

# WALKING HOLIDAYS IN THE UK

2024

# **ENGLAND - SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES - MALHAMDALE**

8-day / 7-night centre-based at Newfield Hall - one-hotel guided walking tour





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 a land of hills and valleys, of waterfalls, caves and rivers known as the Yorkshire Dales. On this guided walking holiday, there is a chance to ascend Pen-y-ghent and Ingleborough or enjoy stunning walks in Wharfedale and Ribblesdale. Aweinspiring Malham Cove was once a waterfall and is now a spot to watch rock climbers scaling the sheer cliffs. You may like to scramble up the rock chasm of Gordale Scar or perhaps 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.

**Cost from:** \$2695 per person twin share Single room supplement on request.

**2024 Departures:** 8, 22 March, 5, 19, 26 April, 24, 31 May, 7 June, 5, 12, 19, 26 July,

2, 9, 16, 23 August, 6, 13, 27 September, 18 October, 8, 22 November

**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 associated with the

walks.

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

**Accommodation:** Retaining its 19<sup>th</sup> Century grandeur **Newfield Hall** is our most stately Country House. With

excellent accommodation and facilities, extensive grounds and heated indoor swimming pool, it is also one of our most popular locations for guided walking holidays. Ask about

Premium rooms (for a supplement).







**Trip Grading:** Moderate to long distances, mostly on well-defined paths, though some routes are over rough, rocky terrain in remote countryside. Most walks will have sections over steeper terrain and some may require sustained ascents and descents. Easier walks 10-13km with up to 400m of ascent, medium walks 11-17km with up to 560m of ascent, harder walks 16-22km 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

Arrival day – plan to arrive at your accommodation mid-afternoon.

## Day 2: Airton and the River Aire

A circular walk exploring the Aire Valley, visiting the villages of Airton, Malham and Kirkby Malham with its 15<sup>th</sup> Century church, the 'Cathedral of the Dales'. The harder walk also ascends the moor to the superb viewpoint of Weets Top for extensive views of the limestone landscape.

## Day 3: Wharfedale, Simon's Seat and Bolton Abbey

Highlights of our walk along Wharfedale are the ruins of Bolton Abbey, a 12<sup>th</sup> Century priory, and the Strid, a dangerous, fast-flowing river in a narrow ravine. On some routes we visit the limestone gorge of Trollers Gill and cross high moorland to Simon's Seat, where we can see as far as the North York Moors on a clear day.

## Day 4: Free day

Free day, no organised walks. Perhaps explore the amazing rock formations of White Scar Cave; visit the Brontë parsonage in Haworth; or enjoy a ride on a scenic railway over the iconic Ribblehead viaduct.

## Day 5: Upper Wharfedale and Kettlewell

We walk on varying routes to Hubberholme and its ancient church, with a 16<sup>th</sup> Century rood screen and furniture by Robert Thompson – 'the Mouseman of Kilburn'. Some routes continue up the hillside for extensive views down the dale or ascend Scar House and to the summit of Buckden Pike. All walks end in the charming, quiet village of Kettlewell, which has some lovely tearooms for afternoon refreshment.

## Day 6: Ribblesdale and Pen-y-ghent

Magnificent views are on offer, whether you choose to walk over the rolling hills to Feizor then alongside the River Ribble to Settle; follow the Pennine and Ribble Ways from and back to Horton-in-Ribblesdale with views of the arched Ribblehead viaduct and the Three Peaks; or ascend via Churn Milk Hole to the summit of Pen-y-ghent.

#### Day 7: Wharfedale and The Dales Way

Experience the beauty of Wharfedale on this walk through quintessential English Dales countryside. Walks follow the Wharfe, cross moorland and scramble over limestone outcrops or traverse the limestone escarpment. All routes utilise the Dales Way on the final stretch into picturesque Grassington.

#### Day 8: Departure day

Tour ends after breakfast.







**Outdoor Travel** offers walking holidays in many parts of the UK, Ireland and in Europe. Popular is Wainwright's challenging **Coast-to-Coast** trail, the **Lake District**, or the **West Highland Way** in Scotland.

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