

# 7 Night North York Moors Christmas & New Year Self-Guided Walking Holiday

**Trip style:** Self-guided walking

**Destination:** 📍 North York Moors

**Trip code:** WBY07-PXA03

**Grades:** ul 1, 2 & 3

**Carbon Footprint:** 🌱 137kg CO2



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Whitby might be better known as a summer destination, but the Yorkshire coast never loses its capacity to enchant. Spend the festive season surrounded by the wintry landscapes of the North York Moors with a stay at Larpool Hall – our characterful country house overlooking the Esk Valley and in easy reach of sightseeing greats like Whitby Abbey. We pull out all the stops at this time of year and 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 charming country house near Whitby
- 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 North York Moors 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 and 3. To make the most of your break use the Discovery Point at Larpool Hall - 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 explore picturesque Whitby, or visit the famous Abbey that inspired Bram Stoker's Dracula

## 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 2-7:** Leg Stretcher Walks (Walking Grades 1 - 3)

These are a selection of longer walks on well-graded paths that allow you to discover local highlights and viewpoints. These routes are often further from the house but still offer walks that start and end on the doorstep of the property, plus options for guests travelling by public transport or car. The walks you'll find in our Discovery Point at Larpool Hall range from 4.5 to 8.5 miles and visit popular areas such as Roseberry Topping, Robin Hood's Bay, and Danby.

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### **Day 2-7:** Full on Walks (Walking Grade 2 - 4)

These walks are ideal for those with more stamina who can push themselves to go that extra mile. Some routes will start from the house, but some may require the use of a car. Public transport may not be possible for every route in this category due to remote locations. The walks you'll find in our Discovery Point at Larpool Hall range from 8.5 to 17.5 miles and visit popular areas such as Cloughton, Staithes, and Glaisdale.

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### **Day 2-7:** Laid Back Walks (Walking Grade 1 - 3)

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 make use of local transport whilst remaining close to the property. The walks you'll find in our Discovery Point at Larpool Hall range from 3 to 7.5 miles and visit popular areas such as Whitby, May Beck, and Grosmont.

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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.