

# 7-Night Bridge & Walking Holiday in the Peak District

**Destinations:** Peak District & England

**Trip code:** DVBRW-7

**Trip Walking Grade:** 2



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

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Exercise both mind and body with this classic combination. During the day you'll have a choice of two guided walks, either an easier route of around 4-6 miles or a harder route of around 6-8 miles to explore the local area (exact nature of the walks varies by location). After your walk you'll return to the country house and have time to freshen up before the evening's Duplicate Bridge competition overseen by a qualified Bridge Director. EBU Master Points can be earned on this break.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- A daily choice of guided walks in the stunning local area
- Any required transport to and from walks
- Each evening there is a supervised Bridge competition so you can put your skills into practice
- Comfortable rooms in which to play, as quiet and light as possible
- Small prizes offered, for fun

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## HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

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- Daily evening Bridge competition
- Comfortable Bridge rooms, quiet and as light as possible
- Small prizes offered, for fun
- EBU members earn Master Points

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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 - 7: Bridge And Walking

Enjoy a daily choice of two walks with a free day on all 6 and 7-night holidays.

You can choose a guided walk of either an easier route of around 4-6 miles or a harder route of around 6-8 miles to explore the local area (exact nature of the walks varies by location).

We'll return in time to relax before the evening Bridge competition starts at 5pm.

### Day 8: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

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## ACCOMMODATION

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### The Peveril Of The Peak

For those easily seduced by the charm of the Peak District, this characterful country house is a dealbreaker. Set in the tiny village of Thorpe, you'll be less than a mile from the famous Dovedale Stepping Stones – a series of 16 limestone-capped stones that were laid out in the 19th century to allow for a safe crossing over the River Dove. There's plenty of big-name attractions nearby, most fabulously the Twelve Apostles that is best viewed from the limestone promontory known as Lover's Leap. And there's no shortage of walking thrills, either, especially around the Roaches and the impressive Stanage Edge. Equally fabulous is the cone-shaped Thorpe Cloud, a limestone hill on the southern end of Dovedale and along the rolling green hills of the Staffordshire/ Derbyshire border. Named after Sir Walter Scott's 1923 novel, The Peveril of the Peak was most likely to have been built in the 1830s. By 1863, the Derby Mercury reported the transfer of an alehouse to Randel Williams and by 1871 it was owned by George Huggett. At the time, it was described as a 'hostelry recently enlarged and made attractive, not only by its position, but by the imitable capacity of the landlord'. Operating as a 'tourist house of good repute', it was later auctioned at the Grand Hotel Birmingham and used as a hotel thereafter. The cast and crew of Ridley Scott's 2010 blockbuster, Robin Hood, stayed here in 2009 while filming scenes at nearby Thorpe Pastures. Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe has since cited the Peak District as one of his favourite places on the planet. Peveril of the Peak has been part of our HF Holidays line-up since 2012. Nowadays, there's 46 well-appointed guest rooms in three categories (Classic, Premium, Superior). The house has a comfortable lounge with a wood burner for chilly days, a dining room for a wide range of dishes made with fresh and seasonal ingredients, a licenced bar, a large function room for dancing and activities, and books and games to borrow during your stay. You'll also find a boot and drying room, extensive grounds, plus an outdoor terrace that's perfect for soaking up beautiful countryside views. Elsewhere, the Discovery Point offers a wide range of local area maps, route guides, and easy-to-follow information for self-guided walks.

There's a carpark with a footpath leading to the Dovedale Stepping Stones, too. But unless you're planning on driving to Chatsworth House or the villages of Bakewell and Castleton, you'll probably be happy just staying put.

## 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, The Peveril of the Peak 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:** Room 2 on the ground floor for its extra space (it also has a door opening on to the grounds). Also lovely is the Chatsworth Room for its four-poster bed.

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 [The Peveril of the Peak](#)

## TRAVEL DETAILS

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Our address is: The Peveril of the Peak, Thorpe, Dovedale, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 2AW  
Tel: [01335 350396](tel:01335350396)

### By Train:

The nearest railway stations to the Peveril of the Peak are Buxton or Derby. 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:

From Buxton railway station a taxi takes approximately 35 minutes for the 20-mile journey and costs around £42 if pre-booked. From Derby railway station a taxi takes approximately 40 minutes for the 18-mile journey and costs around £32 if pre-booked. Please note these are 2022 guide prices for a 4-seat taxi. 8-seat taxis can be booked at a higher rate. A shared taxi will be arranged wherever possible. Please pre-book your taxi at least 7 days in advance by contacting:

Ashbourne Taxis\*

Tel: [+44 \(0\) 1335 345198](tel:+4401335345198)

Mob: [+44 7811 196686](tel:+447811196686)

Email: [ashbourne-taxis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashbourne-taxis@hotmail.co.uk)

The return taxi journey can be arranged on your behalf by The Peveril of the Peak Manager.

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

## By Bus:

There is a bus service as far as Ashbourne, about 3 miles from our country house. From Buxton take the 442 service or from Derby catch the SW1 service. For bus times see [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

From Ashbourne complete your journey by taxi, or use the Derbyshire Connect service tel: [01335 342951](tel:01335342951). By taxi the 3-mile journey will take approximately 10 minutes and will cost you around £8 for a 4-seat taxi from our recommended taxi provider (see above).

## By Car:

From the south leave the M1 at junction 24 and head to Ashbourne via the A50 and A515. Continue north on the A515 heading towards Buxton. 1 mile north of Ashbourne turn left, signposted to Thorpe, Dovedale and Ilam. After a further 2 miles the road bends sharply left by the Old Dog pub. The Peveril of the Peak lies ahead at the bottom of the hill. Look out for the sign.

From Buxton take the A515 south towards Ashbourne. After 17 miles turn right at a crossroads, following signs to Thorpe. After 1 mile turn right by the Old Dog pub. The Peveril of the Peak lies ahead at the bottom of the hill. Look out for the sign.

From the west leave the M6 at junction 15 and head via the A50, Cheadle (A521) and Oakamoor (A5417) to the A52. At the junction of the A52 and the A523 take the minor road signposted to Ilam. After 1½ miles turn left and descend the hill. Cross the bridge at Ilam, turn right and follow the road up a steep hill and onwards through Dovedale and Thorpe village. The Peveril of the Peak is on the left hand side at the end of the village.

## Travel From Overseas

Dovedale is located in the centre of the UK, with a number of airport options.

East Midlands Airport is about 30 miles away - this is served by short-haul European flights. If you're flying here, we'd recommend pre-booking a taxi direct to The Peveril of the Peak.

London Luton Airport has lots of low-cost European flights. From here take the shuttle bus to Luton Airport Parkway station, then on by train to Derby with 1 change at Leicester. Allow 1 hour 50 minutes to Derby - see [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times. Complete your journey by taxi (see above).

Manchester Airport has a much wider range of long-haul flights. There are trains every hour from the airport to Buxton with one change at Manchester Piccadilly. Allow 1 hour 40 minutes to Buxton - see [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times. Complete your journey by taxi (see above).

Flying to London Heathrow Airport is another option but has a longer onward train journey; allow 3 hours to reach Derby. From Heathrow first take the Piccadilly line Underground train to London St Pancras. From here take a train to direct to Derby - see [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times. Complete your journey by taxi (see above).

## LOCAL AREA

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The Peveril of the Peak occupies a wonderfully peaceful location in the village of Thorpe, and is surrounded by

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the rolling countryside of the Derbyshire Dales. The nearest facilities are in the small town of Ashbourne, about 3 miles away. Here you'll find a full range of shops plus supermarkets, banks, chemists, pubs and cafés.

During your stay you may enjoy visiting the following places of interest:

## Dovedale

One of the natural wonders of the Peak District, the spectacular limestone valley of Dovedale is less than 1 mile from The Peveril of the Peak – just follow the footpath signs from the car park.

## Chatsworth House

Home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, [Chatsworth House](#) is one of Britain's most visited stately homes, which sits at the heart of a huge estate. Throughout the house there are fine displays of furniture, silver, tapestries, porcelain and paintings. The formal gardens cover 105 acres and include fountains, sculptures and a maze. Chatsworth is around 50 minutes' drive from The Peveril of the Peak.

## Crich Tramway Village

Located near the village of Crich, about 45 minutes' drive away, the [National Tramway Museum](#) has an impressive collection of vintage trams which run on a recreated historic street.

## Buxton

The Regency spa town of Buxton is about 19 miles from the Peveril of the Peak. Two key attractions are [Buxton Opera House](#) and [Poole's Cavern](#) show cave.

## Castleton

The popular village of Castleton is an excellent starting point for walks in the 'Dark Peak'; just under an hour's drive away. Nearby are four extensive show caves: [Peak Cavern](#), [Blue John Cavern](#), [Speedwell Cavern](#) and [Treak Cliff Cavern](#).

## Bakewell

Home to the famous 'Bakewell Pudding', this is one of the most attractive small towns in the national park. Bakewell is around 35 minutes' drive away.

## Alton Towers

The huge [Alton Towers](#) theme park is only 30 minutes' drive away and is a very popular option for families.

## Cromford Mills

[Cromford Mills](#) is the home of Sir Richard Arkwright's first mill complex, birthplace of the modern factory system and internationally recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This fascinating sites dates from 1771 and is about 35 minutes' drive away.

## Haddon Hall

A fortified medieval manor house, dating from the 12th century. [Haddon Hall](#) is located near Bakewell, about 45 minutes' drive away.

## Tissington Trail

The [Tissington Trail](#) is just half a mile away from The Peveril of the Peak. This offers 13 miles of traffic-free cycling along a disused railway line and connects with the 17 mile High Peak Trail. Cycle hire is available nearby.

## USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

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## Essential Information

All your Bridge stationery and equipment will be supplied. You may, however, like to bring a notebook and pen to make your own notes.

## 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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## TRIP NOTE VALIDITY

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.

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We promise that our earliest published prices will always be the best and if we reduce our holiday price after your booking has been confirmed, we will pass this reduction on to you. Our price promise applies if any subsequent offer price is for an identical holiday, duration, location and date and does not cover any optional extras, flights or additional services.

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