

Escapes

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A perfect day in

Malton

Great British grub, vegan beer and quirky shops

SITTING PRETTY ON THE EDGE OF the Howardian Hills, this Georgian market town inspired Charles Dickens to write 'A Christmas Carol' in the 1840s. For more than a century that was Malton's claim to fame, but then the celebrated late chef Antonio Carluccio visited and proclaimed the town 'Yorkshire's food capital'. It's a mantle that Malton works hard to keep. Come for a shop and a country stroll but, above all, to eat.

First up

Visit **Malton Museum** for an introduction to the town's heritage. Pop in to **Market Place**, where Georgian streets house heritage shops and indie design stores. Check out **The Gallery** for local art and **Cosy Cottage Soap** for ethical skincare.

Soak up the vibes

Browse **The Shambles**, Malton's atmospheric, perfectly preserved nineteenth-century shopping strip. It's also worth checking the film schedule at **Palace Cinema**, a popular local landmark that has been restored with colourful art deco detailing from its 1920s heyday.

Stop for lunch

Local Yorkshire produce is at the heart of Malton's revival. Old-fashioned **Malton Relish** is excellent for simple, sustainable dishes like a country ploughman's or grouse and pheasant pie. It's also the best place in town to try a traditional Yorkshire curd tart, or five.

Splash the cash

Graze your way through **Talbot Yard**, a set of stables that has turned into a gourmet food hall. Highlights include Roost coffee, Bluebird Bakery's sourdough, chocolate orange gelato from Groovy Moo and G&T macarons made by Malton's French master patissier, Florian Poirot.

Drink like a local

You could easily lose an afternoon to Malton's boozy innovators. Sample Yorkshire rhubarb in a G&T at **Rare Bird Distillery**, and sup a vegan beer flight at **Brass Castle Brewery's** offbeat taphouse. Finish your crawl by slipping into a high-backed leather chesterfield at **Maison du Vin** for the town's best glass of wine. ■ *Lorna Parkes*

IF YOU ONLY DO ONE THING

Malton is just 25 minutes by bus (No 181) from **Castle Howard**, a country estate that will knock your socks off. It's not really a castle, but a baroque mansion of epic proportions surrounded by fountains, walking trails and rose gardens. The house has been transformed for Christmas with open fires, candles and a huge fir.

WAKE UP HERE

The Talbot



There's something as comfy as old slippers about The Talbot, a seventeenth-century coaching inn converted into a genteel hotel. The staff are attentive but not too formal, and a recent overhaul has freshened up the interior, creating a series of stylish drawing rooms where you can while away the hours reading or taking afternoon tea. Vibrant bedrooms boast four-poster beds or roll-top baths, and a cosy restaurant and bar with a roaring open fire completes the package. You won't want to leave – especially after the sumptuous, never-ending breakfast championing local produce. ■ *Lorna Parkes*
 → Malton, North Yorkshire. From £88 a night. www.talbotmalton.co.uk

→ Get there: two hours 40 minutes by train from London King's Cross; around three hours 45 minutes by car.

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