

7 Night Shropshire Hills Self-Guided Member Break

Trip style: Member breaks

Destination:  Shropshire Hills

Trip code: CHS07-MBR06

Grades: ul 1, 2, 3 & 4



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

The Shropshire Hills are a walker's paradise, and this exclusive member-only break is a great way to discover this much-loved National Landscape at your own pace. With a rich landscape of open countryside, ancient woodlands, and peaceful valleys and meadows, there's plenty to impress walkers. Choose from a range of carefully researched self-guided routes that reward with big-name attractions, picturesque villages, and historic towns. And with our comfortable country house as a base, you've the flexibility and freedom to do as much or as little as you please.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Discovering the immense beauty of the Shropshire Hills on foot
- Soaking up views of grass-topped hills and untouched woodland
- Visiting picturesque market towns and villages
- Learning more about this National Landscape
- Making use of our detailed route notes and recommendations
- Staying at Longmynd House in Church Stretton

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
- HF Holidays Leaders
- Easy-to-follow routes, maps, and information available in our Discovery Point if you want to explore independently
- Discount on your bar bill (UK country houses only)

TRIP SUITABILITY

Explore at your own pace and choose the best walk for your pace and ability.

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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 2-7: Laid Back Walks

Our easiest routes, allowing plenty of time to savour the magnificent Shropshire landscapes. All our walk notes suggest the best places to stop, great pubs, and tea rooms. Pole Bank - 1½ miles Exploring the Carding Mill Valley - 4½ miles The Stiperstones - 3 miles The Gaerstones - 4 miles Welshpool & Powis Castle - 4 miles

Day 2-7: Leg Stretcher Walks

Some longer walks which start to venture onto the Shropshire Hills. Experience the beauty of this rural county as you walk through stunning scenery. Around Ragleth - 5 miles Stiperstones Circuit - 5½ miles Slopes of Caer Caradoc - 6 miles Long Mynd & Carding Mill Valley - 6½ miles

Day 2-7: Full on Walks

For those who enjoy striding out. These walks include some of the hills within easy reach of Church Stretton. Ragleth & Hope Bowdler Hill - 9 miles Long Mynd & Minton Hill - 9 miles Caer Caradoc - 9 miles Bishop's Moat - 9 miles Caer Caradoc & the Lawley - 11 miles Grand Long Mynd Circuit - 17 miles

Day 8: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

Longmynd Hotel

For rural calm in the Shropshire Hills National Landscape, the location of this characterful country house is hard to top. Set in a wooded hillside just a short stroll from the market town of Church Stretton (nicknamed Little Switzerland for its picturesque landscape), you'll be within walking or driving distance of the Stiperstones, Caer Caradoc, Ironbridge Valley of Invention, and the historic towns of Ludlow and Shrewsbury. And then, of course, there's the Long Mynd itself – an area of registered common land that has been cared for by a group of farmers (the self-named commoners) who have grazed sheep and ponies here for generations.

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.