

3 Night Improve Your Bridge Holiday in the Southern Yorkshire Dales

Trip style:

Destination: 📍 Yorkshire Dales

Trip code: MDL03-BRI05



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Stay in the comfort of our characterful country houses and learn all the tips and tricks you need to improve your bridge game. Led by experienced EBU-qualified directors, you'll enjoy morning bridge sessions and put your new skills to the test with a bit of friendly competition. And when you're not busy playing, there's ample opportunity to head out on self-guided walks in the local area.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Expert tuition from an EBU-qualified Bridge Director
- Learning to improve your bridge game in a relaxed and friendly environment
- Being surrounded by the stunning landscape of the Southern Yorkshire Dales
- Exploring the local area
- Optional evening bridge competitions
- Staying in the comfort of our country house

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All bridge-related materials
- 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
- Easy-to-follow routes, maps, and information available in our Discovery Point if you want to explore independently

TRIP SUITABILITY

This Bridge holiday has been created for anyone who is already familiar with the subjects covered in our previous Bridge holidays.

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 in 2026. Enjoy a complimentary cream tea at 16:30 and meet other guests. There will be an optional evening bridge competition on the first night, starting from 5pm and breaking for dinner.

Day 2-3: Improve your Bridge

Mornings We start each morning with a seminar from your tutor, who will take you through the basics of Bridge. During your holiday you'll get to understand a variety of new terms and concepts to help you learn the game. Each Improve your Bridge holiday will cover different topics. In 2026, the topics are as follows: 09 February at Abingworth Hall (South Downs) Overcalling in a suit Overcalling 1NT Weak Jump Overcalls 06 April at Larpool Hall (North York Moors) Defence to 1NT – Landy Bidding 4-4-4-1 hands 1NT double escape 23 March at Newfield Hall (Southern Yorkshire Dales) The Power Double Doubling for penalties 26 October at Harrington House (The Cotswolds) Defence – leads, signals, and discards Defence – 2nd and 3rd hand play Defence – card placement 30 November at Peveril of the Peak (Peak District) Declarer play techniques in NT Declarer play techniques in a trump suit Listen to the Auction **Afternoon** Our Discovery Points help you make the most out of your afternoon free time. There's plenty of maps and a selection of the best local walking routes, details about other places to visit as well as weather forecasts and public transport options. **Evenings** Each evening at 5pm your Bridge holiday continues with optional evening games, with a break for a fabulous 3-course dinner and coffee.

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.