

3-Night North York Moors Guided Walking Holiday

Tour Style: Guided Walking

Destinations: North York Moors, United Kingdom & England

Trip code: WYBOB-3

1, 2 & 3



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

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

- High quality en-suite accommodation in our country house
- Full board from dinner upon arrival to breakfast on departure day
- 2 days guided walking
- Use of our comprehensive Discovery Point
- Choice of up to three guided walks each walking day
- The services of HF Holidays Walking Leaders
- Any transport to and from the walks

HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- Head out on guided walks to discover the varied beauty of the North York Moors
- Explore windswept headlands and smugglers haunts of the Yorkshire coast
- Marvel at the magical inland moors where sweetly scented heather creates a carpet of colour
- Let your experienced leader bring classic routes and offbeat areas to life
- Look out for wildlife, find secret corners and learn about the Moors history
- A relaxed pace of discovery in a sociable group keen to get some fresh air in one of England's most beautiful walking areas

TRIP SUITABILITY

This is graded activity level 1, 2 and 3. Discover the beautiful contrasting landscapes of the North York Moors. We'll take you to the windswept headlands and smugglers' haunts of the Yorkshire coast, and also the magical inland moors where the sweetly scented heather creates a carpet of colour. 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 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.

ITINERARY

Version 1 (Runs 2019/20)

Day 1: Arrival Day

You're welcome to check-in to your room from 2:30 p.m. onwards (upgraded rooms from 1 p.m.) Please join us for afternoon tea.

Day 2: Along The Esk Valley

Option 1 - Grosmont To Whitby

Distance: 7 miles (11.5km)

Ascent: 950 feet (300m)

In Summary: The River Esk flows through the North York Moors to the sea at Whitby, carving a tranquil green valley through the high moorland. We'll follow the valley from Grosmont 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 - Egton Bridge To Whitby

Distance: 8 miles (13km)

Ascent: 1,000 feet (300m)

In Summary: We start at Egton Bridge and follow an old toll road along the valley towards Grosmont. We'll pass the village of Sleights before ending the walk across the towering Larpool Viaduct.

Highlight: The River Esk has healthy stocks of Atlantic salmon and sea trout. If you're lucky you may spot kingfishers, dippers, otters and water voles, all of which live in the river.

Option 3 - Glaisdale To Whitby

Distance: 10 miles (16.5km)

Total ascent: 1,200 feet (360m)

In Summary: Follow the River Esk from the heart of the national park towards the sea. We'll walk through the ancient woodlands at Arncliffe to the stepping stones of Egton Bridge, then continue downstream past Grosmont to Larpool Hall.

Highlight: See the Beggar's Bridge and discover the legend of the 17th Century romance between Tom Ferris, a local farmer and Agnes Richardson, the squire's daughter.

Day 3: Along The Smuggler's Coast

Option 1 - Runswick Bay To Sandsend

Distance: 6 miles (9.5km)

Total ascent: 920 feet (280m)

In Summary: Enjoy a glorious section of the Yorkshire coast between Runswick Bay and Sandsend. We start along the beach, then ascend onto the cliff-top path which takes us around the headland at Kettlethess and on to Sandsend.

Highlight: There's time to explore Staithes before rejoining the coast to start our walk at Runswick Bay. Staithes is a timeless fishing village with cobbled streets and historic buildings.

Option 2 - Staithes To Sandsend

Distance: 9 miles (14.5km)

Ascent: 1,500 feet (460m)

In Summary: After exploring the village of Staithes, we'll head along the cliff tops, passing Port Mulgrave on our way to the quaint village of Runswick Bay. Our coastal walk continues along the Cleveland Way to Kettlethess and Sandsend.

Highlight: Look out for the once thriving harbour at Port Musgrave, built in the 1850s to transport iron ore. You can see the remains of the 1 mile tunnel that connected the mine to the harbour.

Option 3 - Boulby To Sandsend

Distance: 12 miles (19.5km)

Total ascent: 1,900 feet (580m)

In Summary: Our walk starts on top of the towering Boulby Cliffs. We follow the coastal path all the way to Sandsend, taking in the quaint fishing village of Staithe, the sweeping arc of Runswick Bay, and the remote headland at Kettleness.

Highlight: As you approach Sandsend there's a glorious view along the 2½ mile long beach towards Whitby, with the ruins of Whitby Abbey prominent in the distance.

Day 4: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

Version 2 (Runs 2019/20)

Day 1: Arrival Day

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Day 2: Robin Hood's Bay To Whitby

Option 1 - Hawsker To Whitby

Distance: 6 miles (9.5km)

Ascent: 950 feet (300m)

In Summary: After time exploring Robin Hood's Bay, our coach takes us to the village of Hawsker. A track from here joins the coastal path which we follow to Whitby. We'll pass the iconic ruins of the Abbey, before descending the steps to the harbour.

Highlight: The ruins of Whitby Abbey stand prominently on the headland above the harbour. Discover how this dramatic setting inspired Bram Stoker's gothic novel Dracula.

Option 2 - Robin Hood's Bay To Whitby

Distance: 8 miles (13km)

Ascent: 1,600 feet (500m)

In Summary: Follow the glorious coast path from Robin Hood's Bay back to Whitby. We'll round the first headland then head towards the landmark of Whitby Abbey.

Highlight: The beach below Whitby's East Cliff is a good spot to look for fossils, and jet. In the nearby shops you can see how craftsmen have carved this into jewellery and ornaments.

Option 3 - Ravenscar To Whitby

Distance: 11½ miles (18.5km)

Ascent: 2,050 feet (620m)

In Summary: A glorious coastal walk starting high on the headland at Ravenscar. We'll initially head to Boggle Hole and the quaint fishing village of Robin Hood's Bay, before rounding the headland and continuing along the coast to Whitby.

Highlight: We'll descend the famous 199 steps from Whitby Abbey and enjoy the classic view over the bustling harbour.

Day 3: Dales Of The Esk Way

Option 1 - Castleton Rigg & Eskdale

Distance: 6 miles (9.5km)

Ascent: 550 feet (180m)

In Summary: Starting high on Castleton Rigg, we then descend along the Rigg, following field and moorland paths to visit Danby Castle, home of Katherine Parr, before crossing the Esk Valley railway to arrive at the Moors Centre.

Highlight: The Moors Centre has excellent interpretive displays about the national park, and a rolling programme of exhibitions by local artists.

Option 2 - Danby Rigg

Distance: 9½ miles (15.5km)

Ascent: 1,550 feet (480m)

In Summary: From Castleton we make our way across fields and Danby Rigg to reach Little Fryup Dale. We continue via Danby Crag before crossing the River Esk to the pretty village of Houlstyke. After a short, sharp ascent you'll enjoy splendid views of the Esk Valley before descending to The Moors Centre.

Highlight: Look out for the standing stones, cairns and long barrows on Danby Rigg - evidence of human settlement dating back to the Bronze Age.

Option 3 - Atop The Moors

Distance: 10 miles (16.5km)

Ascent: 1,800 feet (540m)

In Summary: Explore the moors above the Esk Valley. Starting from Castleton we take in three hills: Westerdale Moor, Castleton Rigg and Danby Rigg punctuated by tranquil green valleys.

Highlight: Enjoy sweeping views from the top of the moors over the national park, and down the Esk Valley towards Whitby.

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Day 2: Smuggler's Coast

Option 1 - Boulby To Runswick Bay

Distance: 6½ miles (10km)

Ascent: 900 feet (280m)

In Summary: Follow the Cleveland Way along the coast from Boulby cliff to quaint Staithes. We will then continue atop the cliffs to the small harbour at Port Mulgrave and the sweeping arc of Runswick Bay.

Highlight: Discover the fascinating village of Staithes, and the area's connections to Captain James Cook.

Option 2 - Staithes To Sandsend

Distance: 9 miles (14.5km)

Ascent: 1,500 feet (460m)

In Summary: Starting from Staithes we follow the impressive cliff top section of the coast to Runswick Bay. Our walk continues along the Cleveland Way to Kettleness and Sandsend.

Highlight Look out for the once-thriving harbour at Port Mulgrave, built in the 1850s to transport iron ore. You can see the remains of the 1 mile tunnel that connected the mine to the harbour.

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Day 3: Heartbeat Country Around Goathland

Option 1 - Goathland & Grosmont

Distance: 7 miles (11km)

Ascent: 950 feet (280m)

In Summary: From Goathland we follow the Esk Valley through Beck Hole and on to Grosmont. Take a look around the impressive Engine Sheds at Grosmont station. Our return route follows the old railway line between the two villages.

Highlight: Today's walks centre on the village of Goathland - made famous as the setting for the TV series Heartbeat.

Option 2 - Goathland Circuit

Distance: 8 miles (13km)

Total ascent: 1,100 feet (320m)

In Summary: From Goathland, a gentle descent along the old railway track takes us to Beck Hole. Woodland and field paths will take us to Wheeldale Lodge from where we make our way to Goathland Church. A further loop heads across the railway line and onto the station.

Highlight: Look out for steam trains on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway as they make their way through the magnificent scenery in the heart of the national park.

Option 3 - Over The Moors To Goathland

Distance: 11 miles (18km)

Ascent: 1,500 feet (450m)

In Summary: Starting above the Hole of Horcum we descend steeply into Newtondale, where we may see a steam train as we cross the railway. We continue on forest and moorland tracks to Simon Howe, before descending to Wheeldale and a section of the Roman Road. Our route continues to Goathland via Mallyan Spout and the incline of the old railway track.

Highlight: Discover the impressive Mallyan Spout hidden in a deep ravine below Goathland village.

Day 4: Departure Day

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Version 4 (Runs 2019/20)

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Day 2: Along The Esk Valley

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Day 3: 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 4: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

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 whole shed-load 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.

At The House

- Excellent boot and drying rooms
- Lounge with a central dance floor
- Two additional lounges
- Bar
- Outside terrace
- Dining room
- Range of board games and books
- Free WiFi available in public rooms
- Extension views from the front of the house across the esk Valley
- Gardens include a putting green and croquet lawn

Dining

All holidays at our Country Houses are full board accommodation including an evening meal on arrival to

breakfast on the day of your departure. All of our Country Houses have a well-stocked bar serving local beers, wine and spirits.

- Start your day with our extensive breakfast.
- Take your fill from our famous self-service picnic lunches
- A relaxed social dinner is a highlight of any stay at our Country Houses

Your Evenings

Just relax and take it easy, or if you'd like to continue to chat with our guides and fellow guests then why not grab a drink or take part in one of our optional evening activities.

All of our bars are stocked with locally sourced drinks so you can really soak up your surroundings.

Additional Information

- Fire procedure is displayed in each room and explained to guests on arrival. Guests requiring assistance at an evacuation are identified at this time and door hanger cards are issued
- Mobile phone reception is generally good from the main building
- Assistance dogs accompanying visually or hearing impaired guests are welcome; dogs must be kept on a lead or harness at all times
- Information can be provided in large print
- Staff have received disability awareness training
- Special diets can be catered for. Specialist food can be obtained with prior notice
- Hired equipment can be arranged for your stay with prior notice
- Fridge for medication can be supplied

Matchless Country House Accommodation

Accommodation Info

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 Good, Better and Best 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 'Good' rooms are ensuite and furnished to a high standard. There are also several 'Better' and 'Best' Rooms that are either larger or have a desirable view, a more luxurious mattress, larger television, enhanced toiletries and a fluffy bathrobe & slippers – 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.

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. Lunch is a chance to stock up on our famous picnic snacks. Food at Larpool Hall is varied and tasty and has a strong emphasis on ingredients from the area and seasonal produce. Once a week the dining room hosts a Local Food Night, when, over a sociable evening, you might try a five-course feast of local flavours.

Accessibility

For accessibility and assistance information, please contact our expert team on 020 3974 8865

Travel Details

Our address is: Larpool Hall, Larpool Drive, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO22 4ND

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. Details of our current recommended taxi company and rates will be sent to you with your final dispatch documents, four weeks before departure. The return taxi journey can be arranged on your behalf by the Larpool Hall Manager.

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, or on your journey to and from Whitby:

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 ruined abbey commands 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. www.english-heritage.org.uk/whitby-abbey

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 Jacks 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 British Rail 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. www.nymr.co.uk

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. www.sjt.uk.com

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. www.trailways.info

Rydale Folk Museum

This 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 through the middle. The museum houses exhaustive displays of rural life and crafts in buildings spread over several acres.

www.rydalefolkmuseum.co.uk

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.

www.castlehoward.co.uk

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, Minster, National Railway Museum, and Yorvik Viking Centre.

www.yorkminster.org www.nrm.org.uk or www.jorvik-viking-centre.co.uk

About

Coastal Country House • 29 Bedrooms • Open March to November & Festive Period • Standard check-in from 2.30pm • Free Parking on site • Free Wi-Fi throughout • Walkers' Facilities including Boot Room & Drying Room • Discovery Point with route guides and maps

USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

What To Bring

Essential Equipment

To enjoy walking/hiking comfortably and safely, footwear, clothing and equipment needs to be suitable for the conditions. Safety is our priority and Britain is famous for its changeable weather, so our advice is to come prepared for all eventualities.

- Footwear with a good grip on the sole (e.g. Vibram sole) is the key to avoiding accidents
- Walking/hiking boots providing ankle support and good grip are recommended (ideally worn in), and specialist walking socks to avoid blisters
- Several layers of clothing, which can be added or removed, are better than a single layer (include spares)
- Fabrics (lightweight and fast drying) designed for the outdoors are recommended
- Waterproof jacket and waterproof over trousers
- Warm hat and gloves. Gaiters are an optional but useful extra
- Denim jeans and capes are not suitable on any walks
- Rucksack with a waterproof liner
- Thermos flask for hot drink
- Water bottle (at least 1 litre)
- Spare high-energy food such as a chocolate bar
- Small torch
- First aid kit – your leader's first aid kit doesn't contain any medication or blister kits (such as Compeed)

Optional Equipment

- Walking poles are useful, particularly for descents
- Insect repellent
- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Sun cream
- Camera

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 – 7pm Saturday & Sunday: 9am – 1pm Bank Holiday Monday: 9am – 1pm

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.

ASSOCIATE'S FEE

Non-members can join our holidays by paying an Associate's fee of £10 per person per holiday. Alternatively, full life membership is available from £100 – visit hfholidays.co.uk/membership for details.

BACS PAYMENTS

Please quote your booking reference / Order ID when you make your payment online: Bank Name: Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ) Account Name: HF Holidays Ltd Account Number: 35923304 Sort Code: 40-51-62 IBAN: GB92HAND40516235923304 Swift / Bic Code: HANDGB22

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

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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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.

PRICE GUARANTEE

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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