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WALKING HOLIDAYS IN THE UK

2026

ENGLAND – WHITBY & THE NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS

8-day / 7-night one-hotel GUIDED walking tour, based at Whitby - with a choice of walks each day

The North York Moors National Park is a unique and special place, encompassing wild and beautiful moorland, ancient forests, green valleys, stunning coastline, towering cliffs, and an archaeological record of human habitation dating back to the end of the Ice Age. Here we will find medieval castles and abbeys, Roman fortifications, Iron Age hill forts and traces of the Industrial Revolution. A guided walking holiday based at Whitby is an ideal way to explore the varied facets of the North York Moors National Park. There are superb coastal walks to the picturesque villages of Staithes and Robin Hood's Bay, to desolate rocky headlands and smugglers' coves, and walks further inland traversing dales and heather-covered moorland. Whitby itself is an atmospheric harbour town, with its iconic ruined abbey and its connection to Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. And we're not far from the scenic heritage North Yorkshire Moors Railway – its historic stations have doubled as Hogsmeade in the Harry Potter films and as Adensfield in the TV series 'Heartbeat'.

Cost from: **$2390** per person (twin share). Single room supplement on request.
Mid / high season supplement from **$300 - $660** per person on selected departures

2026 Departures: 6 March, 10 April, 1, 8, 22, 29 May, 19, 26 June, 3, 17, 24 July, 7, 21, 28 August, 11 September, 9, 16 October, 6, 13 November

Tour includes: 7 nights in comfortable hotel room with ensuite bathrooms, full board (breakfast, packed lunch and dinner), experienced walks leader, 5 guided walks, local transport to/from walks, evening social activities.

Not Included: Transport to/from the house, drinks, personal expenses, transport/activities on the free day.

Accommodation: The splendid 4-star Georgian mansion **Larpool Hall** is in a wonderful position above the harbour town of Whitby. With 29 bedrooms in the main building, rooms at the front of the house enjoy wonderful views across the Esk Valley. **Premium rooms** with extra space or exceptional views are also available at a supplement (please ask for details).

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Trip Grading: Moderate to long distances, mostly on good paths with easy to moderate gradients, with some sections over steeper or rougher terrain. Easier walks 11-12km with up to 360m of ascent, medium walks 14-16km with up to 560m of ascent, harder walks 17-20km with up to 700m of ascent in a day.

Suggested itinerary (routes are determined each day by walk leaders – subject to change):

Day 1: Arrival day
Arrive at your country house accommodation mid-afternoon. Ask about local transport or taxi transfer options from Whitby or Scarborough railway stations.

Day 2: Robin Hood's Bay to Whitby
Starting points vary for longer or shorter walks along the glorious coastal path to Whitby. All walks allow time to explore the quaint fishing village of Robin Hood's Bay and pass by the iconic ruins of Whitby Abbey, which was one of the inspirations for Bram Stoker's *Dracula*.

Day 3: Dales of the Esk Way
Walks offer sweeping views over the North York Moors National Park and the Esk Valley while following field and moorland paths to the Moors Centre, which has excellent interpretive displays about the national parks, as well as exhibitions by local artists. Some walks take in the ruins of Danby Castle and others the Bronze Age standing stones, cairns and long barrows of Danby Rigg.

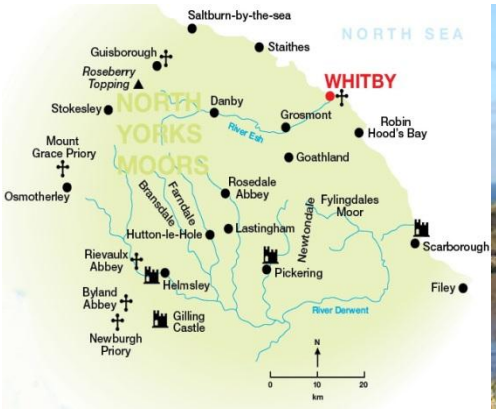
Day 4: Free day
No walks are organised, so you can relax at the hotel or explore independently. Perhaps ride a steam train on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway or cycle the Whitby to Scarborough rail trail.

Day 5: Goathland
These walks centre on the village of Goathland, the setting for the TV series 'Heartbeat'. We walk across moorland and farmland on good paths and the old railway trail which runs between Grosmont and Goathland. The 19th century railway station at Goathland may be recognisable as Hogsmeade Station in the Harry Potter films.

Day 6: The Smugglers Coast
The Smugglers Coast is a beautiful section of coastline, with sweeping views of bays and ocean. There is a fair amount of undulation as we walk along the beach as well as atop the cliffs. There is time to explore the timeless fishing village of Staithes, with its cobbled streets and historic buildings. Our walks finish in quaint Sandsend, with its stretch of sandy beach.

Day 7: Hole of Horcum
The Hole of Horcum (also known as the Devil's Punchbowl) is a deep heather-filled hollow, created by the geological process of spring-sapping, where water wells up from the earth and eats away at the ground causing valleys and natural cauldrons (although legend has it that Wade the Giant created the hollow by scooping a handful of earth to throw during an argument with his wife). We walk on the higher ground around the Hole of Horcum and across Levisham Moor to the attractive village of Lockton.

Day 8: Departure day
Tour ends after breakfast.



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