

4 Night Choir & Walking in the Southern Yorkshire Dales

Trip style:

Destination:  Yorkshire Dales

Trip code: MDL04-MSU05

Grades: 1

Carbon Footprint:  70kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

These breaks mix daily singing sessions with guided walks in the great outdoors. Designed to get you and your fellow choir mates 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 guests of all vocal ranges and abilities
- Learning a range of modern classics and iconic songs
- Enjoying short 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 lunch
- 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 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 2-4: Choir & Walking

Our days begin with a morning walk from the front door of the house. Led by one of our experienced HF Holidays Leaders, we'll explore the stunning surrounds of our country houses and be back by lunchtime. Your optional walks will take you out to explore the countryside surrounding your HF country house, and the options are outlined below. Later, you'll come together 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. Evenings give you the option of taking part in an informal performance or simply sitting back with a drink to enjoy watching your fellow guests sing live.

Walk 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 & 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 Calton Distance: 4 miles (6.5km) Ascent: 400 feet (120m) In summary: After walking along a quiet country lane, we pass Calton Hall and visit the hamlet of Calton. We then have the chance to cross open fields near Cowper Cote with views to the south, before returning to Newfield Hall. Highlight: Enjoy fine views and learn of the areas links to Oliver Cromwell.

Day 5: 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, Wharfedale, 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.