

Autumn Craft Weekend in the Southern Yorkshire Dales

Trip style:**Destination:**  Yorkshire Dales**Trip code:** MDL03-ACW05**Carbon Footprint:**  49kg CO2

HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Be inspired by the beauty of autumn with a creative crafting getaway at one of our cosy country houses. Guided by talented local artisans, you'll create seasonal crafts that take inspiration from the rich hues and textures of the season. And when you're not busy getting crafty, you can explore the Southern Yorkshire Dales using our easy-to-follow self-guided walking routes. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crafter, this weekend offers the perfect opportunity to indulge in your love of crafting surrounded by some of the UK's most spectacular scenery.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Welcoming the change of season with autumn inspired crafts
- Benefiting from the knowledge and skills of local artisans who will guide you through each craft activity.
- Sharing inspiration and ideas with fellow crafters
- Having a dedicated workspace for the duration of your stay
- Getting into the creative spirit with like-minded guests

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
- Expert tuition
- 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: Arm Knitted Pumpkins

You will be allocated a morning or afternoon session with our festive craft tutor and spend time making your very own knitted pumpkin. All materials and tuition will be provided. The rest of the time is free for you to do as you please. You're free to craft from morning 'til night if you wish to bring your own craft project to work on, or if you prefer, explore the surrounding area on one of our self-guided walks.

Day 3: Decorating Jesmonite Jars

You will be allocated a morning or afternoon session with our festive craft tutor and spend time decorating jesmonite jars. All materials and tuition will be provided. The rest of the time is free for you to do as you please. You're free to craft from morning 'til night if you wish to bring your own craft project to work on, or if you prefer, explore the surrounding area on one of our self-guided walks.

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, 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.