



Ushaw

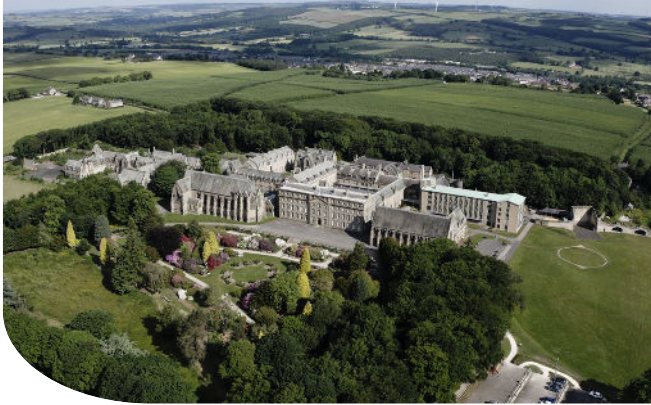
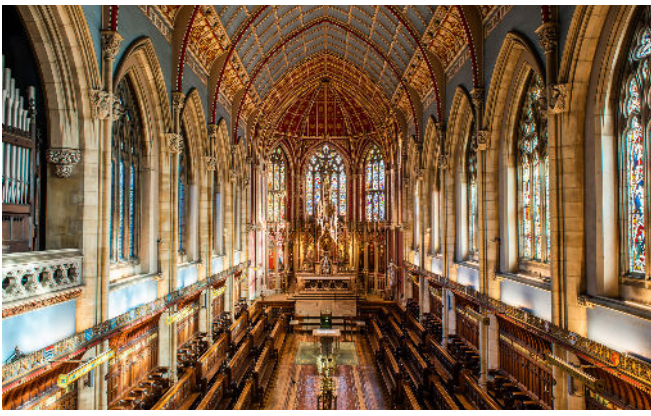


Group Visits

Plan your group visit

Ushaw is a hidden gem of architecture, history and heritage, set in the rolling countryside near Durham City. Ushaw offers an unforgettable day out or overnight stay for groups of all ages.

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About Ushaw Historic House, Chapels & Gardens

Ushaw's story begins in the Reformation, when an English Catholic college was founded in Douai in 1568. After fleeing the French Revolution, it returned to England and settled at Ushaw in 1808. Over the next century, the site grew into an extraordinary complex of Gothic Revival buildings, including the largest collection of work by four generations of the Pugin family.

Today, visitors can explore peaceful gardens, historic chapels, and the world-renowned Big Library, as well as enjoy exhibitions and events that bring the estate's rich past to life.

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Book your visit in advance and receive the following benefits:*

- Trade net rates: Adult £10.80 | Child £6.30
- Free coach parking
- Free admission for coach driver
- Complimentary lunch for coach driver**
- Familiarisation visits for organiser(s)

*pre-booked groups of 15 or more

**up to £10 in a single transaction



Chapels

From intimate spaces to the grand St Cuthbert's Chapel. Ushaw's chapels are rich in history and architectural detail. Discover hidden gems, each offering a peaceful spot to pause and reflect.

Gardens

A sanctuary for walking and relaxing; wander through rediscovered gardens as they are being brought back to life to reflect the Victorian plant collectors of the past.

Expect seasonal blooms, sweeping countryside views, and quiet corners to make every visit unique.



Library

The Big Library, designed by Joseph Hansom, houses over 50,000 books and extensive archives, including medieval prayer books, illuminated manuscripts and books covering history, geography, literature and science.

Open on select days or by private tour. The Big Library is reached via 40 wide, shallow steps. We are actively working to improve accessibility.



Main House

Discover striking neo-Gothic interiors, from the magnificent Refectory and Exhibition Hall Theatre to the elegant Parlour. Visit the pre-loved bookshop, historical displays, and an ever-changing programme of exhibitions by local artists throughout the corridors.

Events & Exhibitions

Ushaw hosts a lively calendar of events, from classic car shows to flower festivals and plant fairs. The exhibition programme is varied including art, history and interactive exhibits.

Check ahead to plan your visit around something special.



Ushaw Café

Serving light lunches, sweet treats and great coffee, Ushaw Café is open daily 10am to 3:30pm.

To make your group visit seamless we can offer pre-booked:

- Refreshments
- Sandwich lunch box
- Buffet lunch

Contact us for more information.



Tours

Private tours can be tailored to your group's interests. Our knowledgeable guides offer specialist insight into the House, Chapels, Gardens, Architecture and Collections.

Prices vary depending on the type of tour or experience.

Stay a little longer

Our en-suite bedrooms offer a simple and peaceful stay, with everything you need for a restful night.

Enjoy complimentary access to our House, Chapels & Gardens, unwind in the Francis Thompson Lounge & Bar or browse our pre-loved bookshop, and wake up to a delicious cold buffet breakfast.

Contact us for our group booking rates.



Get in touch

If you have any questions or would like to book your group visit, get in touch with our team today.

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