

# HF Book Club in the Southern Yorkshire Dales: Brontë Weekend

**Trip style:**

**Destination:** 📍 Yorkshire Dales

**Trip code:** MDL03-ABC05



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Step into the world of the Brontë sisters with this fascinating book club break in the Southern Yorkshire Dales. Staying in our characterful country house near the village of Malham, you'll explore the works of the famous sisters surrounded by the very same landscapes that inspired them. Discussion groups guided by an expert leader and the company of fellow literature lovers make for an enriching and sociable weekend – ideal for solo travellers seeking friendship-forming experiences as well as book clubs looking for a memorable holiday together.

## WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Meeting like-minded book lovers
- Discussing a variety of literary works
- Staying in the comfort of a HF country house
- Discussion groups with our expert leaders

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Free-flowing literary discussions throughout your holiday
- 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

## 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 2-3:** HF Book Club

During this book club break, your leader team will facilitate discussions about the themes and topics featured in their chosen titles and there'll be an open forum to discuss opinions. There will be free time during the day for you to explore the area independently or stay in the comfort of the HF country house. Reading List Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë Wuthering Heights tells the tumultuous, tragic love story of Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw. Set on the remote Yorkshire moors, the novel explores themes of obsession, vengeance, and social class as Heathcliff's destructive love spirals into madness, affecting everyone around him in a cycle of suffering and passion. The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Brontë The Tenant of Wildfell Hall follows Helen Graham, a woman who flees an abusive marriage to an alcoholic, Arthur Huntingdon. Through her journal and narrative, the novel explores themes of independence, morality, and the struggle for freedom in a rigid, oppressive society, challenging Victorian gender and social norms.

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### **Day 4:** Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

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## Newfield Hall

Looking every inch the baronial mansion, Newfield Hall sits in two acres of grounds near the village of Malham at the southern base of Yorkshire Dales National Park. Given it was this very landscape which inspired Wordsworth to write a sonnet and Charles Kingsley to pen *The Water Babies*, the countryside views are as gorgeous as you'd imagine. You'll also have plenty of sightseeing greats within easy travelling distance, most notably Malham Tarn, Janet's Foss, Gordale Scar, Malham Cove, and The Dry Valley of the Watlowes. And then, of course, there's Yorkshire's famous trio of summits: Pen-y-ghent, Wharfedale, and Ingleborough, collectively known as the three peaks. Stay at Newfield Hall and experience the exceptional service of a VisitEngland ROSE award winner. Find out more about the latest accolade awarded to our country house in the Southern Yorkshire Dales by reading our latest blog.

### **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.