

Middlethorpe Hall

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Encounter the Downton Abbey Experience

Centrally located in the capital and heart of Yorkshire, Middlethorpe Hall is conveniently located to visit some of the film sets from 'Downton Abbey'.

With the release of the film, there will be a whole new swarth of locations around the country for Downton fans to visit. The film is set in the year 1927, a year after the series ended. The story centres around a royal visit to the Crawley household - loosely based off the real-life tour of their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary - and the drama that ensues, both upstairs and down.

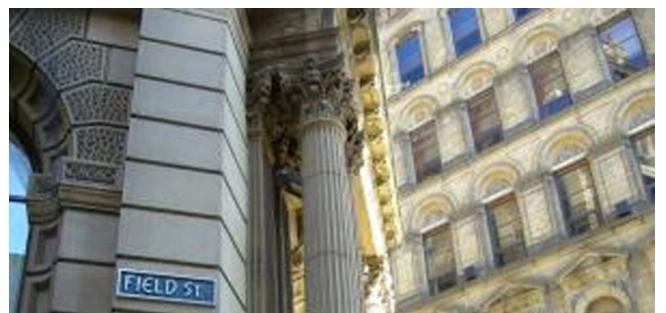
Harewood House

This historic house may soon be considered in the same breath as Highclere Castle. It plays the home of Lord Lascelles and is actually the real-life home of the current lord. The Lord Lascelles *who was around in the early 20th century) features in the Downton story alongside his wife, Princess Mary (was the king's daughter). "They had really great taste and it's still in very good condition," director Michael Engler said, "and we kept everything the way it was except for the furniture that can't be sat on because its so precious."



Bradford "Little Germany"

The streets of Bradford's "Little Germany" were used as the streets of York in the film. The audience will see the outside of a police station and the outside of a 'questionable' club where the character of Thomas goes for a high-action night out.



Beamish 'open-air museum'

This 'open-air museum of the North' could perhaps be considered the British, early 20th-century equivalent of Colonial Williamsburg. "It's an amazing place to visit, all the shops are dressed like they would have been back then. There's a bakery and a candy shop and a tea room. It's the perfect place to film because you would never be able to create all that stuff on the street" said director Michael Engler.



Alnwick Castle

When Lady Edith moved out of Downton, she went to Alnwick Castle in Northumberland. Anglophiles may recognise the castle for something else thought: it's been used several times in the Harry Potter movies, as well.



Pickering

Visit the North Yorkshire Moors Railway to see the old train station used in the film. From the station, crew also filmed some helicopter views of the Yorkshire countryside.

Wentworth Woodhouse

This house is the real-life inspiration for the film's royal visit.. Writer Julian Fellowes was inspired by the King and Queen's 1912 visit to Wentworth Woodhouse, as guests of the Earl and Countess Fitzwilliam. During the royal visit, a ball was held in the house's jaw-dropping Marble Saloon, which the film recreates with a band and more than 150 extras.

