

OUTDOOR TRAVEL

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WALKING HOLIDAYS IN THE UK

2024

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 Hoods 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: \$2655 per person (twin share). Single supplement on request.

2024 Departures: 8, 22 March, 5, 19 April, 3, 10, 31 May, 14, 21 June, 5, 19 July, 16, 23 August, 6, 13, 27 September, 11, 25 October, 15 November

Tour includes: 7 nights in comfortable hotel room with ensuite bathrooms, full board (breakfast, picnic 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 340m of ascent, medium walks 14-15km with up to 520m of ascent, harder walks 16-21km 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: May Beck and Little Beck

We explore the delightful walks and sights around Larpool Hall: Falling Foss waterfall in its delightful woodland setting; heather moorland and the streamside walks near May Beck and Little Beck; the much-photographed multi-arch brick Larpool viaduct; the sight of steam trains on the North York Moors Railway beside the River Esk. The River Esk carves through the North York Moors from Westerdale and empties into the North Sea at Whitby.

Day 3: Smugglers Coast

Various starting points for walks of differing lengths and ascent but all routes take in Boulby Cliff, at 203 metres the highest point on the east coast of Britain. From Boulby Cliff we follow the Cleveland Way, which drops down to the fishing village of Staithes, with its quaint cottages and winding streets. We continue to follow the coastal path on an undulating route with some steep climbs to the sweeping arc of Runswick Bay.

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: Deep into the North York Moors

We traverse the hillsides and ridges of the high moorland, passing by small villages or the remnants of iron-ore mining operations and perhaps one of the crosses placed in the Middle Ages to mark the way across the moors. Walks finish in the picture-postcard village of Hutton-le-Hole, where if time permits you can visit the Ryedale Folk Museum, which tells the story of 4000 years of rural life.

Day 6: Captain Cook Country

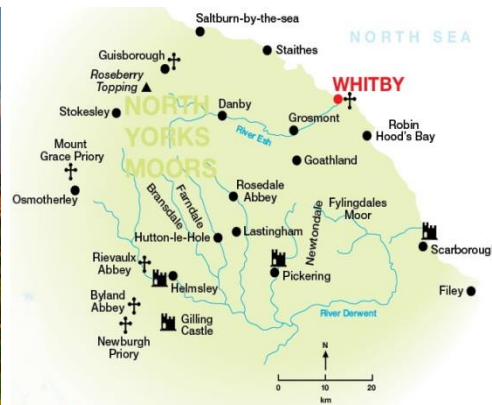
Walk in the footsteps of Captain James Cook, who grew up in Great Ayton, and often climbed Roseberry Topping for the views and the solitude. You can ascend as far as Captain Cook's Monument, or to the summit of Roseberry Topping, which offers 360° views of sea, moors, and the built landscape of Middlesbrough and Teesside.

Day 7: The Ravenscar Coast

A spectacular coastal walk following part of the Cleveland Way. In clear weather there are far-reaching sea views at every turn. In the 17th century Ravenscar was a centre for the extraction of alum, used as a fixative for textile dyes, from the surrounding shale and the remains of the alum works now comprise a National Trust site. Depending on the tides we walk along the seashore or clifftops to the quaint fishing village of Robin Hood's Bay.

Day 8: Departure day

Tour ends after breakfast.



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