

7 Night Brecon Beacons Christmas & New Year Self-Guided Walking Holiday

Trip style: Self-guided walking

Destination: 📍 Brecon Beacons

Trip code: BRE07-PXA03

Grades: ul 1, 2, 3 & 4

Carbon Footprint: 🌱 154kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Whether it's the frosty footsteps, crisp air, or glorious views, there's something magical about winter walks in Wales. Make this Christmas truly memorable and spend the festive season at Nythfa House – our characterful country property just a 10-minute walk from the market town of Brecon and the winter landscapes of Brecon Beacons (Bannau Brycheiniog) National Park. We pull out all the stops at this time of year and our houses welcome you with

a sprinkling of festive cheer, seasonal food, and plenty of yuletide treats. So wrap up warm and step into Christmas with HF Holidays.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Getting into the festive spirit with a self-guided walking holiday
- Staying in the comfort of our charming country house in Brecon
- Heading out on your choice of winter walks
- The easy-to-follow routes and maps available in our Discovery Point
- Discovering the stunning landscapes of Brecon Beacons (Bannau Brycheiniog) on foot
- A celebration dinner with all the trimmings on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve

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
- Easy-to-follow routes, maps, and information available in our Discovery Point if you want to explore independently

TRIP SUITABILITY

This trip is graded Activity Level 1,2,3 and 4, To make the most of your break use the Discovery Point at Nythfa House - the starting point for your outdoor adventure.

You'll find our recommended walking and cycling routes - detailed route notes for you to borrow contain route maps, and information about the places of interest on the walk. There's also a comprehensive library of local maps and guidebooks.

When you're not walking, there's plenty to do locally. Why not cycle along the Brecon canal, explore the many bookshops in Hay-on-Wye, or go underground at the excellent Big Pit mining museum. See the 'Local Area' tab for further ideas.

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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 2-7: Laid Back Walks

Our easiest selection means walking at a relaxed pace, often stopping and spending time at places of interest along the way. Some are circular walks that start and end on the doorstep of our country house; others require the use of a car. The walks you'll find in our Discovery Point at Nythfa House range from 2 to 3.9 miles and visit popular areas such as Hay-on-Wye and Mynydd Illtud.

Day 2-7: Leg Stretcher Walks

These are a selection of longer walks that allow you to discover local highlights and viewpoints. Walks are available that start and end on the doorstep of the property, along with options for guests travelling by car. The walks you'll find in our Discovery Point at Nythfa House range from 3.5 to 4.5 miles and visit popular areas such as Pen-y-Crug, Twyn y Gaer, and the countryside around Brecon.

Day 2-7: Full on Walks

These walks are ideal for those with more stamina who can push themselves to go that extra mile. The routes require the use of a car, although in some cases public transport is also available as an option. The walks you'll find in our Discovery Point at Nythfa House range from 4.5 miles to 10 miles and visit popular peaks such as Corn Du, Pen Y Fan, and Cribyn.

Day 8: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

Nythfa House

Not many places in the UK outshine Brecon Beacons (Bannau Brycheiniog) National Park when it comes to wide open spaces and walks with incredible views. So it's easy to see the appeal of Nythfa House. With its name meaning 'nesting place' in Welsh, once you settle in you'll never want to leave. Built in 1867 as a private residence, this charming property is perfect for those seeking a rural retreat, yet one which is just a 10-minute walk from the Welsh market town of Brecon. It sits on a hill above The Struet, one of Brecon's oldest and most historic streets, famed for its Charles I connections who visited the town during the English Civil War. Nythfa House also puts you within easy reach of some of the area's show-stealing walking spots, including the Black Mountains, the Mellte Valley, and Pen y Fan - the highest point in the national park at 886 metres. Equally visit-worthy is the Big Pit National Coal Museum in Blaenavon, the National Showcaves Centre for Wales in Abercrave, and the bibliophile's paradise that is Hay-on-Wye. Should time allow, Hereford and Cardiff are both just an hour's drive away.

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.