

Festive Bridge Players Holiday in the North York Moors

Tour Style: Festive Breaks

Destinations: North York Moors & England

Trip code: WYBRX



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Specifically aimed at regular players of Duplicate Bridge at club level. Topics covered include Jacoby 2NT, Splinter Bids, Cue Bids, Directional Asking Bids, Defence and Two Suited Overcalls (one topic per seminar day).

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- High quality Full Board en-suite accommodation and excellent food in our Country House
- Carefully selected friendly, knowledgeable and EBU qualified Bridge Director, to ensure you get the most from your holiday
- All Bridge fees, stationery and prizes
- A packed programme of evening activities offering something festive for everyone, including some old HF favourites
- EBU Master Points

HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- Morning seminars will cover topics in depth and will fine tune your skills
- Each evening there is a serious (but still fun) Bridge competition
- Free afternoons give time to relax or explore the local area
- Comfortable Bridge rooms, quiet and as light as possible
- Small prizes offered, for fun
- Gain EBU Master Points

ACCOMMODATION

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](#)

TRAVEL DETAILS

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 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

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

*Abbey Taxis is not owned or managed by HF Holidays

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 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 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 for train times.

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

LOCAL AREA

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

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

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. EBU Members - don't forget to bring your EBU membership number to earn Master Points on this holiday.

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

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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

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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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