

3 Night HF Choir in the Southern Yorkshire Dales

Trip style:

Destination:  Yorkshire Dales

Trip code: MDL03-MSN05

Carbon Footprint:  48kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Led by Su Grainger, an experienced singer, workshop leader, and vocal coach who has built a career on coaxing every sort of singer to take their performance to the next level, our choir holidays focus on modern classics and iconic songs. Run as a series that ends with a final performance, these nurturing and fun sessions are a superb way to boost your confidence and challenge your vocal cords. Everyone is welcome. All that's needed is an open mind and the desire to put in your best efforts.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Working with talented vocal coach, Su Grainger
- Singing and socialising in a supportive and friendly environment
- Meeting guests of all vocal ranges and abilities
- Learning a range of modern classics and iconic songs
- Spending your afternoons practising or exploring the local area
- Connecting with new people, especially if you are a solo traveller

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

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

Check-in at the hotel is available from 16:00. If you are a member you can arrive at the house from 14:00. Enjoy a complimentary cream tea at 16:30 and meet other guests.

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. Free afternoons give you the chance to practice independently or explore the stunning surroundings of our country house. In the evening, you'll regroup for another short singing session before dinner. On the final night, they'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 - Eshton Moor and Haw Crag
Distance: 4 miles (6.5km)
Ascent: 500 feet (140m)
In summary: This circular walk explores the Pennine Way south before going over Eshton Moor and descending fields to the River Aire, then field paths ascend gently to Haw Crag before the return to Newfield Hall.
Highlight: Good views of the local area, including Newfield Hall, from the top of Haw Crag (677 feet).

Day 3 - Airton and the Pennine Way
Distance: 4 miles (6.5km)
Ascent: 330 feet (100m)
In summary: After following lanes to Calton, we cross fields to the Pennine Way and pick up the old mill leat to Airton. After exploring the village we return to Newfield Hall via Kirk Syke Lane.
Highlight: Visit the 17th-century village of Airton and spend time looking for dippers on the River Aire.

Day 4: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

Newfield Hall

Looking every inch the baronial mansion, Newfield Hall sits in two acres of grounds near the village of Malham at the southern base of Yorkshire Dales National Park. Given it was this very landscape which inspired Wordsworth to write a sonnet and Charles Kingsley to pen *The Water Babies*, the countryside views are as gorgeous as you'd imagine. You'll also have plenty of sightseeing greats within easy travelling distance, most notably Malham Tarn, Janet's Foss, Gordale Scar, Malham Cove, and The Dry Valley of the Watlowes. And then, of course, there's Yorkshire's famous trio of summits: Pen-y-ghent, Whernside, and Ingleborough, collectively known as the three peaks. Stay at Newfield Hall and experience the exceptional service of a VisitEngland ROSE award winner. Find out more about the latest accolade awarded to our country house in the Southern Yorkshire Dales by reading our latest blog.

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.