

# 2-Night Southern Yorkshire Dales Tread Lightly Guided Walking Holiday

**Tour Style:** Tread Lightly

**Destinations:** Yorkshire Dales & England

**Trip code:** MDSUS-2

2, 3 & 4



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

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We are all well-versed in 'leaving no trace' but now we invite you to join us in taking it to the next level with our new Tread Lightly walks. We have pulled together a series of spectacular walks which do not use transport, reducing our carbon footprint while still exploring the best landscapes that the Southern Yorkshire Dales have to offer. You will still enjoy the choice of up to three top-quality walks of different grades as well as the warm welcome of a HF country house, all with the added peace of mind that you are doing your part in protecting our incredible British countryside.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- High quality en-suite accommodation in our country house
- Full board from dinner upon arrival to breakfast on departure day

- Use of our comprehensive Discovery Point
- A choice of up to three guided walks each full walking day and one optional half day walk on the day of departure
- The services of HF Holidays Walking Leaders

## HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

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- Enjoy breathtaking walks from the doors of our country house
- The Yorkshire Dales will charm you with its choice of landscapes
- Stay in an area renowned for its warm welcomes and wonderful walks
- Reduce your carbon footprint while still enjoying great guided walks

## TRIP SUITABILITY

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This trip is graded Activity level 2, level 3 and level 4. Explore the beautiful Yorkshire Dales on our guided walks. We offer a great range of walks to suit everyone - including gentle walks along the green valleys as well as opportunities to climb impressive local peaks. Join our friendly and knowledgeable guides who will bring this stunning national park to life.

Our experienced guides offer the choice of up to three different walks each day, choose the option which best suits your interests and fitness.

We provide flexible holidays. Join our guided walks, explore independently, or relax at Newfield Hall.

## ITINERARY

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### Day 1: Arrival Day

You're welcome to check in from 4pm onwards.

Enjoy a complimentary Afternoon Tea on arrival.

### Day 2: Malhamdale

#### Option 1 - Pennine Way To Malham

Distance: 7.5 miles (12.5km)

Ascent: 650 feet (200m)

**In Summary:** The country lanes to the village of Carlton before descending to the River Aire, following it through then beautiful valley of Malhamdale to reach the village of Malham. After exploring Malham return along the Pennine Way past the villages of Hanlith and Airton.

**Highlight:** Look for dippers in the River Aire and explore the popular village of Malham.

#### Option 2 - Malham Via The Pennine Way

Distance: 9.5 miles (15km)

Ascent: 900 feet (280m)

**In Summary:** Discover the beautiful countryside as we walk north by the River Aire through Malhamdale to reach the village of Malham. We take a circular route to view Malham Cove before returning along the

Pennine Way past the villages of Hanlith and Airton.

**Highlight:** Walk past Aire Head Spring where the river resurges from underground and enjoy close-up views of the dramatic Malham Cove.

### Option 3 - Malhamdale Classic

**Distance:** 12 miles (19.5km)

**Ascent:** 1600 feet (500m)

**In Summary:** We walk along the River Aire north enjoying stunning scenery of Malhamdale to arrive in Malham village. From here we take lanes and paths towards Malham Cove, and after exploring the limestone pavements atop the Cove, descend over moorland paths to visit Gordale Scar and Janet's Foss. We return south along the Pennine Way.

**Highlight:** Excellent views of Malham Cove and the opportunity to enjoy classic sights of the area, including Gordale Scar and Janet's Foss.

### Day 3: Final Walk Before Returning Home

Join a final walk before heading home.

## ACCOMMODATION

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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, and The Dry Valley of the Watlowes. And then, of course, there's Malham Cove – the towering white limestone cliffs formed millions of years ago. Built in 1855 on land once belonging to the Lambert estate, the first resident of Newfield Hall was retired Skipton lawyer William Nicholson Alcock, whose father was a partner in founding the Craven Bank in 1791 (this later joined the Barclays family by way of Martins Bank in 1968). He moved in the following year, and this remained his home until his death in 1878. The estate then passed to his nephew, William, a captain in the Yorkshire Yeomanry, who immediately advertised for a tenant in the August 1878 edition of *The Manchester Guardian*. He described the house as 'a commodious family mansion' complete with grounds 'laid out with great taste'. It sparked little rental interest and the hall eventually sold to retired worsted spinner and manufacturer William Illingworth in 1890 and then to JW Morkil, future High Sheriff of the West Riding, in 1901. It has been part of our HF Holidays line-up since 1934 and has enjoyed a series of refurbishments over the years. Nowadays, there's 46 well-appointed guest rooms in three categories (Classic, Premium, and Superior) spread across the main building and the tastefully converted coach house. You'll find two cosy lounges, a licenced bar, books and games to borrow during your stay, and a light-filled dining room for a wide range of dishes made with fresh and seasonal ingredients. Elsewhere, there's a handy boot and drying room, a multi-purpose activity room used as an artist's studio and games room, plus a heated indoor pool overlooking the mature grounds that's open year-round. Many of the original design features remain, including the pillared entrance, impressive hall, and sweeping staircase. There's also a Discovery Point offering a wide range of local area maps, route guides, and easy-to-follow information for self-guided walks as well as a newly refreshed heritage room with displays of old HF Holidays brochures, photographs, walks programmes and other memorabilia.

## Country House Accommodation

### Accommodation Info

### Need To Know

The safety of our guests, team, and leaders is always top of our list. We will closely align ourselves with the latest government advice and guidance on COVID-19 and implement the best possible hygiene practices across our country houses. We ask that you take sensible precautions to protect other people's health and would appreciate you informing the house team immediately if you feel unwell. For the latest COVID-19 FAQs, please visit our [Coronavirus Travel Advice Page](#)

### Rooms

Designed with your comfort in mind, Newfield Hall has 46 well-appointed guest rooms available in three categories: Classic, Premium, and Superior.

**Classic Rooms** are comfortable en-suite guest rooms, ideal for a peaceful night's sleep. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, and shower gel), and a 23-inch TV.

**Premium Rooms** are more spacious en-suite guest rooms offering upgraded views of the surrounds. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, body lotion, shower gel, shower cap), and a 32-inch TV. Extras include bathrobes, slippers, and comfortable mattresses. Please note that an extra charge of £15 per person per night applies for this room type.

**Superior Rooms** are even more spacious en-suite guest rooms offering upgraded views of the surrounds. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, body lotion, shower gel, shower cap), and a 32-inch TV. Extras include bathrobes, slippers, and comfortable mattresses. Please note that an extra charge of £25 per person per night applies for this room type.

**We love:** The guest rooms spread across the main building and the tastefully converted coach house. Rooms 3 and 6 are both corner rooms offering original features and large bay windows overlooking the gardens and beyond (Room 6 has its own telescope).

The **Choose Your Room** service is available at our UK country houses, allowing you the option of choosing and confirming a specific room for an extra charge of £30 per room. This is subject to availability. Upgrade supplements apply.

### CHECK IN & CHECK OUT

You are welcome to check in from **4:00pm at the earliest**. On arrival, you'll enjoy a complimentary cream tea and get to meet your fellow guests, our HF Holidays Leaders, and the rest of the friendly team.

On the day of departure, we kindly ask all guests to check out by **10:00am**. You'll be asked to settle your bill prior to leaving. You may, of course, make a charitable donation to our HF Holidays Pathways Fund if you wish. Please note that we only accept card payments.

### About Your Stay

#### 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, the HF Holidays Big Pub Quiz 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 Leaders host guided walking information briefings before and after dinner on arrival days. This is followed by a group Walks Talk for information on the following day's walking delights (usually held before and after dinner, so you can join whenever suits). Self-guided walking guests are, of course, welcome.

## THE WALKING DAY

Prior to setting off on 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 (we recommend anything waterproof enough to keep you dry in a sudden downpour). 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.

## Food & Drink

Led by experienced chefs, we serve a wide range of dishes made with fresh and seasonal ingredients. We always aim to source the best produce available and use home-grown herbs and vegetables from our own gardens whenever possible. Additionally, we have a licenced bar with beers, soft drinks, and a superb selection of spirits.

Full-board comes as standard and includes a cream tea on arrival and a hearty breakfast on departure day. Most dietary requirements can be catered for, so please inform us of any food intolerances or allergies at the time of booking. Currently, global challenges such as COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine are directly impacting our food and drink supply chain. We thank you for appreciating that menu descriptions are kept flexible to allow for last-minute changes if needed.

## Accessibility

For accessibility and assistance information, please contact our expert team on [020 3974 8865](tel:02039748865) or view the accessibility information online for [Newfield Hall](#)

## TRAVEL DETAILS

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Our address is: Newfield Hall, Airton, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 4AA  
Tel: [01729 830235](tel:01729830235)

### By Train:

The most convenient railway station for Newfield Hall is at Skipton. Gargrave station is closer, but there is no taxi service from this station. For train times and route planning by train visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or phone [03457 48 49 50](tel:03457484950).

### By Taxi:

The 8½ mile journey from Skipton to Newfield Hall takes approximately 25 minutes and can be made by taxi, pre-booked with our recommended taxi company, Station Taxis. As a guide price, it cost £18 per 4-seat taxi in 2022. 8-seat taxis are also available at a higher rate. Please pre-book your taxi at least 7 days in advance by contacting:

Station Taxis\*

Tel: [+44 \(0\) 1756 700777](tel:+44(0)1756700777)

Email: [stationtaxis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stationtaxis@hotmail.co.uk)



The return taxi journey can be arranged on your behalf by the Newfield Hall Manager.

\*Station Taxis is not owned or managed by HF Holidays

## By Car:

From the south, follow the A65 from Skipton to Gargrave. Leave the A65 by Eshton Road, signposted to Malham and pass Eshton Hall on the right. Newfield Hall is approx. 2½ miles further on, on the right and before the village of Airton. Look out for our sign.

From the north, exit the M6 at junction 36 and take the A65 towards Skipton. In Coniston Cold village take a sharp left into a narrow road between houses, signposted to St Peters Church and Bell Busk and Malham. Pass under a railway viaduct, then after a mile bear right over a small bridge. After a further mile turn right at the junction, cross the narrow bridge then shortly after turn left through the gateway onto the drive of Newfield Hall. Look out for our sign.

There is free parking with the grounds of Newfield Hall.

## Travelling From Overseas

There is a local airport at Leeds/Bradford served by some European flights. From here take the airport bus to Leeds station, then on by train to Skipton. Allow 1½ hours to Skipton - see [www.transdevbus.co.uk](http://www.transdevbus.co.uk) for bus times and [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times.

Manchester Airport has a much wider range of long-haul flights. There are direct trains every hour from the airport to Skipton with one change at Leeds. Allow 2½ hours to Skipton. See [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times.

Flying to London Heathrow airport is another option but has a longer onward train journey; allow 4½ hours to reach Skipton. From Heathrow first take the Piccadilly line Underground train to London Kings Cross station. From here take a train to Skipton (1 change at Leeds) - see [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times. From Skipton you can complete the journey to Newfield Hall by taxi (see above).

## LOCAL AREA

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The Yorkshire Dales contains the quintessential landscape of Northern England. Enjoy the surrounding scenery of green patchwork fields, drystone walls and wild moorland hills.

Newfield Hall sits in rolling open countryside. The nearest village with facilities is Gargrave where there is a pub and shop. The market town of Skipton is about seven miles away. Here you'll find a full range of facilities including supermarkets, shops, banks, chemists, pubs and cafes.

During your visit to Newfield Hall you may enjoy visiting the following places of interest:

### Malham Cove

Just 10 to 15 minutes' drive from Newfield Hall is the dramatic natural amphitheatre-like rock face of [Malham Cove](#), just one of the iconic limestone sights of the Yorkshire Dales. If you are not already visiting the cove as part of your holiday, it's well worth walking there along the Pennine Way from Newfield Hall (the walk takes around 1.5 hours in either direction).

### Skipton

The market town of Skipton - about 20 minutes' drive from Newfield Hall - is a vibrant place to visit. Dominating

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the the town is its well-preserved medieval [Skipton Castle](#).

## Brontë Parsonage

Visit the [parsonage in Haworth](#), the home of authors Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë. Many of their most famous works were written here, including Jane Eyre, Wuthering Heights and the Tenant of Wildfell Hall. Haworth is around 45 minutes' drive from Newfield Hall.

## Keighley And Worth Valley Railway

This [heritage steam railway](#) runs from the centre of Keighley to Oxenhope via the 'Brontë' village of Haworth. The line is still well-known as the setting for the 1970 film 'the Railway Children' and boasts an impressive selection of steam locomotives. Keighley station is around 35 minutes' drive from Newfield Hall.

## Settle To Carlisle Railway

Ride [England's most scenic railway](#) through the Yorkshire Dales from Hellifield or Settle station. Heading north over the iconic Ribbleshead Viaduct you could head to the small market town of Appleby, or the border city of Carlisle.

## Fountains Abbey

This impressive World Heritage Site contains the dramatic ruins of [Fountains Abbey](#), the largest monastic ruins in the country. There is an exhibition of life in the medieval Abbey. Adjacent to the abbey is Studley Royal water garden – England's most spectacular Georgian water garden. Both sites are managed by the National Trust.

## White Scar Cave

Located near the village of Ingleton, about 40 minutes' drive from Newfield Hall, [White Scar](#) is Britain's longest show cave. The underground tour reveals spectacular caverns, waterfalls and stalactites.

## Brimham Rocks

See the curious formations of [Brimham Rocks](#) above the valley of Nidderdale, around an hour's drive from Newfield Hall.

## RHS Harlow Carr Garden

Situated near Harrogate, about 50 minutes' from Newfield Hall, are the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at [Harlow Carr](#). The gardens have been planted to suit the challenging growing conditions of the north. Wander and enjoy the tranquil surroundings.

## Harrogate

The spa town of Harrogate has fabulous shopping, fine cuisine and glorious gardens. Visit the [Turkish Baths & Health Spa](#), [Royal Pump Room Museum](#), the English Heritage Grade II listed [Valley Gardens](#) and [Betty's Tearooms](#).

## Lightwater Valley

Set in 175 acres of parkland near Ripon, just over an hour's drive away, [Lightwater Valley](#) has big thrill rides including the 'Ultimate', the longest rollercoaster in Europe at 1.5 miles long. The park has over 40 rides and is fantastic fun for all the family.

## York

One of Britain's most attractive historic cities, York is about a 1½ hours' drive from Newfield Hall. Attractions include the [York City Walls Trail](#), [York Minster](#), [National Railway Museum](#), and [Yorvik Viking Centre](#).

## USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

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### Essential Information

"There's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong type of clothing!" goes the adage. Come prepared for all eventualities and you'll walk in comfort as well as safety. Britain's famous for its changeable weather, so here's our advice on what to wear and bring.

#### Essentials

- Waterproof walking boots providing ankle support and good grip.
  - A waterproof jacket and over-trousers
  - Gloves and a warm hat (it can be chilly at any time of the year)
  - Rucksack
  - Water bottle (at least 1 litre capacity)
  - A small torch (everywhere in winter, year round in mountains)
  - Sun hat and sunscreen
- Denim jeans and waterproof capes are not suitable on any walks.*

#### Recommended

- Several layers of clothing, which can be added or removed
- Specialist walking socks to avoid blisters.
- A first aid kit inc plasters– your leader's first aid kit doesn't contain any medication
- Sit mat (insulated pad to sit on when you stop for a break)

#### You Might Also Want

- Walking poles, particularly useful for descents.
- Insect repellent
- Flask for hot drinks
- Rigid lunch box
- Gaiters
- Blister kit (eg Compeed) just in case
- Waterproof rucksack liner

### Safety On Your Holiday

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 while 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.

## HOW TO BOOK

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When you're ready to book, you can choose to **book online** or book **over the phone**. Our website offers secure online booking for our holidays, is available 24/7, and offers more in-depth information about all our holidays. If you prefer to call us, our experienced and knowledgeable team are available to answer any specific questions you have and can offer guidance as to which holiday is best suited to your needs.

Our office is open: Monday to Friday: 9am – 5.30pm, Saturday: 9am – 1pm, Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday: closed

### PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT

To secure the holiday of your choice, you will need to pay a deposit: UK & European Holidays: £150 per person and Worldwide Holidays: £250 per person. You can pay your deposit by debit or credit card with no additional card fees charged or make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account, please see details under BACS payments. You can also pay your deposit by cheque within seven days of booking. Cheques should be made payable to 'HF Holidays Ltd' with your booking reference / Order ID on the back.

### NON-MEMBER FEE

Non-members can join our holidays by paying a Non-Member's fee of £30 per person per holiday. Alternatively, full membership is available from £100 – visit [hfholidays.co.uk/membership](http://hfholidays.co.uk/membership) for details.

### BACS PAYMENTS

Please quote your booking reference / Order ID when you make your payment online: Bank Name: National Westminster Bank, Account Name: HF Holidays Limited, Account Number: 48904805, Sort Code: 60-00-01, IBAN: GB90NWBK60000148904805

Once we have received your booking and deposit, we will send a confirmation invoice to the lead name. Please check this carefully. For bookings 'with flights' it is essential that the names on your booking confirmation invoice match those on your passport for bookings overseas. Please advise us immediately of any errors. Any name changes after the balance of your holiday has been paid will be subject to a fee levied by the airline.

### MANAGE MY BOOKINGS

Payments can also be made through the [Manage My Booking](#) function on our website. Click on the link at the top of our homepage. This is available to all customers who provide an email address at the time of booking.

### YOUR FINAL BALANCE

Your final balance payment is due 6 weeks before departure if you are staying in an HF Holidays UK country house, 8 weeks before departure if you are travelling on one of our holidays in Europe and 10 weeks before departure if you are on a Guided Trail staying in one of our partner hotels or are travelling on a Worldwide holiday. As with paying your deposit, you can pay your final balance by debit or credit card, make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account or pay by cheque.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is an important part of any booking and essential for one of our holidays. HF Holidays works with specialist. Insurance Brokers Campbell Irvine Direct. For more information or to obtain a quote call them on [01702 427 236](tel:01702427236) or visit [hfholidays.co.uk/insurance](http://hfholidays.co.uk/insurance)

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These Trip Notes are valid based on the date printed at the bottom of the page. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure. We will send you the latest trip notes prior to departure through a link in your pre departure documents or we can send you a copy in the post if preferred.

In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

#### PRICE GUARANTEE

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