

# Rambles with a Sketchbook in the Southern Yorkshire Dales

**Trip style:**

**Destination:**  Yorkshire Dales

**Trip code:** MDL07-PDW05

**Grades:** 1, 2



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Explore the inspiring landscapes of the Southern Yorkshire Dales and let an expert art tutor help you create your very own masterpiece. Enjoy short walks guided by an HF Holidays Leader with stops to sketch iconic spots such as the Ribbleshead Viaduct and UNESCO-listed Fountains Abbey, all with the help of an experienced artist. Perfect for those who've tried our Introduction to Drawing breaks but also open to beginners, this holiday allows you to develop your artistic skills while drawing inspiration from stunning surroundings.

## WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Developing your sketching skills
- Exploring the local area with an HF Holidays Leader
- Having an expert art tutor on hand for advice and guidance
- Building your expertise and trying new techniques
- Small groups of 15 people or fewer

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Expert tuition with a HF art tutor
- Loan of wooden A3 art boards
- Guided walking with experienced HF Holidays Leaders
- 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:** River Wharfe & Grassington

For our first ramble, we'll follow the picturesque River Wharfe along good paths, stopping at various points to sketch our surroundings before arriving in the picture-postcard village of Grassington. Distance: 5km (3 miles) / Ascent: 100m (330 ft)

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### **Day 3:** Ribbleshead

The Ribbleshead Viaduct is an unmissable monument of the Dales, and today's walk allows us to take it in from several perspectives. We'll also admire the area's vast landscapes in the shadow of Wharfedale, one of Yorkshire's famed Three Peaks. Distance: 7.25km (3 miles) / Ascent: 10m (300 ft)

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### **Day 4:** Free Day - Southern Yorkshire Dales

Discover more about Newfield Hall and the local area for ideas on how to make the most of your free day.

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### **Day 5:** Barden Tower to Bolton Abbey

Today's ramble follows another section of the River Wharfe, this time from Barden Tower to Bolton Abbey. There will be time at the end of the walk to sketch the Abbey and its surrounds before we board the coach back to Newfield Hall. Distance: 6km (3.75 miles) / Ascent: 110m (360 ft)

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### **Day 6:** Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal

Our walk today takes us around UNESCO-listed Fountains Abbey which offers so much artistic interest and lots of different subjects for sketching. Distance: Varies with minimal ascent

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### **Day 7:** Malham Cove

Our final day brings us to a Yorkshire Icon in Malham Cove. We'll first venture eastwards to Janet's Foss, before wandering along to the cove for our final sketching session. Distance: 7km (4.3 miles) / Ascent: 150m (490 ft)

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### **Day 8:** 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, Whernside, 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.

### Walking safety - SHARED WITH ALL

Walks may be changed for safety reasons and are subject to a maximum and minimum number of guests. Leaders always consider the safety of the group as a whole, and may need to alter or curtail the walk if the conditions dictate. Your leader may refuse to accept a guest where clothing, equipment or behaviour is unsuitable. In the event of a problem all leaders carry a mobile phone, first aid kit, group shelter, spare maps and a compass. Please note: If you choose to leave the group your leader is no longer responsible for you. If you have a particular health condition or disability please put this on your guest registration form. This information will be confidential to your leaders and the house manager, but leaders do need to take account of any issues when planning walks. Please carry a copy of these trip notes with you, or note down the contact phone number for your accommodation (details in the travel

section) should you need them in case of emergency.

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### **Packing list - New Rambles with a Sketchbook**

What to Bring On our Rambles with a Sketchbook holidays, you will carry all kit with you throughout your walks and will not have access to the coach for the duration of the day. We advise packing light wherever possible. For Sketching H/HB/B pencils Sketchbook with good quality cartridge paper – size to suit (A4 is popular) Pencil sharpener Eraser Portable and lightweight easel and stool (optional) Wider range of pencils or graphite sticks (optional) For Walking To enjoy your walking comfortably and safely, it is essential that your footwear, clothing and equipment are suitable for the conditions likely to be encountered. Britain is famous for its changeable weather, so our advice is to come prepared for all eventualities. Please bring a rucksack, a thermos flask for a hot drink, a water bottle (at least 1 litre) and first aid kit – your leader's first aid kit doesn't contain any medication or blister kits (such as Compeed).

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