

4-Night Landscape Art holiday in the Southern Yorkshire Dales

Destinations: Yorkshire Dales & England
Trip code: MDPAO-4



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Using the wonderful landscapes near our country house in the Yorkshire Dales for inspiration, you'll set out each day to practice capturing them on canvas, walking up to two miles carrying your equipment. Our expert art leader will give you guidance to help you improve your technique and create beautiful pieces to be proud of in a fun and supportive environment.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- High quality Full Board en-suite accommodation and excellent food in our Country House
- Tuition from our knowledgeable HF Holidays' leader, to ensure you get the most from your holiday
- Loan of wooden A3 art boards

HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy developing your skills with a group of fellow artists
- Learn to paint under the guidance of your HF Holidays Tutor

- Practise in small group sizes of 15 people or fewer
- Build your confidence in using a variety of techniques

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

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

Enjoy a complimentary Afternoon Tea on arrival.

Day 2: Goredale Scar & Malham

We begin our holiday with a journey out to the spectacular Goredale Scar and waterfall, walking gently from there to Malham village. Here, we'll pause for lunch before visiting the iconic Malham Cove. Throughout the day, we'll be primarily sketching and gathering references for the works of art we'll develop tomorrow.

Day 3: Development Day

Today we'll be based in the house and grounds of Newfield Hall, which boasts beautiful views to inspire us. We will use the day to build upon our references and sketches from yesterday, taking breaks throughout to keep us well-fuelled!

Day 4: Kettlewell

The village of Kettlewell in Wharfedale has many subjects to choose from and today we'll be out in the field again, on location, exploring the surroundings as we go. We'll end our day with a round-up session at the house before we depart with our very special works tomorrow morning.

Day 5: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

ACCOMMODATION

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

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 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:+4401756700777)

Email: 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 for bus times and 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 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 for train times. From Skipton you can complete the journey to Newfield Hall by taxi (see above).

LOCAL AREA

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 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

Essential Information

This holiday is the perfect opportunity for you to bring your favourite medium and get out into the wild to use it. As such, there is no 'one size fits all' kit list. Instead, below are some of the items we recommend that you bring which hopefully covers most bases.

Basics

- Sketchbook or paper suited to your medium - e.g. watercolour paper (300gsm+), acrylic papers or panels etc.
- Appropriate outdoor clothing for the time of year and comfortable shoes with grip
- It's always good to bring a waterproof as well!
- Easel & stool - you will be carrying these
- Rucksack to carry your materials

Sketchers Should Bring...

- a set of sketching pencils - including but not limited to 2H, HB & 2B
- a putty eraser
- a set of coloured pencils if you use them
- pencil sharpener

Painters Should Bring...

- your chosen paints in a range of colours - we suggest bringing:
 - 2 Reds (such as cadmium red and alizarin crimson)
 - 2 Blues (such as ultramarine and cerulean blue)
 - 2 Yellows (such as cadmium yellow and lemon yellow)
 - White
- a palette
- a water pot and bottle for water
- a range of paintbrushes in a variety of sizes

Other Mediums:

Artists using other mediums (examples below) should bring those materials. In most cases, using heavy paper of 300gsm or above should suffice.

- Pen/Inks
- Soft/Oil Pastels
- Charcoal
- Fineliners

Optional Extras

You might also like to bring...

- a camera (could be your mobile phone!)
- bulldog clips/masking tape for fixing paper to boards
- kitchen roll or a sponge
- an apron/smock - if you're likely to get messy!

This list is not exhaustive - you might wish to bring other materials that you know you enjoy using, or would like to try. **A3 artboards** are available at the house for you to use. Please note that the use of traditional **oil paints requiring the use of solvents are not permitted.**

HOW TO BOOK

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 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

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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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