

# 5-Night North York Moors Guided Walking Holiday

**Tour Style:** Guided Walking

**Destinations:** North York Moors & England

**Trip code:** WYBOB-5

1, 2 & 3



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

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Brimming with coastal charm, Whitby welcomes you with its handsome harbour and medieval streets. Our Guided Walking holidays contrast the windswept headlands and smugglers' haunts of the Yorkshire coast, with the magical North York Moors where the sweetly scented heather creates a carpet of colour.

## 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
- Up to 4 days of guided walking
- Choice of up to three guided walks each walking day
- The services of HF Holidays Walking Leaders
- Any transport to and from the walks

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## HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

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- Explore windswept headlands and smugglers' haunts of the Yorkshire coast
- Discover Whitby's 199 steps which lead to the ruins of Whitby Abbey
- Enjoy a choice of 3 different length guided walks
- Let your experienced leader bring classic routes and offbeat areas to life

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## TRIP SUITABILITY

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This is graded activity level 1, 2 and 3. Discover Whitby and the beautiful coast of North Yorkshire. Join our friendly and knowledgeable guides who will bring this beautiful landscape to life.

Our experienced guides offer the choice of up to three different guided 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 Larpool Hall.

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## 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: May Beck And Little Beck

#### Option 1 - Falling Foss To Whitby

**Distance:** 7½ miles (12km)

**Ascent:** 850 feet (260m)

**In summary:** From Falling Foss waterfall in its delightful woodland setting we walk along Little Beck to Ruswarp and join the River Esk which we follow back to Larpool Hall.

**Highlight:** Our walk ends by crossing the Larpool viaduct, a 13-arch brick structure built in 1884 to carry the now-closed Whitby to Scarborough railway over the River Esk.

#### Option 2 - May Beck To Whitby

**Distance:** 8½ miles (14km)

**Ascent:** 1,000 feet (300m)

**In summary:** After a short section on moorland we descend to follow May Beck & Little Beck past beautiful waterfalls and through woodland to the River Esk, then make our way to Larpool Hall.

**Highlight:** Look out for steam trains on the North York Moors Railway beside the River Esk.

#### Option 3 - Sneaton Corner To Whitby

**Distance:** 11 miles (18km)

**Ascent:** 1,300 feet (400m)

**In summary:** We walk across heather moorland before descending through woodland & farmland to follow May Beck & Little Beck to the River Esk on our way back to Larpool Hall

**Highlight:** We pass Bronze Age relics on the moorland before looking and listening for wildlife in the coniferous and deciduous woodlands.

## Day 3: Captain Cook Country

### Option 1 - Captain Cook's Monument

**Distance:** 6½ miles (11km)

**Total ascent:** 1,000 feet (300m)

**In Summary:** Follow the Cleveland Way to the magnificent viewpoint at Captain James Cook's monument; we then descend to the foot of Roseberry Topping and on to the village of Great Ayton.

**Highlight:** Walk in the footsteps of Captain James Cook who grew up in the village of Great Ayton. There may be time to visit the Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum at the end of the walk.

### Option 2 - Roseberry Topping & Great Ayton

**Distance:** 8 miles (13km)

**Ascent:** 1,300 feet (400m)

**In Summary:** Walk along the escarpment of the North York Moors. Our route ascends from near Guisborough to the summit of Roseberry Topping, then continues to the equally impressive viewpoint at Captain Cook's Monument and Great Ayton.

**Highlight:** The distinctively shaped summit of Roseberry Topping - the Yorkshire Matterhorn - dominates the local skyline.

### Option 3 - Cleveland Way Circuit

**Distance:** 10 miles (16km)

**Ascent:** 1,700 feet (520m)

**In Summary:** A circular walk from Great Ayton, taking in Roseberry Topping and Captain Cook's Monument. For part of the day our route follows the Cleveland Way along the Moors escarpment.

**Highlight:** Soak up the sweeping panorama over Teesside and the surrounding countryside; a great contrast of natural and man-made landscapes.

## Day 4: Cleveland Way And Ravenscar Coast

### Option 1 - Beast Cliff To Robin Hood's Bay

**Distance:** 6½ miles (10.5km)

**Ascent:** 1,100 feet (340m)

**In Summary:** Follow the spectacular coastal section of the Cleveland Way to Ravenscar. Following the sweep of the coastline, either along the seashore or along the cliff-top, we'll continue to the old fishing village of Robin Hood's Bay.

**Highlight:** Our walk ends at the quaint fishing village of Robin Hood's Bay where you can explore the narrow cobbled streets, or relax in one of the pubs or teashops.

### Option 2 - Hayburn Wyke To Robin Hood's Bay

**Distance:** 8½ miles (13.5km)

**Ascent:** 1,700 feet (520m)

**In Summary:** Follow the coastal path from Hayburn Wyke through a nature reserve to Beast Cliff and Ravenscar, then on to Robin Hood's Bay via seashore or cliff-top paths.

**Highlight:** The fascinating historic remains of the old Alum works below Ravenscar.

### Option 3 - Cloughton To Robin Hood's Bay

**Distance:** 10 miles (15.5km)

**Ascent:** 2,050 feet (620m)

**In Summary:** A fantastic longer coastal walk from Cloughton to Robin Hood's Bay. Enjoy far-ranging sea views throughout the day as we make our way along this superb stretch of coastline.

**Highlight:** Discover the history of Ravenscar. Victorian developers bought this cliff-top site and laid out streets, aiming to build a grand seaside resort - alas only a few plots were bought and the company went bankrupt, thus preserving the tranquility of the headland.

## Day 5: Villages North Of The Esk

### Option 1 - Newholm And Raithwaite Hall

**Distance:** 7.5 miles (12km)

**Ascent:** 530 feet (160m)

**In Summary:** We walk through the outskirts of Whitby to the attractive village of Newholm before walking through the grounds of the secluded Raithwaite Hall. We then make our way to the sea front & return via Pannett Park.

**Highlight:** Raithwaite Hall & its grounds provide spectacular views along the coast.

### Option 2 - To Sandsend And Back

**Distance:** 9.75 miles (15.5km)

**Ascent:** 720 feet (220m)

**In Summary:** We make our way through quiet countryside to the hamlet of Dunsley then head to the coast at Sandsend with its old alum workers' cottages. We then return along the beach & cliff tops to Whitby.

**Highlight:** Step back in time and learn about the coast's past on a Jurassic Trail.

*\*due to a stretch of beach walking, this walk may be reversed to avoid doing so at/near high tide*

### Option 3 - Newholm, Dunsley & Sandsend

**Distance:** 12.25 miles (19.5km)

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**Ascent:** 930 feet (285m)

**In Summary:** We walk to Sandsend via the quiet hamlets of Newholm & Dunsley. A longer stretch of beach walking brings us back to Whitby West Cliff with stunning views both ways along the coast.

**Highlight:** The walk along the beach provides a chance to see Whitby Abbey brooding on its clifftop perch high above the harbour.

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## Day 6: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

## ACCOMMODATION

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### Larpool Hall

Escape to Whitby, whose handsome harbour and medieval streets are famously the setting for Bram Stoker's Dracula and home to the world's best fish and chips, for a stay in Larpool Hall. This imposing Grade II listed Georgian mansion has been part of the town for hundreds of years and has evolved to offer an updated take on traditional hospitality. The Hall retains its original grandeur and styling, while offering guests the perfect mix of contemporary comforts to deliver a large amount of atmosphere and character. Sweep up the magnificent staircase, marvel at the impressive fireplaces, watch through the large picture windows and feel yourself transported. With 29 rooms, 14 acres of attractive grounds and views over the Esk Valley, you couldn't be better placed. Step out to explore the coast, Captain Cook country or walk on the Cleveland Way. Discover Robin Hood's Bay and hunt for fossils or head deep into the North York Moors for a contrasting landscape carpeted in sweetly scented heather.

### Matchless Country House Accommodation

#### Accommodation Info

#### Need To Know

### Important Covid-19 Steps We Have Taken For Guest Safety: Please Read

We are continuing to take extra steps to keep our guests leaders, and staff safe in our HF country houses. We ask all our guests to respect the measures put in place.

The English, Scottish and Welsh governments are not in sync, so measures in our country houses will vary between the nations. With the relaxation of social distancing in England, from 19 July we will be allowing larger groups to dine and relax in the bar together. However, we will still give guests space e.g. we will seat 6 people at a table where pre-pandemic we may have seated 8. We will ensure our public rooms are well ventilated by opening doors and windows wherever possible. If you have any concerns about distancing, please speak to the House Manager. The government recommendation for England is to wear face coverings in crowded areas. You must wear a face covering by law in public areas in hotels in Scotland. This is mandatory in public spaces; however, face coverings will not be required whilst eating and drinking in the restaurant and bar areas or whilst you are outside our houses. In Wales face coverings will remain a legal requirement indoors, with the exception of hospitality premises.

As a temporary measure, we will not be servicing rooms during a stay. Extra tea, coffee, milk, and toiletries will

be made available on request for all guests. It is recommended that guests bring their own toiletries for the duration of their stay. We will though be increasing the frequency of cleaning in our public areas providing particular attention to frequently touched items including door handles and handrails.

Menus for the week will be available in your room on arrival. A self-service breakfast will be served from 7.45am – 9am. Picnic lunches will now be pre-ordered the night before from an order form in the room. Evening meals will be table service. A dinner order form will be available in each room for completion. Dinner is served at either 7.15pm or 7.30pm. Please check at the house for details. The bar will be open. We will be offering a table service but guests can also come to the bar to order (depending on local restrictions).

Join our team after dinner on Wednesday evenings for the HF Big Pub Quiz. There will be one other evening of entertainment at the start of the week, which will vary depending on the country house that you are staying at. Our Walk Leaders will also be on hand in the bar or lounge for individual or small group walks talks briefings, which allow guests to talk through the following day's walk options and ask any questions. Swimming pools will be operated in line with maximum capacities.

For more information and to see all the steps taken, [visit our page on how house stays will be adapted](#).

## Rooms

*Tea & coffee-making facilities, TV, Hairdryer, Toiletries, Wi-Fi*

Stay in one of the Hall's smartly presented rooms, where contemporary design touches complement the original architecture and features. With 29 bedrooms, Larpool Hall has plenty of space and there's a range of Classic, Premium and Superior Rooms to choose from. Choose the very spacious Room 15 on the ground floor for its lemon and grey styling, super-comfy sofa in front of a large fireplace and views across the Esk Valley. Climb to Room 2 on the first floor for similarly expansive vistas from the front of the house, or settle in under the eaves and exposed beams of beautiful Room 30 on the second floor of the house.

*All 'Classic' rooms are ensuite and furnished to a high standard. There are also several 'Premium' and 'Superior' Rooms that are either larger or have a desirable view, a more luxurious mattress and larger television – upgrade your stay for just an extra £15-25 per person per night. You can choose a specific room for an extra £30 per room, subject to availability. Upgrade supplements still apply.*

## Facilities

*Free Wi-Fi, boot room and drying room, extensive garden, multi-purpose activity room, three lounges, library and board games to borrow*

After a day exploring the tight and twisty streets of Whitby or the windswept headlands and smugglers' haunts of the Yorkshire coast, come back to the house and its specially tailored walkers' facilities. Relax outside in the pretty courtyard or stroll the 14 acres of grounds and gardens with their manicured lawns and mature trees. Grab a well-thumbed copy of Dracula and hole up in the lounge, or join fellow guests in the large ballroom with its comfy seating and central dance floor to discuss your own adventures. The small, sociable bar provides another great space in which to relax.

## Food & Drink

As at all our country houses, holidays are full board, from afternoon tea served as a welcome treat through that evening's meal to a hearty breakfast on the day of departure. Food at Larpool Hall is varied with a strong emphasis on the use of seasonal British produce. Our experienced chefs create each dish using only the freshest ingredients and, when in season, use home grown herbs and vegetables taken from our own gardens to give a true taste of the local area.

## Accessibility

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



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## TRAVEL DETAILS

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Our address is: Larpool Hall, Larpool Drive, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO22 4ND  
Tel: [01947 602737](tel:01947602737)

### By Train:

The nearest railway station to Larpool Hall is at Whitby, However, you may find that travelling to Scarborough station is more convenient. For train times and route planning by train visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or phone 03457 48 49 50.

### By Taxi:

The 2 mile journey from Whitby station takes approximately 10 minutes, with a cost of around £6 per 4 seat taxi. The 21 mile journey from Scarborough rail station takes approximately 40 minutes, with a cost of around £30 per 4 seat taxi. Please note these are 2019 prices relevant to a 4-seat taxi and should only be taken as a guide. 8-seat taxis are also available at a higher rate. Abbey Taxis, our current recommended taxi company, can confirm prices on booking. Please pre-book your taxi at least 7 days in advance by contacting:

#### Abbey Taxis\*

Tel: +44 (0) 1947 601212

Email: [whitbytaxis2012@gmail.com](mailto:whitbytaxis2012@gmail.com)

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

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### By Bus:

The 93 bus runs regularly between Scarborough station and Whitby. As you approach Whitby, alight by the Larpool Industrial Estate. From here it is an 800 metre walk to Larpool Hall. See [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info) for bus times.

### By Car:

Most guests approach Whitby via the A171 from Teesside or the A169 from Pickering and Malton; these roads converge at a roundabout about 2 miles outside Whitby. After this roundabout and as you approach Whitby, cross another roundabout then turn right at the traffic lights signposted to Scarborough. Cross the large bridge over the River Esk, then immediately turn right into Larpool Lane. Towards the top of the hill take the narrowing road of Larpool Drive. Larpool Hall is directly ahead at the end of this road. A free car park is available in the grounds.

## Travelling From Overseas

Manchester Airport is served by a range of long-haul flights. There are trains every hour from the airport to Scarborough with one change at Manchester Piccadilly. Allow 2hrs 50 minutes to Scarborough - 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 Scarborough. From Heathrow first take the Piccadilly line Underground train to London Kings Cross station. From here take a train to Scarborough (1 change at York) - see [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times.

From Scarborough you can complete the journey to Whitby by bus or taxi (see above).

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## LOCAL AREA

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During your stay at Larpool Hall you may enjoy visiting the following places of interest, either in your free time,

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on your journey to and from Whitby or on your self-guided holiday:

Whitby is a bustling harbour town and a popular tourist destination. From Larpool Hall it is a 1½ miles downhill walk, or a short drive to the town centre. The town has a full range of facilities including shops, banks, pubs and cafés. If you don't mind the queue, the [Magpie café](#) on the waterfront is said to serve England's best fish and chips!

## Whitby Abbey

The iconic ruins of [Whitby Abbey](#) command a wonderful position above the harbour and can be reached by climbing the famous 199 steps. About 10 minutes' drive or a 1½ mile walk.

## Staithe

The pretty fishing village of [Staithe](#) is a pleasant spot to visit. Young children may well recognise the village as the setting for Old Jack's Boat on CBeebies. Around 25 minutes' drive from Whitby.

## North Yorkshire Moors Railway

The [North Yorkshire Moors Railway](#) operates steam trains over its 18 mile line between Grosmont and Pickering and in the summer some trains continue over the branch line to Whitby. This is a highly scenic route: one reason why the line has become Britain's most visited steam railway. The well-kept and historic stations are worth seeing for their own sake and you may well recognise Goathland which has doubled as 'Adensfield' on the Heartbeat TV series, and as 'Hogsmeade' in the Harry Potter films. Either join the train at Whitby, or at Grosmont, about 20 minutes' drive away.

## Scarborough & Stephen Joseph Theatre

Scarborough is a quintessential Victorian seaside resort with plenty of attractions for both young and old. The [Stephen Joseph Theatre](#) in Scarborough is home to Alan Ayckbourn, the renowned playwright. It has two theatres - the round and the McCarthy which doubles as a cinema, plus a restaurant and shop.

## Whitby To Scarborough Cycle Trail

This superb trail uses the route of disused railway line and offers miles of [traffic-free cycling](#), often with outstanding sea views. The trail passes right next to Larpool Hall and heads south to Robin Hoods Bay, Ravenscar, or - if you are feeling keen - to Scarborough. Bikes can be hired at nearby Hawsker.

## Rydale Folk Museum

The [Rydale Folk Museum](#) is located at Hutton-Le-Hole, about 50 minutes' drive from Whitby. This pretty village west of Pickering that has a feel of a Cotswold village, being built of mellow stone and with a stream though the middle. The museum houses exhaustive displays of rural life and crafts in buildings spread over several acres.

## Castle Howard

Located near Malton about an hour's drive from Whitby, [Castle Howard](#) is one of Britain's grandest stately homes. It is well known as the location for the TV series Brideshead Revisited. Today the house is still owned by the Howard family and the building hosts many exhibitions & events throughout the year. Also of interest are the extensive gardens that contain a formal rose garden and elegant ponds and fountains.

## York

One of Britain's most attractive historic cities, York is about a 1 hour 20 minutes drive from Larpool Hall.



Attractions include the [City Walls Trail](#), [York Minster](#), the [National Railway Museum](#), and the [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.

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## 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

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### 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

The balance is due 10 weeks before departure. 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 or visit [hfholidays.co.uk/insurance](http://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.

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