

# 7 Night Southern Yorkshire Dales Discovery Tour

**Trip style:**

**Destination:**  Yorkshire Dales

**Trip code:** MDL07-HCR05

**Carbon Footprint:**  118kg CO2



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

There's plenty to look forward to on our 7-night Southern Yorkshire Dales Discovery Tour. You'll walk around the ruins and parkland of UNESCO-listed Fountains Abbey, visit the Roman spa town of Harrogate, and explore York's showstealing attractions. There's also time to stop by Brontë Parsonage, former home of the Brontë sisters, and admire the massive limestone formations at Malham Cove.

## WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Spending time in the historic city of York
- Marvelling at the impressive limestone formations of Malham Cove
- Discovering the charming spa town of Harrogate
- Visiting UNESCO-listed Fountains Abbey
- Exploring the Brontë Parsonage Museum
- Staying in the comfort of our country house

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Entrance to Brontë Parsonage Museum, Guided Tour of Saltaire Village and York Minster
- 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
- Guided sightseeing with an experienced HF Holidays Leader
- All transport to and from sites of interest
- Easy-to-follow routes, maps, and information in our Discovery Point if you want to explore independently

**Please note** - Entrance fees are not included. See More Info tab for details.

## TRIP SUITABILITY

### Trip suitability

Our Discovery holidays give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture of the local area through **active sightseeing**.

On each Discovery day, you will be walking throughout the course of the day as you explore the venues and locations we visit. You'll also be hopping on and off the coach throughout - you should expect to spend the majority of the day on your feet. Most of this walking will be at attractions but some may be across country tracks or footpaths so be sure to **bring sturdy shoes**. There will also be stairs to climb in the majority of the venues you visit, though other more accessible options may be available. At some venues, there may also be uneven surfaces, such as cobbles or rocky paths.

## 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.

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### **Day 2:** AROUND MALHAM

The week begins by getting to know the local area around our country house. First, we'll venture out to Malham village before stopping by the spectacular Malham Cove. There's a short stop at Kirkby Malham followed by a few hours to explore the charming market town of Skipton. We'll round off our day with a visit to Bolton Abbey.

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### **Day 3:** ILKLEY & HAREWOOD HOUSE

This morning is packed with nostalgia as we visit Ilkley Toy Museum (entrance included), home to a huge range of toys and games spanning the centuries, from Ancient Greece up to the present day. Our afternoon is spent at one of England's Treasure Houses, Harewood House (entrance included). As well as the house, there are acres of gardens, parkland, and woodland to explore.

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### **Day 4:** Free Day - Southern Yorkshire Dales

Discover more about Newfield Hall and the local area for ideas on how to make the most of your free day.

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### **Day 5:** FOUNTAINS ABBEY & GRASSINGTON

Today we venture to the ancient ruins and elegant gardens at Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Water Garden (payable locally, free entrance for National Trust members). The parkland and ruins are a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, and rightly so. The two parts come together to create a spectacular landscape. Later, we'll stop off at the market town of Grassington which starts as the village of Darrowby in All Creatures Great & Small, and home to a vibrant community in its own right.

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### **Day 6:** HAWORTH & SALTAIRE

We'll delve deeper into the heritage of the Yorkshire Dales today with a visit to Haworth where we visit the Brontë Parsonage Museum (entrance included) which was home to the famous literary family for over 40 years. We then continue to Saltaire, a hub of industrial heritage. We'll tour the area on foot in the company of a specialist guide (included) before enjoying some time at Salts Mill to round off the day.

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### **Day 7:** HARROGATE & YORK

We'll begin your final day with a visit to the mighty and historic city of York where there is so much to see and do. We shall start with a group visit to York Minster (entrance included, if you want to visit the tower this is payable locally) before enjoying some free time in the city. In the afternoon we'll continue on to the market town of Harrogate, home

of Bettys Tea Room and plenty more besides.

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**Day 8:** Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

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## 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.