

Christmas Markets & Winter Walking in the Peak District

Trip style: Festive breaks

Destination:  Peak District

Trip code: POP03-CMX01

Grades: ul 2, 3 & 4

Carbon Footprint:  50kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Add an extra sprinkling of magic to your winter. Our Christmas Markets & Winter Walking breaks combine a choice of guided walks in the Peak District with visits to some of the best festive experiences in Britain.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Exploring the winter landscapes of the Peak District on foot
- A choice of guided walks with our experienced HF Holidays Leaders
- Admiring Chatsworth House in its full festive splendour
- Getting into the festive spirit at Chatsworth's Christmas market
- Exploring this stately home and setting for many a TV period drama
- Staying at Peveril of the Peak, our country house in the Peak District

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Entry to Chatsworth House
- En-suite accommodation in our 3-star country house
- Cream tea on arrival day
- Cooked or continental breakfast every morning
- Daily packed lunches
- Three-course evening meals, plus tea & coffee
- Guided walking with experienced HF Holidays Leaders
- Choice of up to three guided walks (on walking days)
- All transport to and from walks where necessary
- Easy-to-follow routes, maps, and information 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: Christmas at Chatsworth

Spend the day exploring Chatsworth House at this very special time of year. Expect Christmas shopping, carol singers, yuletide treats, and this grand stately home at its festive best.

Day 3: Dovedale

Day 4: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

The Peveril of the Peak

Named after Sir Walter Scott's Peak District-set novel, this characterful country house is less than a mile from the famous Dovedale Stepping Stones and on the doorstep of Thorpe Cloud - a cone-shaped limestone hill that offers impressive views over the rolling green landscape that forms the Staffordshire/Derbyshire border. Both are easily accessible from the rear of the property. There are plenty of big-name walking destinations nearby including the Roaches, the impressive Stanage Edge, and the Twelve Apostles - a group of rock spires best viewed from the limestone promontory known as Lover's Leap.

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.