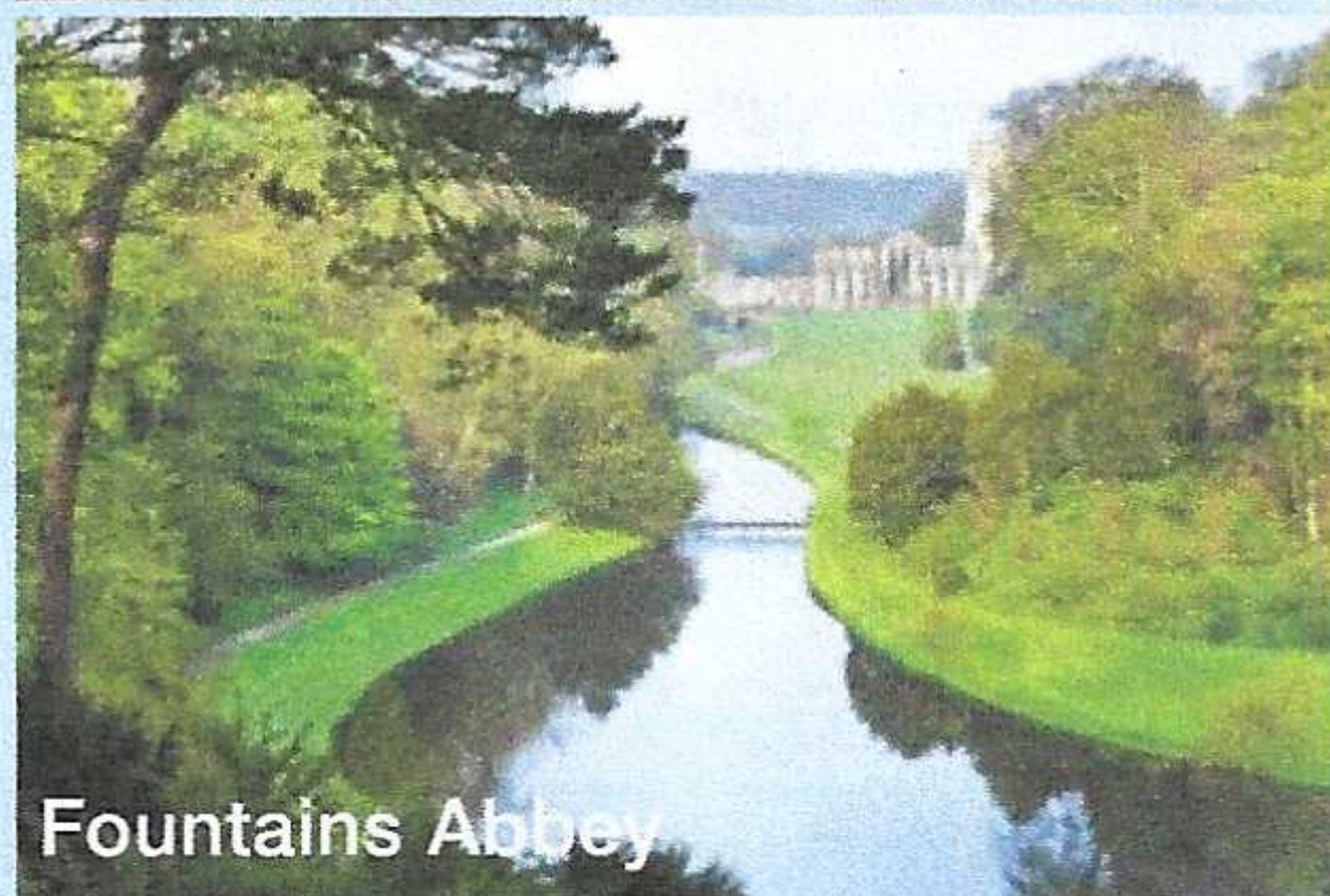


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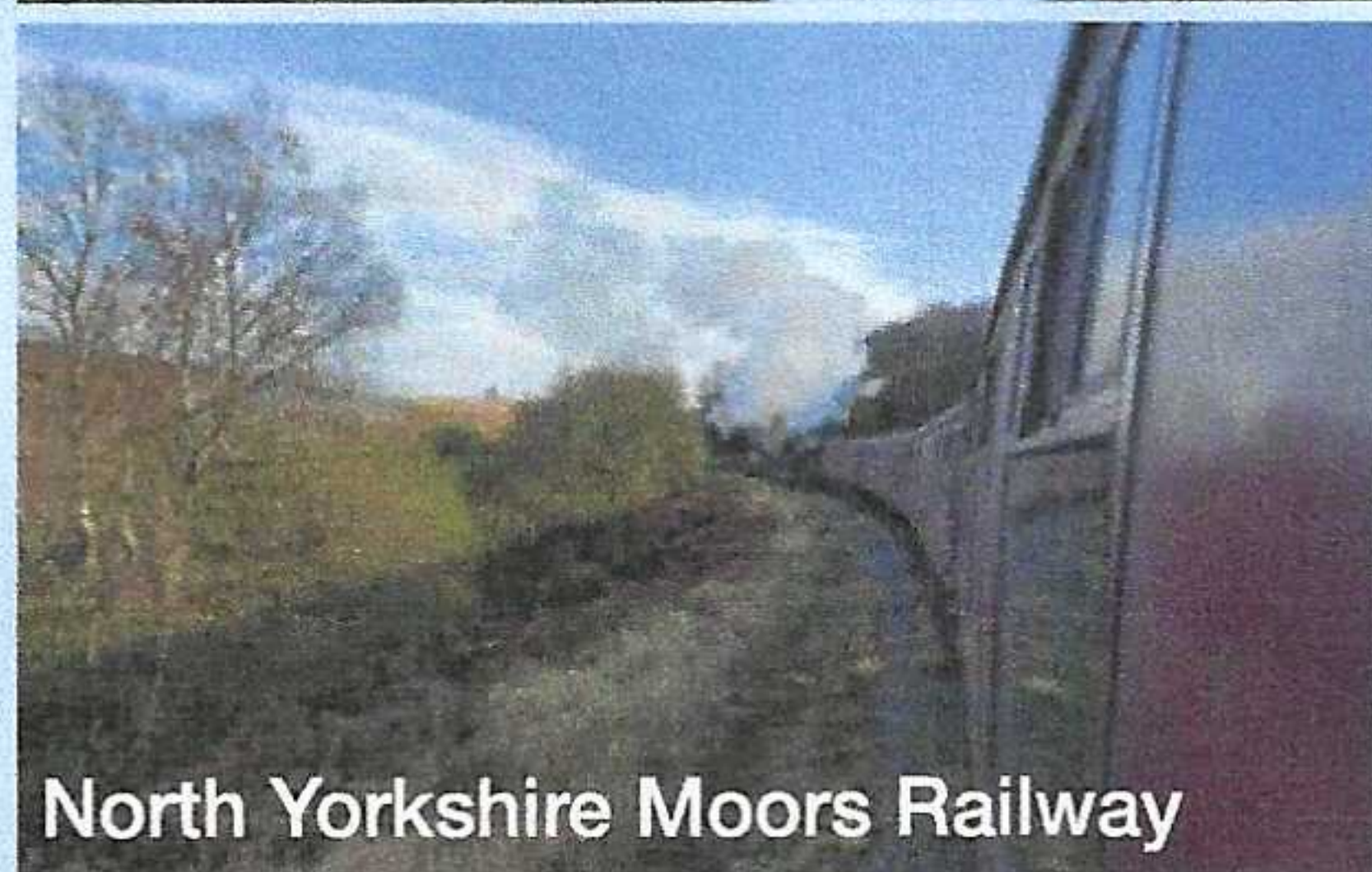
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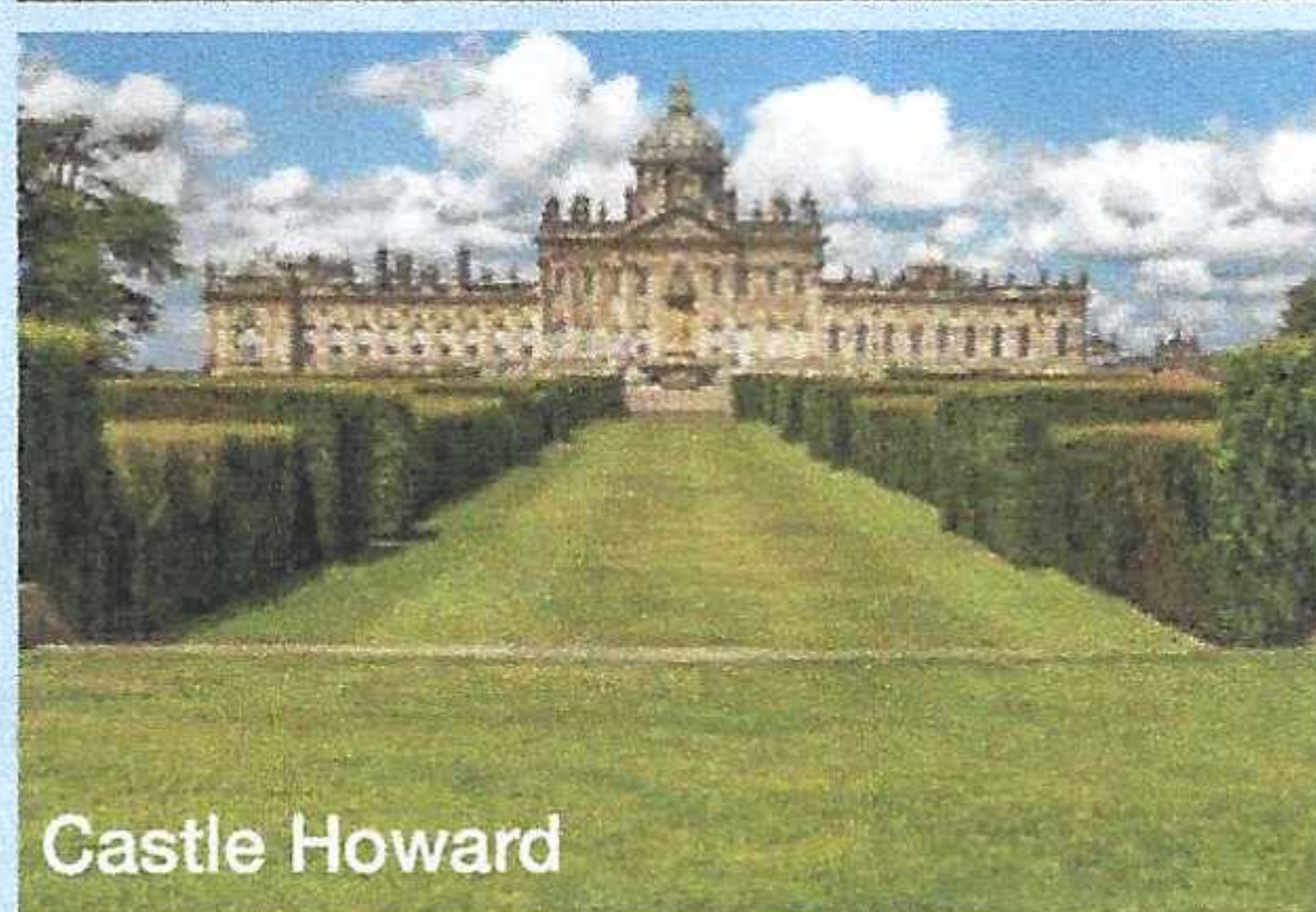
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Day 1

We depart by private executive coach from our designated pick up points. En route to our hotel we visit the home of the late Queen's cousin, the Earl of Harewood. Located just outside Leeds, Harewood House is renowned for its stunning architecture, exquisite Adam interiors and Chippendale furniture and a fine art collection. All are set in a 1,000 acre Capability Brown landscape with a modern bird garden. We continue to the 4* Thorpe Park Hotel & Spa, on the outskirts of Garforth for a four night stay on a half board basis.

Day 2

Our Blue Badge guide meets us at our hotel this morning and accompanies us throughout the day. Our guided walking tour of York takes in sights such as the City Walls, the Shambles, and includes a visit to the Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in northern Europe. We then spend some time at leisure in York, and on an individual basis you may choose to visit the National Railway Museum, or visit York Castle Museum with its recreated Victorian street, Kirkgate.

Day 3

This morning we enjoy a guided tour at Ripon Cathedral, dating back to the 7th century when Saint Wilfrid built one of England's first stone churches on this site. This afternoon we continue with our Blue Badge guide to the National Trust's Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Garden, which has been attracting visitors since the 18th century. Together the Cistercian abbey, Georgian water garden, medieval deer park, Elizabethan hall and Victorian church offer an unparalleled opportunity to appreciate the range of England's heritage at this World Heritage Site.

Day 4

Our Blue Badge guide accompanies us on a visit to Whitby, a resort dominated by the cliff top ruins of a beautiful 13th century abbey and with old cobbled streets, picturesque houses and a sandy beach. This afternoon we enjoy an included one way nostalgic steam train journey from Whitby to Pickering through the picturesque North Yorkshire Moors. Preserved in 1967, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway has gone from strength to strength and has featured on television and film, including 'Harry Potter'.

Day 5

After checking out of our hotel we visit Castle Howard. Set in a beautiful 1,000 acre park adorned with rose gardens, lakes and fountains, this magnificent 18th century house is home to the Howard family and has been richly furnished throughout. Taking carefully selected comfort stops en route, we return back to our original pick up points.

NB:- Please note we reserve the right to alter the above itinerary if required for operational reasons. Given the historic nature of the places visited, a certain degree of walking will be involved, and this holiday may not be suitable for those with mobility problems.