

WALES: THE MAJESTIC BRECON BEACONS

8-day / 7-night centre-based – one-hotel guided walking

The summits of the Brecon Beacons assert their massive presence amidst exposed plateau and lofty sandstone summits, high above scattered hill farms across the border from rural England and the River Wye.



Our guided classic walking holidays offer experienced walkers a great deal of rugged walking along thrilling ridges and edges, and across expansive moorland hills in the centre and west of the Brecon Beacons National Park. For the less seasoned walker the Beacons offer the chance to explore natural forests, picturesque fast-flowing rivers and placid canals, or a chance to discover the Waterfall Country of Melte and Hepste gorges in the south.

The spectacular, moody Black Mountains, to the east, are long finger-like hills, enclosing lush green dales.



Nythfa House is set in two acres of mature grounds, above the northern outskirts of the bustling market town of Brecon in the Brecon Beacons National Park. With spacious public rooms, attractive gardens and an indoor swimming pool it is a popular and relaxing place to stay and just eight minutes walk from the town centre. Here you will find a full range of shops, pubs, banks and cafes as well as the absorbing Brecknock Museum. To the south you'll find the Waterfall Country of Melte and Hepste gorges and the Black Mountains to the East.

Cost per person: AU\$1195 per person twin share. Single room supplements \$120

Departs: 5, 12, 19, 26 May, 9, 16, 23, 30 June, 7, 14 July, 4, 18 August, 8, 15, 22 September 2012

Tour price includes: 7-nights of twin share accommodation with en-suite, breakfast & dinner each night, picnic lunches, guided walking as described and sightseeing (at extra cost - as available).

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Suggested daily walks:

Day 1	Distance in miles	Ascent
Arrival day.	-	
Day 2		
Easier Walk: Brynich and Llanfrynach	8	400 feet
Medium Walk: Cwm Oergwm	8½	1250 feet
Harder Walk: Menasgin Horseshoe*	12	2200 feet
Day 3		
Easier Walk: Craig Cerrig - Gleisiad and Mountain Centre	6¾	800 feet
Medium Walk: Cefn Llechid and Mountain Centre	9½	1150 feet
Harder Walk: Fan Fawr, Fan Dringarth, Fan Frynych*	11¼	2000 feet
Day 4		
Easier Walk: Taf Fawr valley and Cwm Llwh	6½	900 feet
Medium Walk: Pen y Fan and Corn Du*	7¼	1500 feet
Harder Walk: Craig Fan Ddu, Pen y Fan, Corn Du*	10½	3400 feet
Day 5		
There are no organised walks today to allow you time to explore the area independently or just relax in the House and grounds.	-	-
Day 6		
Easier Walk: Waterfalls and Woodlands	6¾	300 feet
Medium Walk: Waterfalls and Gorges	8¼	700 feet
Harder Walk: Waterfalls, Gorges and Caves	9	850 feet
Day 7		
Easier Walk: Buckland Hill and Llangynidr	8	500 feet
Medium Walk: Black Mountains Ridge*	9	2200 feet
Harder Walk: Waun Fach and Black Mountains Ridge*	12	2300 feet
Day 8		
Departure day.	-	-

Walking Days - Generally start after breakfast at 9.30am, taking a picnic lunch and returning to the hotel between 5.00pm and 6.30pm, in time to relax before dinner.

These holidays offer five days' walking - one day is free for independent time or sightseeing. A typical walking day will offer a choice of 2 or 3-guided walks each of varying length and ascent. If you are new to walking, start at the easier level, where the pace is the gentlest with plenty of stops to enjoy the views and to rest. As your holiday progresses you may feel confident to try a more challenging level, or stick to the same level - it's entirely your choice. Different departures may have different itineraries, please ask for details when making a booking.

Other walking holidays – guided in small groups or self-guided with inn-to-inn luggage transfers & meals are available in many parts of the United Kingdom, Ireland & across Europe including the **Coast-to-Coast** trail. **St Cuthbert's Way** from Scotland into England; walks in the Lake District, Ireland's **Ring of Kerry**, the **Dordogne** or Pyrenees in France, Austria, Spain or Italy. Perhaps walk the **Way of St James** – the **Camino De Santiago** - from Le Puy to Santiago from France to Spain or the **Via Francigena** – the pilgrims Road to Rome.

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