

# Cleveland Way Coastal Section Guided Trail Holiday

**Trip style:** Guided trails

**Destination:** 📍 North York Moors

**Trip code:** WYLCC-

**Grades:** 1, 3

**Carbon Footprint:** 🌱 160kg CO2



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Explore North Yorkshire's spectacular coastline as you walk the seafront section of the Cleveland Way. Starting in the charming seaside town of Filey and ending in Saltburn, this guided holiday showcases dramatic cliffs, sandy bays, and coastal villages steeped in maritime history. Weave your way along clifftop paths, past characterful former fishermen's cottages and visit a host of iconic landmarks along the way. Highlights include ghostly ruins of

Whitby Abbey, the quaint fishing villages of Staithes and Robin Hood's Bay, plus Runswick Bay – a beautiful curve of sandy shoreline, recognised as one of Britain's best beaches.

## WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Completing the coastal section of the Cleveland Way
- Walking along dramatic coastline
- Visiting the iconic ruins of Whitby Abbey
- Soaking up views over Runswick Bay and visiting Robin Hood's Bay
- Discovering the region's diverse flora, fauna and wildlife
- A more personalised experience thanks to small group sizes (maximum 15 people)

## 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
- Guided walks with an experienced HF Holidays Leader
- All transport to and from walks where necessary

## TRIP SUITABILITY

This Guided Walking Hiking Trail is graded 3 which involves walks/hikes on good paths, though often quite a distance each day. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the relevant fitness required to join this holiday. Your fitness We want you to be confident that you can meet the demands of each walking day and get the most out of your holiday. Please be sure you can manage the mileage and ascent detailed in the daily itineraries. It is important for your own enjoyment, and that of your fellow guests that you can maintain the pace. It makes a lot of sense to spend time getting some additional exercise before your holiday. We suggest that you try to fit in a number of longer walks, including some on hilly terrain. Other exercises such as cycling, jogging and swimming are also excellent for developing increased stamina.

## 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:** Filey Brigg To Scarborough

Leaving Filey, we pass the sculpture that marks both the start of our trail & also the start/end of the Wolds Way. Gentle walking along low cliffs eventually brings us to Cayton Bay with its popular surfing beach, the first of several fine beaches we will pass on our trail. An undulating path through woodland & along cliff tops brings us to Scarborough, Britain's first seaside resort. We descend to sea level as we walk along the promenade of South Bay, passing the towering Grand Hotel, once the largest hotel in Europe. From South Bay we climb up onto the headland, with views up to the castle, to visit Anne Bronte's grave. From there we descend to the quieter North Bay to finish our day. 10 miles (16km) with 1,050 feet (320m) of ascent

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### **Day 3:** Scarborough To Ravenscar

We leave Scarborough along the promenade of North Bay with its brightly coloured beach huts. At Scalby Mills a short climb up onto the cliffs brings pleasant walking with fine views up and down the coast. We descend into the woodland of Hayburn Wyke with a chance to see the waterfall that falls directly onto the beach. A steep climb out of the Wyke leads to a path that ascends gently all the way to Ravenscar, the Town That Never Was. On the way we pass an old wartime radar station and at Beast Cliff we may be able to spot highland cattle grazing far below us on the undercliff. 10 miles (16km) with 1,400 feet (430m) of ascent

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### **Day 4:** Free Day - North York Moors

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

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### **Day 5:** Ravenscar To Whitby

From Ravenscar, perched high up on the cliff, we drop down to visit the remains of an old alum production site. From there we make our way to the old fishing & smuggling village of Robin Hood's Bay with its winding passageways. We now climb up onto cliffs that stretch almost unbroken to our eventual destination of Saltburn. For the first few miles our path is shared with Alfred Wainwright's Coast To Coast path, before continuing on the Cleveland Way, with wonderful views along the cliffs. After passing High Whitby lighthouse Whitby Abbey soon comes into view to show us the way into Whitby itself. We descend the 199 Church Stairs before a walk through the cobbled streets past several jet shops. 11.5 miles (18.5km) with 1,400 feet (430m) of ascent

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### **Day 6:** Whitby To Port Mulgrave

Leaving Whitby, we pass the Whalebone Arch and the statue commemorating Captain James Cook before a walk along the newly renovated promenade. We walk on to Sandsend before a disused railway line leads us to a steep, stepped climb up to the cliff tops once more. After passing the hamlet of Kettleless, we descend to the mysterious

Hob Holes and cross the beach to the picturesque Runswick Bay. A further climb takes us back up again for a final walk to Port Mulgrave, an old ironstone port. 12 miles (19.5km) with 1,200 feet (360m) of ascent

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### **Day 7:** Port Mulgrave To Saltburn

Our final day starts with a short walk along the cliff tops to Staithes, another fishing village tucked into a narrow valley to protect it from the fierce North Sea. From sea level we climb up to the highest point on England's east coast, the 666ft (200m) high Boulby Cliff with its panoramic views and abandoned alum works half way down the cliff. We descend once again to sea level to the old ironstone mining village of Skinningrove, before a final climb takes us past the Charm Bracelet sculpture, before a final descent to the elegant Victorian seaside resort of Saltburn-By-The-Sea with its pier, the only one on the Yorkshire coast. 11.5 miles (18.5km) with 1,300 feet (400m) of ascent

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### **Day 8:** Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

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## Larpool Hall

Given that the Yorkshire coast never loses its capacity to enchant, it's easy to see the appeal of this Grade II-listed house overlooking the Esk Valley and the North Sea. The setting is perfect; in the former fishing town of Whitby that's best known for its fish and chips, quaint harbour, and Dracula connections (Irish author Bram Stoker drew his inspiration for his Gothic novel when holidaying here in 1890). You'll have all the sightseeing greats within walking or driving distance, including the 13th century Whitby Abbey, the wonderful Whitby Sands, and the 199 Steps leading up to the old St. Mary's Church (it's customary to count them as you climb). Not only are the North York Moors right on your doorstep, but the walk along Cleveland Way to Robin Hood's Bay is rather special, too.

### **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.