

3 Night Peak District Discovery Tour

Trip style:

Destination: 📍 Peak District

Trip code: POP03-HCR05

Carbon Footprint: 🌿 67kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Tick-off a selection of Peak District highlights with a three-night discovery tour. You'll uncover the warts-and-all history of Eyam and its battle against the Great Plague in 1665 and spend time in beautiful villages including leafy Tissington and the charming waterside hamlet of Castleton.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Exploring a selection of Peak District highlights
- Learning about the Peak District's industrial heritage
- Spending time in Castleton, the charming village crowned by Peveril Castle
- Discovering the dark history of Eyam and the Great Plague
- Visiting the remarkable Haddon Hall
- Staying in the comfort of our country house

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 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 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 information 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.

Day 2: Dovedale, Ilam & Haddon Hall

After a morning stroll around Dovedale, a short drive this morning brings us to the pseudo-alpine village of Ilam where we can take a gentle walk through the wooded grounds of Ilam Hall before travelling to Haddon Hall, arguably the best-preserved Medieval manor house in the country with some stunning medieval and Elizabethan interiors, and small but exquisite gardens.

Day 3: Dambusters & Plague in Eyam

Today, we hover on the boundary of the Dark and White Peaks as we arrive in Castleton. We'll spend a short while here before venturing north to Derwent Dams, famous today for their connection to the heroic RAF 617 squadron, a.k.a. the Dambusters. In the afternoon, we travel on to Eyam, one of the places worst-affected by the Black Death in the 17th century.

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.

Safety Information - Discovery Tours/Discover More Tours

The itinerary may be changed for safety reasons. Leaders always consider the safety of the group as a whole and may need to alter or curtail the planned itinerary for the day if circumstances dictate. Your leader may refuse to accept a guest if fitness requirements are in doubt, or if clothing, equipment and behaviour are unsuitable. In the event of a problem all leaders carry a mobile phone and first aid kit. Please note: If you choose to leave the group your leader is no longer responsible for you. If you have a particular health condition or disability please put this on your guest registration form. This information will be confidential to your leaders and the house manager, but leaders do need to take account of any issues when planning. Please carry a copy of these trip notes with you, or note down the contact phone number for your accommodation (details in the travel section) should you need them in case of emergency.

Packing list - Discovery Tours

The UK has a famously unpredictable climate so it's best to be prepared for weather that's sunny one minute and raining the next. To make it easier, here's a list of items you should consider packing. Essentials Suitable, sturdy footwear with a good grip. You'll be on your feet for much of the day Waterproof jacket Waterproof overtrousers Sunhat Rucksack Water bottle (at least 1 litre capacity) Sunscreen Mobile phone UV sunglasses Recommended First aid kit, including plasters Sit mat Waterproof pouch for valuables Rubbish bag (remember to always leave no trace) Wallet/purse Optional extras Walking poles, Flask for hot drinks Durable lunch box Waterproof rucksack liner
