

7 Night Exmoor Christmas & New Year Self-Guided Walking Holiday

Trip style: Self-guided walking

Destination: 📍 Exmoor

Trip code: SEL07-PXA03

Grades: ul 1, 2, 3 & 4

Carbon Footprint: 🌳 112kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Spend the festive season in Somerset and head out on winter walks that take you through Exmoor National Park. And when you're not busy enjoying wintry scenery along the South West Coast Path, cosy up in Holnicote House – a beacon of Somerset hospitality near the impossibly pretty village of Selworthy. 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 our country house in rural Selworthy
- 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 Exmoor on foot
- A celebration dinner with all the trimmings on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- En-suite accommodation in our 4-star 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 Holnicote 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 visit Lynton and the Valley of Rocks, ride on the West Somerset Railway, or visit a National Trust property. See the 'Local Area' tab for further ideas.

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 2-7: Laid Back Walks

Our easiest routes, allowing plenty of time to savour the beautiful scenery. All our walk notes suggest the best places to stop, great pubs, and tea rooms. Holnicote Estate walk - 1 mile Selworthy Beacon from the car park - 1 mile Dunkery Beacon from the car park - 2 miles Selworthy village - 2 miles Valley of Rocks - 2 miles

Day 2-7: Leg Stretcher Walks

Some longer walks generally on good paths. Experience the beauty of Exmoor as you walk through delightful moorland scenery. Lynmouth to Watersmeet - 4 miles Dunkery Beacon from Webbers Post - 4 miles Selworthy villages walk - 4 miles½ Webbers Post - 5 miles Around Dunster - 5 miles Selworthy Beacon - 5 miles Selworthy Beacon & Hurlstone Point - 6 miles Around Lynton & Watersmeet - 7 miles Sample route

Day 2-7: Full on Walks

For those who enjoy striding out. We've included some longer walks across Exmoor and along the coast. Quantocks circuit - 8 miles Selworthy: coast, views & villages - 9 miles Dunkery Beacon - 9 miles Dunkery Beacon & Horner Water - 12 miles Coast path & East Lyn river - 13 miles

Day 8: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

Holnicote House

There's plenty to look forward to at this beacon of Somerset hospitality near the impossibly pretty village of Selworthy. The location couldn't be more perfect; within rolling-out-of-bed distance from Exmoor National Park and an easy drive from Dunster Castle, Coleridge Cottage, the twin villages of Lynton and Lynmouth, and the sandy delights at Porlock and Minehead. The walking opportunities here are standout, too, not least for the trails around the Quantock Hills, Dunkery Beacon, Bossington, and a section of the England Coast Path that takes you on a glorious journey along the county's coastline.

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.