


3 Night Choir & Walking in the Peak District

Trip style:

Destination:  Peak District

Trip code: POP03-MSU05

Grades: .il 1

Carbon Footprint:  48kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

These brand-new breaks mix daily singing sessions with guided walks in the great outdoors. Designed to get you and your fellow choirmates singing from the same sheet, you'll enjoy fun daily singing lessons led by an expert vocal coach as well as guided half-day walks in the stunning countryside surrounding our country houses. Learn how to hit the high notes of classic and modern songs in a no-pressure, friendly environment and have fun while doing something you love. You don't even need to be able to read music as each session is suitable for everyone from beginners to seasoned singers.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Working with talented vocal coach, Su Grainger
- Singing and socialising in a supportive and friendly environment
- Meeting like-minded people who love to sing and walk
- Learning a range of modern, classic, and iconic songs
- Enjoying short guided walks in the great outdoors

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Comfortable en-suite accommodation in our country house
- Cream tea on arrival day
- Cooked or continental breakfast every morning
- Daily packed lunches
- Three-course evening meals, plus tea & coffee
- All music and other resources
- HF Holidays Leader
- Easy-to-follow routes, maps, and information available in our Discovery Point if you want to explore independently

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Day 2-3: Choir and Walking

During your choir holiday, you'll come together in the mornings to practice singing under the guidance of your choirmaster. Our singing sessions have been crafted to suit a range of abilities and both absolute beginners and seasoned singers are welcome. There's no expectation of you to be able to sight-read sheet music, just turn up and sing – it's all about taking part and having fun. In the afternoons, we'll take to the great outdoors and enjoy a guided walk from the front door of our country house. Led by one of our experienced HF Holidays Leaders, we'll explore the very best of the surrounding countryside. For more details about the walks, please view the Walks Information below. In the evening, you'll regroup for another short singing session before dinner. On the final night, there'll be an option to take part in an informal performance, or you can choose to simply sit back and enjoy watching your fellow guests sing live.

Walks Information:

Day 2 - Ilam Distance: 4 miles (6.5km) Ascent: 400 feet (120m) In summary: Taking a route round iconic Thorpe Cloud we then cross the River Dove (bridge) and follow pasture land to the unique village of Ilam. There will be plenty of time to explore the grounds of Ilam Hall before returning by the river on the Manifold Way and then ascending back to Thorpe on an old coaching track now the Limestone Way. Highlight: Beautiful Ilam Park with its Hall and the pseudo Alpine village of Ilam.

Day 3 - Tissington Circular Distance: 4½ miles (7km) Ascent: 400 feet (120m) In summary: We walk to Tissington on grassland, through the gates and along the tree lined Avenue. After time to look round the village the walk returns on the Tissington Trail (former London and North Western railway) to the site of Thorpe station Highlight: The charming estate village of Tissington, home of the FitzHerbert family for over 500 years.

The Peveril of the Peak

Named after Sir Walter Scott's Peak District-set novel, this characterful country house is less than a mile from the famous Dovedale Stepping Stones and on the doorstep of Thorpe Cloud - a cone-shaped limestone hill that offers impressive views over the rolling green landscape that forms the Staffordshire/Derbyshire border. Both are easily accessible from the rear of the property. There are plenty of big-name walking destinations nearby including the Roaches, the impressive Stanage Edge, and the Twelve Apostles - a group of rock spires best viewed from the limestone promontory known as Lover's Leap.

A warm welcome

We want you to feel comfortable from the moment you arrive. You'll find a welcome pack in your room with guest registration forms, menus, order forms for dinners and picnic lunches, the Wi-Fi password, and the front door code. Our houses are locked at night, so we recommend noting the Duty Manager's number on arrival in case of an emergency (or getting locked out).

Evening entertainment

While evening entertainment varies from house to house, HF Holidays Inter-House Quiz night held after dinner on Wednesdays is a weekly staple. Your HF Holidays leader may be around for tips on guided and self-guided walking routes as well as visit-worthy local attractions.

Walks talks

Our HF Holidays walk leaders host guided walking information briefings before dinner on guided walking holiday arrival days. This is followed by a group Walks Talk for information on the following day's guided walks (held before dinner every evening). Self-guided walking guests are, of course, welcome.

The walking day

Prior to setting off on guided walks, your HF Holidays Leader will run you through a short safety briefing. There's also an up-to-date weather forecast on display at the house to ensure you have appropriate clothing and footwear. If you choose to do your own walks or are on a self-guided walking holiday, we ask that you please complete an Independent Walker Card each day. These can be found near the Discovery Point in the house.