


Peak District Skyline Challenge

Trip style: Challenge walks

Destination:  Peak District

Trip code: DVCHF-3-

Grades: 1, 5



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Prepare for a weekend walking adventure that reveals the Peak District at its scenic best. Part of our all-new HF Holidays Skyline series of guided walks, this trip is perfect for those that want to pack some serious walking into a short period of time. Let our expert leaders guide you and a group of like-minded people through two days of tough-but-rewarding walking in one of Britain's most rugged regions. On Saturday, we'll warm up in the enchanting Dovedale Valley, embracing its limestone peaks and plunging gorges. Sunday presents the ultimate challenge: the strikingly beautiful Edale skyline. Setting out early, we'll conquer Brown Knoll, Mam Tor, Back Tor, Lose Hill, and Win Hill all in one day. This demanding trek promises stunning scenery that makes every stride worthwhile.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- The sense of achievement after completing this Skyline challenge
- Soaking up awe-inspiring Peak District views
- Learning about the geology of the area
- Discovering the history of the region
- Walking with a small group of like-minded walkers
- Taking on two days of challenging mountain walking
- A more personalised experience thanks to small group sizes (maximum 12 people)

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 walks with an experienced HF Holidays Leader
- All transport to and from the walks where necessary
- Easy-to-follow routes, maps, and information 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.

Day 2: Dovedale Skyline

Distance: 10 miles (16km) Ascent: 2,500 feet (760m) Our warm-up walk begins from Peveril of the Peak and heads out to the east side of Dovedale gorge dropping down to the village of Milldale. We'll then venture to Alstonefield before ascending back up the western side of Dovedale gorge and returning to Peveril of the Peak via Bunster Hill.

Day 3: Edale Skyline

Distance: 18½ miles (30km) Ascent: 3,500 feet (1,060m) With a big day ahead of us, we'll make an early start and enjoy an hour's drive to the setting off point of our walk. We'll begin at Ladybower reservoir where there's an ascent to Win Hill. Following the ridge, we'll continue to Crookstone Hill, joining the skyline route above Edale. We'll continue along the route over Hartshorn and round Edale Head. On our return journey, we'll traverse Brown Knoll, Mam Tor, Hollins Cross, and Lose Hill before descending into Hope to meet our transport.

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.