

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES – FAVOURITE DESTINATIONS

8-day / 7-night one-hotel GUIDED walking holidays based at our Country Houses



Explore the best of Great Britain's destinations without the high season crowds. A guided walking holiday outside peak walking season offers a different perspective of British landscapes. In late autumn colourful leaves may still cling to oaks, beeches and silver birches; whilst in winter, frost crunches underfoot and the hills are capped with dustings of snow. The scenic beauty of areas like the Lake District, Cornwall or the Cotswolds is just as compelling in the off-season, without the throngs of tourists. In the leadup to Christmas the halls of our Country Houses are decked with twinkling fairy lights and boughs of holly, and Yuletide cheer abounds. Many of the stately houses of Britain, including Blenheim Palace in the Cotswolds and Chatsworth House near Dovedale, host Christmas markets featuring local crafts and artisanal products for a spot of seasonal shopping.

On our centre-based guided walking holidays, our experienced walks leaders carefully select the best routes for the season, weather conditions and daylight hours. Your holiday includes a free day midweek with no guided walks planned. Each evening relax at your Country House accommodation near a warm fire with a hot drink and join in optional organised social activities like quiz competitions and lectures if you like.

Choose from our favourite UK destinations, including the Lake District. Beautiful year-round, its charming villages, popular walking trails and unspoilt scenery are best experienced in the off-season when there are no bus tours of day-trippers. The honey-stone Cotswolds, easily reached from London, is one of Britain's most romantic walking regions, dotted with photogenic historic market towns, high-end pubs and old-fashioned tearooms. Cornwall can be overrun with beachgoers in high summer but winter reveals the rugged and stark beauty of its sandy bays and rocky headlands. In the Scottish Highlands, the off-season walker is rewarded with peace and quiet as you pass by frozen lochs and ramble below snow-capped 'Munros'.

Cost from: **\$2360** per person twin share Single room supplement on request.
Seasonal supplement from **\$115** per person applies to selected departures.

Departures: Selected dates from 25 October 2025 through 21 February 2026

Includes: 7-nights in a comfortable room with ensuite bathroom, full board (breakfast, picnic lunch & dinner), experienced walks leader, 5 guided walks, transport associated with the walks, evening social activities.

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

Accommodation: Our characterful Country Houses are a true highlight. Located across the UK, in some of Britain's best-loved national parks and scenic landscapes, they vary in style and size but all feature extensive facilities including boot and drying rooms, cosy lounges, and expansive grounds and gardens. Ensuite guest rooms are well-appointed and comfortable; upgrade to Premium or Superior rooms at some properties for a supplement.

Ask about prices, dates and availability for our **Festive** guided walking holidays over the **Christmas and New Year** period. These include an elaborate chef-prepared celebration dinner with all the trimmings on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

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Trip Gradings: Each day you are offered a choice of up to three guided walks. Easier walks are usually short to moderate distances, at a relaxed pace with occasional sections over rough or steeper terrain. Medium and harder walks are usually longer distances, generally on well-defined paths which may be rough or steep in sections with occasional sustained ascents and descents. Maximum distances and ascent vary between each destination – if you have any concerns please ask us for a detailed itinerary of your chosen trip.

Suggested itineraries: Each holiday has specific interests – ask for a detailed itinerary when booking. Walking routes are determined each day by walk leaders and are subject to change.

Cornwall

25 October, 1, 15, 29 November 2025, 7, 21 February 2026

England's most popular holiday destination: the towering granite cliffs, golden sandy beaches and atmospheric old fishing ports combine to offer one of Europe's most dramatic coastlines. The well-maintained coastal footpath winds around rugged headlands offering ever-changing scenery and sea views. Our walking holiday country house at St Ives, with its historic buildings and narrow streets, seafood markets and sandy coves, gives access to all that make this corner of Cornwall so special.

Cotswolds

14, 28 November 2025, 16, 23 January, 6, 13 February 2026

Some of England's most scenic walking with medieval churches, country estates, ancient sites and Roman villas. The region is famous for all that is quintessentially English, with traditional stone cottages, handsome manor houses, rolling hills, cornfields and lush green valleys. Walk parts of the Cotswold Way through the very heart of England. Ramble through meadows and past rolling hills along ancient tracks. See stately homes and traditional country market towns. Chipping Campden, Stow-on-the-Wold and Broadway are iconic villages built from golden Cotswold stone, close to our base at Bourton-on-the-Water.

Northern Lake District

7, 21, 28 November, 5 December 2025, 23 January, 6 February 2026

Generations of visitors have been attracted to the outstanding scenery of Derwentwater and surrounds. Walkers of all abilities come to discover this magical landscape of rare natural beauty. Lakeside paths, hills and fells, tranquil wooded valleys, high waterfalls, open moorlands and mountain tarns have inspired poets and artists alike.

Southern Lake District

31 October, 14, 28 November 2025, 6, 20 February 2026

Whatever your interests and walking experience, the Southern Lake District offers something for everyone: Meander past lakes and tarns and visit the Lakeland stone villages of Grasmere and Hawkshead; discover the area's literary connections with William Wordsworth, Arthur Ransome, John Ruskin and Beatrix Potter; walk past abandoned copper mines and slate quarries, evidence of Lakeland's industrial past, which are now beginning to blend in with the landscape. Ride on the scenic narrow-gauge Ravenglass & Eskdale railway, or cruise down Coniston Water on a steam yacht.

Southern Yorkshire Dales 24 October, 21 November, 8 December 2025, 23, 30 January, 6 February 2026

Soak up the wonderful scenery, experience the atmosphere of solitude of the heather moorland, and explore picture postcard villages. A guided walking holiday based in Malhamdale is an ideal way to explore the land of hills and valleys, of waterfalls, caves and rivers known as the Yorkshire Dales. There may be the option to ascend Pen-y-ghent and Ingleborough or enjoy stunning walks in Wharfedale and Ribblesdale. Awe-inspiring Malham Cove was once a waterfall and is now a spot to watch rock climbers scaling the sheer cliffs. Perhaps scramble up the rock chasm of Gordale Scar or admire the more tranquil Janet's Foss waterfall. On your free day perhaps visit nearby Skipton, with its well-preserved medieval castle or the Brontë parsonage in Haworth, or tour White Scar cave, the largest show cave in Britain.

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Western Yorkshire Dales

24 October 2025, 30 January, 13 February 2026

Join a group of like-minded walkers based in the small Cumbrian market town of Sedbergh. This walking holiday is the ideal way to explore the mellow valleys or spectacular and rugged hills of the Yorkshire Dales and the untamed Cumbrian and North Pennine fells. With its picturesque valleys, villages and hills, Yorkshire Dales simply exudes serenity and relaxation. We stay at the foot of the Howgill Fells and have the chance to explore the towns of Wensleydale and Swaledale, made famous by the James Herriot books and TV series.

North York Moors

24 October, 7, 14 November, 5 December 2025, 6, 13, 20 February 2026

Based at Whitby, this 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'.

Northumberland

24, 31 October, 21, 28 November 2025, 30 January, 6, 20 February 2026

A guided walking holiday based at the heart of the historic village of Alnmouth on the North Sea coast with a sweeping sandy beach and a small tidal harbour. The area is fascinating to explore, with its combination of historic castles, the coast, hills, valleys, country lanes and even Hadrian's Wall within an hour's drive. Highlights include the remote wild beauty of the Cheviot Hills, walks along the unspoilt coast to Craster and dramatic Bamburgh Castle, nearby Alnwick Castle (Harry Potter's Hogwarts) and its famous gardens, and two great sightseeing locations and wildlife havens: Holy Island and the Farne Islands.

Derbyshire Dales

31 October, 5 December 2025, 23 January, 6, 20 February 2026

Wonderful and varied walking country is to be found in the very central Derbyshire Dales, in the Peak District National Park. Discover limestone caves, lush valleys and pastures and stone-built villages. The region is very rewarding for walkers, whether through Dove Dale, with its eye-opening rock formations, or along the ancient and modern trails, looking down across the Cheshire Plain and into Wales. Charming villages, pubs and tea shops and former industrial relics add to the landscape, including textile mills, canals and tin or slate mines.

Exmoor

14, 21 November 2025, 6, 13 February 2026

Experience the best of Exmoor – dramatic coastline, high sea cliffs, wild moorland, rolling hills covered with heather, wooded combs and valleys cutting steeply into the landscape, ruined medieval villages, Iron Age settlements, and prehistoric barrows. Visit the locations made famous by the tale of *Lorna Doone* and the poets Coleridge and Southey, and perhaps see the ponies or famous red deer on Exmoor and the Quantock Hills. Vibrant yellow gorse and wild purple heather blanket the countryside in season. Selworthy Beacon, with its extensive views, is nearby, and Dunkery Beacon, the highest point on Exmoor, is easily accessible. Based near the picturesque village of Selworthy at a historic country house, this guided walking tour is an ideal way to explore the contrasting scenery – high moorland and rugged coastline – of the Exmoor National Park.

South Downs

7, 14 November 2025, 30 January, 20 February 2026

The South Downs Way is one of the most enjoyed of England's National Trails, following the crest of the Downs, with panoramic views over the spectacular Sussex coast and the wooded landscape of the Weald. Here we find a history that goes back to Iron Age forts; there are picturesque, timeless, quintessentially English villages and displays of woodlands and hedgerows that are constantly changing and alive. Here are the dens of badgers, nests of squirrels, hides of deer and a host of native and migratory birds. The pinnacle for many on this week of walking is the dramatic chalky white cliffs of Beachy Head that face off defiantly against past invaders from France.



Isle of Wight

1, 8, 15, 22 November 2025, 7, 14 February 2026

The Isle of Wight is a delightful haven away from the bustle of the mainland, easily reached by ferry. Its size, 25 miles long by 15 miles wide, makes it perfect for a week of exploration on foot. We walk on chalk downs and beautiful coastal paths, follow in the footsteps of writers Tennyson, JB Priestley and Lewis Carroll, and trace Queen Victoria's long connection with the island. Freshwater Bay is an idyllic seaside cove beneath the stunning chalk cliffs of Tennyson Down with beautiful coastal and downland walks right on the doorstep of Freshwater Bay House.

Wales Brecon Beacons

14, 28 November 2025, 6, 20 February 2026

The lofty sandstone summits of the Brecon Beacons loom above scattered hill farms across the border from rural England and the River Wye. Experienced walkers will love the rugged walking along ridges and edges, and across expansive moorland hills in the Brecon Beacons (Bannau Brycheiniog) National Park. The less-seasoned walker can explore natural forests, picturesque rivers and placid canals, or discover Waterfall Country in the south.

Welsh Borders & Shropshire

21 November, 5 December 2025, 23, 30 January, 6, 20 February 2026

The attractive small town of Church Stretton, friendly and welcoming to walkers, is an ideal base from which to explore the rolling Shropshire Hills, an *Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty*, and the Welsh Borders. There are wonderful walks to the Long Mynd, Caer Caradoc and Ragleth Hill direct from Church Stretton, whilst travelling a little further afield there is a great range of walks in the Shropshire Hills and Welsh borderlands. After the arrival of the railway, in the Victorian and Edwardian eras, Church Stretton and surrounds became known as 'Little Switzerland' due to the dramatic hills on both sides of the valley. The town retains the charm of a bygone era.

Scottish Highlands

1, 8, 15, 22 November 2025

Stay in the remote and spectacular West Highlands beneath the highest mountain in Britain, Ben Nevis. Explore exhilarating sea lochs, narrow mountain ridges, wooded glens and fast-flowing salmon streams. The area offers some of the best mountain walking in Britain, and there are many rewarding easier walks: the Nevis Gorge and Steall Falls, the Isle of Lismore or the zigzags of the Devil's Staircase built in 1751 after the Jacobite risings. This is not just a wilderness – for those with a sense of history Glen Coe has a dark past and a visit to the nearby Visitors Centre and site of the famous massacre of the MacDonalds by English forces is very humbling.



Other destinations for **Outdoor Travel** winter walking holidays include the **Portuguese Algarve** and **Alentejo, Andalucia** and the **Alpujarras** in **Spain**, and the Mediterranean islands of **Cyprus** and **Malta**.

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