

# 7-Night Shropshire Hills Guided Walking Holiday

**Tour Style:** Guided Walking

**Destinations:** Shropshire Hills & England

**Trip code:** CSBOB-7

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## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

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Nicknamed "Little Switzerland", the rolling hills around Church Stretton offer fabulous views in all directions. We have great walks right on our doorstep, including the shapely hill of Caer Caradoc, and the great moorland ridge of the Long Mynd. Be inspired by the history of this border county, and the charm of storied towns such as Much Wenlock, the birthplace of the modern Olympic Games. Discover Iron Age hill forts, castles, and medieval market towns as you explore the beautiful Shropshire 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
- 5 days guided walking and 1 free day
- Use of our comprehensive Discovery Point
- Choice of up to three guided walks each walking day
- The services of HF Holidays Walking Leaders

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## HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

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- Head out on full day walks to discover the varied beauty of the Shropshire Hills on foot
- Admire panoramic sloping countryside, river views and stunning villages where ever you walk
- Let a local leader bring classic routes and offbeat areas to life
- Enjoy magnificent scenery
- Visit charming Shropshire towns and villages
- Look out for wildlife, find secret corners and learn about the rich history in this region
- A relaxed pace of discovery in a sociable group keen to get some fresh air in one of England's most beautiful walking areas
- Discover what makes the Shropshire Hills so special from the old, picturesque towns to the quiet, peaceful hilltops
- Evenings in our country house where you share a drink and re-live the day's adventures

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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: The Stiperstones

#### Option 1 - Beneath The Stiperstones

**Distance:** 7 miles (11km)

**Total ascent:** 850 feet (260m)

**In Summary:** After viewing the Mitchell's Fold stone circle, our journey follows an undulating route beneath the Stiperstones ridge, before a gentle descent brings us to our finish point at the Stiperstones Inn.

**Highlight:** Mitchell's Fold, a Bronze Age stone circle in a remote setting.

#### Option 2 - White Grit And Over The Stiperstones

**Distance:** 7½miles (12km)

**Total ascent:** 1100 feet (340m)

**In Summary:** Initially an undulating route, followed by a ascent to take in the Stiperstones, with a descent to finish at the Stiperstones Inn.

**Highlight:** Discover the area's rich history and geology as you learn about the lead and barytes mines and the quartzite rocks of the Stiperstones.

#### Option 3 - The Stiperstones Ridge

**Distance:** 9 miles (14.5km)

**Total ascent:** 1,300 feet (400m)

**In Summary:** Discover the Mitchell's Fold stone circle, then walk over Mucklewick Hill to Nipstone Rock, then traverse the full Stiperstones ridge.

**Highlight:** Mitchell's Fold is a Bronze Age stone circle set in dramatic moorland. Hear about its legends as we start this fabulous walk.

## Day 3: The Stretton Hills

### Option 1 - Slopes Of Caer Caradoc

**Distance:** 7 miles (11km)

**Total ascent:** 1,150 feet (360m)

**In Summary:** A lovely route around Church Stretton. Head across the valley and along a scenic path which runs along the slopes of Caer Caradoc hill.

**Highlight:** Enjoy views over Church Stretton and the Long Mynd as we follow the balcony path around Caer Caradoc.

### Option 2 - Hope Bowdler & Caer Caradoc

**Distance:** 9 miles (14km)

**Total ascent:** 1,950 feet (600m)

**In Summary:** We cross the valley to ascend the long ridge of Hope Bowdler Hill. Our second summit is the shapely Caer Caradoc Hill.

**Highlight:** Look out for the Iron Age hillfort on the summit of Caer Caradoc; said to be the site of King Caractacus's final stand against the Roman invasion.

### Option 3 - Around Caer Caradoc & Over The Lawley

**Distance:** 10.5 miles (16.5km)

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

**In Summary:** We follow a track up along the Lawley ridge before reaching the summit of the Lawley where we will get great views over North Shropshire and the Cheshire Plains.

**Highlight:** Enjoy panoramic views to the North towards The Wrekin, east to Wenlock Edge, and West over the nearby Long Mynd Valley.

## Day 4: Free Day

Discover more about [Longmynd House and the local area](#) for ideas on how to fill your free day.

## Day 5: Pole Bank & The Long Mynd Valley

### Option 1 - Townbrook And Cardingmill Valley

**Distance:** 6½ miles (10.5km)

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

**In Summary:** From Townbrook Valley, on our doorstep, a steady ascent leads to the heather moorland of the Long Mynd and its summit, Pole Bank. We descend down the highly scenic Carding Mill Valley.

**Highlight:** Relax at the National Trust café in the Carding Mill Valley and enjoy the views of this local beauty

spot.

### Option 2 - Along The Long Mynd

**Distance:** 8½ miles (13½km)

**Total ascent:** 1,450 feet (440m)

**In Summary:** Head to the top of the Long Mynd via Townbrook Valley. We then head south along the ridge to Minton Hill, before returning to our country house via the village of Little Stretton.

**Highlight:** The great ridge of the Long Mynd rises behind our country house, offering miles of outstanding walking. Soak up the panoramic views over the Gliding Station and Welsh Borderlands.

### Option 3 - Over The Ridge To Adstone Hill

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

**Total ascent:** 2,500 feet (760m)

**In Summary:** This figure of eight walk first ascends Pole Bank via the delightful valley of Ashes Hollow. We then descend the western slopes to Adstone Hill, before returning over the Long Mynd ridge and descending Townbrook Valley to Church Stretton.

**Highlight:** Little walked and peaceful Adstone Hill, the challenge of walking the very best of the Long Mynd, and the views west are some of the high points of this walk.

## Day 6: The Wrekin & The Ironbridge Gorge

### Option 1 - From The Wrekin To Ironbridge

**Distance:** 7 miles (11km)

**Total ascent:** 800 feet (240m)

**In Summary:** Our walk takes us around the lower slopes of the iconic Wrekin, along tracks through the ancient Royal Hunting Forest, and through beautiful countryside, to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of The Ironbridge Gorge.

**Highlight:** The quirky shops, pubs and cafes, not forgetting the antique centre in a world-famous Teddy Bear Factory, in the beautiful riverside town of Ironbridge.

### Option 2 - On Top Of The Wrekin

**Distance:** 8½ miles (13.5km)

**Total ascent:** 1,400 feet (420m)

**In Summary:** We start our walk by heading to the summit of The Wrekin, viewing the remains of the Iron Age Fort before heading to Ironbridge via the lovely village of Little Wenlock.

**Highlight:** Seeing the very iron works where the industrial revolution began in the 18th Century, changing the world forever.

### Option 3 - From Wellington To Ironbridge

**Distance:** 10½ miles (17km)

**Total ascent:** 2,100 feet (640m)

**In Summary:** Starting with The Wrekin's little sister, The Ercall, and then taking in The Wrekin itself, we follow the famous Shropshire Way through the Shropshire Countryside to finish our day in Ironbridge.

**Highlight:** The panoramic views of the Welsh Marches and the Shropshire and Cheshire Plains from the summit of The Wrekin.

## Day 7: Ludlow & Mortimer Forest

### Option 1 - Around Ludlow

**Distance:** 5½ miles (8.5km)

**Total ascent:** 800 feet (240m)

**In Summary:** From Bromfield we head towards Mortimer Forest before descending into Ludlow for a look around the historic town.

**Highlight:** The town of Ludlow where the walk concludes is described by John Betjeman as "probably the loveliest town in England."

### Option 2 - Mortimer Forest

**Distance:** 6½ miles (10.5km)

**Total ascent:** 900 feet (280m)

**In Summary:** Also from Bromfield, this walk heads further up into the forest before we descend the Mary Knoll Valley and finish in Ludlow.

**Highlight:** Ludlow is one of England's finest market towns with its array of black and white timbered buildings, overlooked by an impressive castle.

### Option 3 - Mortimer Forest & Ludlow

**Distance:** 10 miles (16.5km)

**Total ascent:** 1650 feet (500m)

**In Summary:** We follow field footpaths through rolling countryside above the River before ascending to the summit at High Vinnalls in the Mortimer Forest. We descend the Mary Knoll Valley and continue to Ludlow.

**Highlight:** Enjoy fine views over the Shropshire countryside towards the Clee Hills.

## Day 8: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

## ACCOMMODATION

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### Longmynd House

Hidden in plain sight, there's a well-kept countryside secret in the heart of England that might just surprise you with its wonderful upland walking, trails, history and heritage. Discover the heart of Shropshire from striking Longmynd House, stood on a wooded hillside above Church Stretton, on the border of England and Wales.



Wake early to watch the sunrise from your balcony; take a dip in the heated outdoor pool and gear up for a great day in the hills on walks full of rich variety. Stride out on the Long Mynd itself, a dramatic, isolated whaleback hill with an expanse of heather wilderness and deeply cut valleys, explore the Stiperstones and climb to the Iron Age fort on top of Caer Caradoc, or surround yourself with historic castles, market towns and trails of all kinds.

## Country House Accommodation

### Accommodation Info

### Need To Know

We appreciate that COVID-19 continues to impact the nations. The English, Scottish and Welsh governments are not always in sync, so measures in our country houses may vary between the nations. We thank all guests for adhering to the measures we have introduced to keep our guests, leaders and team members safe.

You can see our latest FAQs and guarantees at <https://www.hfholidays.co.uk/coronavirus-travel-advice>

### Ventilation, Physical Distancing Measures and Group Sizes around the Houses

We will keep our public areas well ventilated; for your comfort you might want to pack an extra layer to keep you comfortable.

With the relaxation of physical distancing, we will be allowing larger groups to dine and relax in the bar together.

Hand sanitiser stations will be made available in frequently used public areas for guests and staff use. It is advisable to bring additional hand sanitiser for whilst you are out walking.

We always follow the latest regional government advice, but our one recommendation is don't forget your face mask! There is no requirement to wear a face covering in communal areas, but you may of course choose to. Some places throughout the UK may still require you to wear a mask even if the government legislation does not. With this in mind we suggest you bring a personal supply of face coverings for the duration of your stay.

### Servicing Bedrooms:

At this stage we are not reintroducing our daily room servicing. Extra tea, coffee, milk, towels and toiletries will be available on request from our team. Bins can be left outside your door for emptying.

### COVID-19 Symptoms or Cases

If a guest has symptoms of COVID-19 then they should inform the house team and immediately self-isolate to minimise any risk of transmission and make arrangements to request a COVID test. If a guest receives a positive test result, they should return home if they reasonably can. They should where possible use private transport but only drive themselves if they can do so safely. If a guest cannot reasonably return home, they should discuss their circumstances with the House Manager. Additional charges may be levied if a guest needs to self-isolate for longer than their planned holiday.

### What can you do to help keep everyone safe?

- Wear a face mask/covering where required and please bring plenty of face coverings for the duration of your stay
- Carry/use hand sanitiser
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water when possible
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough or sneeze

- Avoid passing round objects such as cameras & phones
- If you are displaying symptoms of Coronavirus, please do not travel to an HF Holidays House

## Rooms

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

Stay in the smartly presented rooms in the main house or in one of 8 brick-built lodges in the grounds. With 54 rooms, Longmynd House has plenty of space and there's a range of Classic and Premium Rooms to choose from. Chose Room 16 for the four poster bed and separate sitting area, with green leafy views or Room 44 with its compact balcony and outdoor eating area overlooking the heather-clad rise on the far side of the valley. The lodges away from the house offer a little more privacy and their own terrace looking out over the gardens.

*All 'Classic' rooms are ensuite and furnished to a high standard. There are also several 'Premium' Rooms that are either larger or have a desirable view, a more luxurious mattress and larger television – upgrade your stay for just an extra £15-20 per person per night. You can choose a specific room for an extra £30 per room, subject to availability. Upgrade supplements still apply.*

### Check in:

Check in opens at **4pm** for all guests. Guests will be unable to access any of the Country House facilities, including leaving luggage before 4pm.

We are delighted to invite you to enjoy a complimentary Afternoon Tea on arrival. Relax and meet your fellow guests and leaders.

### Check out:

Check out time: **10am**

Please note, you will need to settle your bill before departure and payment will only be possible by card. Gratuities and donations to the Pathway Fund can also be made by card.

## Facilities

*Free Wi-Fi, boot room and drying room, extensive garden, lounge, bar, ballroom, library and board games to borrow*

After a day exploring the Shropshire Hills, return to the house. Stroll through the extensive grounds and discover the woodland sculpture trail that threads through the trees, looking out for 'deer' and 'bears'. Dip into the heated outdoor pool to swim below the trees. Head to the long lounge with its wall of glass giving on to the view outside, or for a more intimate space, sit at the smart bar with its crouching lions and attractive jug lamps or surrender to the leather sofas around the fireplace and enjoy a local pint of Shropshire Lad or Lass with a lively conversation among your fellow guests.

### Welcome Information

A Welcome Information Pack providing details about the Country House and your holiday will be available in each bedroom. This personal pack of information will detail what to expect during your stay in the house, the menu for the duration of your stay, dinner & picnic lunch order forms and the guest registration form for completion.

Our houses are locked at night-time and accessible with a door code which is available in the Welcome Pack. However, we also recommend making a note of the Duty Manager number on arrival, in case of an emergency or getting locked out.

### Evenings

Join our team after dinner on Wednesday evenings to see if you've got the knowledge to triumph in the HF Big

Pub Quiz! There will also be another evening of entertainment at the beginning of the week which will vary depending on the house you are visiting.

If there are leaders resident, they will be available to chat to guests about self-guided walks. You can borrow walking route notes and maps from our Discovery Point.

### **Walks Talks – Guided Walking Information Briefings**

Self-Guided guests are always welcome to join our Guided Walking briefings to hear about the local conditions.

Our leaders will deliver a Guided Walking Information Briefing on each arrival day before and after dinner followed by a group Walks Talk to let guests know about the following day's walks. Walks Talks are usually before and after dinner prior to each walking day. The information is repeated so you can join whichever time suits you.

If you are undecided which walk to do, our leaders will be available in the bar or lounge to answer any questions you might have. Our website contains up-to-date information about the walks for each holiday.

Before you leave for your walk your leader will run through a short safety briefing for the day.

Each day, the latest weather forecast will be displayed for all guests to check to ensure appropriate clothing is worn for the walks.

Please note, if you decide to do your own walks, or you are on a self-guided walking holiday, you must complete an Independent Walker Card each day. These can be found near the Discovery Point in the house.

### **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 Longmynd House 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.

Along with many hospitality business across the UK we are presently experiencing disruption to our food and drink supply chain. COVID continues to limit the ability of suppliers to deliver and the war in Ukraine (along with several other global challenges) is impacting availability of many basic products. We are working hard to ensure that these challenges do not negatively impact your holiday but ask for your understanding should we need to make last minute changes to dishes or menus.

### **Accessibility**

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

### **TRAVEL DETAILS**

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Our address is: Longmynd House, Cunnery Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6AG  
Tel: [01694 722244](tel:01694722244)

### **By Train:**

The nearest railway station to Longmynd House is Church Stretton, which is less than a mile from it. However, the house is at the top of a steep hill (it has great views!) so a taxi is recommended.



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 journey from Church Stretton railway station takes approximately 15 minutes. You can pre-book a taxi from our recommended taxi company, Alan's Cab. As a guide price, it costs £17 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:

Alan's Cab\*

Tel: [+44 \(0\) 7970 683126](tel:+44(0)7970683126)

Email: [alanbrough207@btinternet.com](mailto:alanbrough207@btinternet.com)

The return taxi journey can be arranged on your behalf by the Longmynd House Manager.

\*Alan's Cab is not owned or managed by HF Holidays

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All taxi companies in Church Stretton are booked for school runs between 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm.

## By Car:

Follow the A49 to Church Stretton. At the traffic lights turn off the A49 into the town. At the first T junction turn left into the High Street. Go straight over the mini-roundabout, and then take the next right into Cunnery Road. Follow the road up a steep hill and around a hairpin bend. Longmynd House is at the top of the hill on the left-hand side. Look out for our sign. A car park is available in the grounds with free parking.

## Travelling From Overseas

Manchester Airport has the quickest onward connections to Church Stretton. Trains from the airport take approximately 2 hours with a change in Crewe. See [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times. (See IMPORTANT NOTE above)

Flying to London Heathrow airport is another option, but has a longer onward train journey - allow at least 4½ hours to reach Church Stretton by train. There are a variety of routes. See [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times. (See IMPORTANT NOTE above)

## LOCAL AREA

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The attractive small town of Church Stretton is around 10 minutes' walk downhill from Longmynd House. After the arrival of the railway, the town grew in the Victorian and Edwardian eras and became known as 'Little Switzerland' due to the dramatic hills on both sides of the valley. Today the town retains its bygone charm and has a range of facilities including a variety of small shops, banks, cafés, pubs and a supermarket.

During your stay at Longmynd House you may enjoy visiting the following places of interest, either in your free time, during a self-guided walking holiday or on your journey to and from Shropshire:

### Ludlow

Easily reached by train, or around 20 minutes' drive away, Ludlow is a particularly attractive market town. The historic centre retains many of its medieval buildings, and is towered over by its [well-preserved castle](#). In recent years the town has developed as something of a gastronomic centre, being home to celebrated Michelin-starred restaurants and many acclaimed local food producers.

## Ironbridge Gorge

A little further afield, about 45 minutes' drive from Church Stretton, are the many excellent museums of [Ironbridge Gorge](#). Known as the 'birthplace of the Industrial Revolution' it was here that Abraham Darby perfected the manufacture of cast iron which was later used to build the area's iconic iron bridge across the River Severn. Today there are 10 museums in the gorge including the Museum of Iron, the Coleport China Museum and the excellent Blists Hill Victorian town.

## Severn Valley Railway

The [Severn Valley Railway](#) is one of Britain's premier steam railways. This lovingly recreated Great Western Railway branch line is now run largely by volunteers and is home to an impressive collection of locomotives. As its name suggests, the line follows the rural valley of the River Severn from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster. The nearest station at Bridgnorth is about 40 minutes' drive from Church Stretton.

## Shrewsbury

Also easily reached by train, or a 30-minute drive, Shrewsbury is the county town of Shropshire. The town centre is particularly attractive, featuring many black and white timber houses dating from the 15th and 16th centuries.

## Much Wenlock

The small town of Much Wenlock, about 30 minutes' drive from Church Stretton, is particularly attractive with many black and white timbered houses. Despite its small size, the town can claim to be the birthplace of the modern Olympic Games.

## Hereford

The cathedral city of Hereford, is just under an hour's drive away, and can also be reached by direct train from Church Stretton. [Hereford Cathedral](#) houses a chained library and the famous Mappa Mundi, a 13th century map of the world.

## Attingham Park

[Attingham Park](#) is a grand 18th century house surrounded by an extensive deer park, located outside Shrewsbury, around 25 minutes' drive away. Now managed by the National Trust you can visit the ornate rooms and explore the walled garden and grounds.

## Powis Castle

This former medieval fortress has been re-modelled over more than 400 years – each generation adding to the magnificent collection of paintings, sculpture, furniture and tapestries. The world-famous garden is overhung with clipped yews, and shelters rare and tender plants. [Powis Castle](#) is owned by the National Trust and is located near Welshpool, about 45 minutes' drive from Church Stretton.

## Chirk Castle

Just under an hour's drive north of Church Stretton, [Chirk Castle](#) is a fine medieval fortress completed in 1310. As well as military displays, the castle was also a domestic home for many centuries, and is surrounded by excellent gardens.

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## 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

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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)

### **PEACE OF MIND**

#### **ATOL:**

The air holidays and flights in this brochure are ATOL-protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 710. In the unlikely event of our insolvency, the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid us for advance bookings. For further information visit the ATOL website [atol.org.uk](http://atol.org.uk)

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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.

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