1 mile north of Skipton, catch a bus from the town centre. A 4 mile round trip either steam or diesel powered.

The preserved railway was part of the former Midland Railway route from Skipton to Ilkley.

Skipton is probably the most handsome town along the Leeds and Liverpool canal. You can moor about one minutes walk away from the centre. As the gateway to the magnificent Yorkshire Dales, people travel the length and breadth of the country to visit this charming market town.

With its famous 900 year old castle, romantic ruined priory and historic cobbled High Street, Skipton is endlessly rich both in history and outstanding natural beauty.

Skipton Castle is a magnificent Norman castle with 17th century additions that dominates the High Street. The 6 massive round towers have survived since the 14th Century. Open daily 10-6pm. Over 900 years old, Skipton Castle is one of the most complete and best preserved medieval castles in England and is well worth a visit at any season of the year.

Visitors can explore every corner of this impressive history-rich castle, which withstood a three-year siege during the Civil War. View the Banqueting Hall, the Kitchen, the Bedchamber and Privy. Climb from the depths of the Dungeon to the top storey of the Watch Tower.

Moor here for the night it is 5.5 hours to here, turn using the branch line in Skipton .

Day 3 Day 4

It is 6.75 hours back to Vinnie's mooring, so time to explore and then make your way back

Useful Links

Description : Keighley and Worth Valley Railway

Website : <http://kwvr.co.uk/>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Yorkshire Dales

Website : <http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/>

Telephone : n/a

Description : East Riddlesden Hall

Website : <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/east-riddlesden-hall>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Skipton

Website : <http://www.welcometoskipton.com>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam railway

Website : <http://www.embsayboltonabbeyrailway.org.uk/>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Skipton Castle

Website : <http://www.skiptoncastle.co.uk/>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Cliffe castle Museum

Website : <http://www.bradfordmuseums.org/venues/cliffe-castle-museum>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Bingley

Website : <http://www.bronte-country.com/bingley.html>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Brontes website

Website : <https://www.bronte.org.uk/>

Telephone : n/a

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