

# 3-Night Western Yorkshire Dales Discovery Tour

**Destinations:** Yorkshire Dales & England  
**Trip code:** SDHCR-3



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

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The market town of Sedbergh nestles beneath the beautiful dome-shaped Howgill Fells, and is an area steeped in history. From the museums and castles that enjoy commanding views of the stunning scenery through to small market towns like Kirkby Lonsdale, Kendal and Hawes – home of Wensleydale cheese – there is plenty to discover in this corner of the Yorkshire Dales. Tour the Pennine Uplands and enjoy every facet of this picturesque countryside.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- High-quality Full Board en-suite accommodation and excellent food in our country house
- The services of our knowledgeable HF Holidays' leader, ensuring you get the most from your holiday
- Full-day excursions with all transport on touring days in a good-quality, comfortable mini-coach

For 2022 departures, all admission costs are included on Discovery tours, including National Trust & English Heritage.

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## HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

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- Have a taste of Wensleydale cheese at Hawes
- Discover the wild Pennine Uplands above Swaledale
- Visit Barnard Castle, set on high rock above the River Tees
- Explore the collections at the Bowes Museum

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## TRIP SUITABILITY

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Our Discovery holidays give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture of the local area through active sightseeing. On each Discovery day, you will be walking between 3-5 miles (5-8km), hopping on and off the coach throughout, so you should expect to spend the majority of the day on your feet. Some of this walking may be across country tracks or footpaths so be sure to bring sturdy shoes! There will also be stairs to climb in the majority of the venues you visit, though other more accessible options may be available.

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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: Hawes & Wensleydale

On our first day together, we'll spend time in Aysgarth, home of the spectacular Aysgarth Falls, before continuing to the attractive market town of Hawes. Here we'll be able to taste the famous cheese at the Wensleydale Creamery, see the Ropemakers at work and learn more about the Dales way of life.

### Day 3: Barnard Castle & Bowes Museum

We travel over the Pennines today to visit the wonderful market town of Barnard Castle. We can explore the independent shops, the ruined castle, or enjoy a leisurely walk. The highlight is a visit to the spectacular Bowes Museum, built in the style of a French château.

### Day 4: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

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## ACCOMMODATION

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### Thorns Hall

Situated in Sedbergh, in West Yorkshire's portion of the famous Dales, at the foot of the Howgill Fells, Thorns Hall offers cosy, country-pile atmosphere amid beautiful rural surroundings. Dating from 1535, the small manor house is home to 25 bedrooms as well as wood-panelled public rooms, open fireplaces and a cobbled courtyard that ooze historic charm. From every aspect the hills can be seen rising around the house and a short hop takes you from the house to the fells and upland scenery. Marvel at the 24 arch Ribbleshead Viaduct, climb the distinctive summit of Ingleborough, one of the Three Peaks, explore classic limestone scenery and stop in at one of Appleby's historic pubs for a well-earned toast.

## Matchless Country House Accommodation

### Accommodation Info

### Need To Know

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

Following the relaxation in government guidance on 19 July, 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. All of our swimming pools are open, except for Glen Coe, which will not re-open this year. 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 in the main house or cottages across the courtyard. With 25 rooms, Thorns Hall has plenty of space and there's a range of Good, Better and Best Rooms to choose from. Our pick is Room 25, a very spacious escape on the ground floor with a great brick fireplace, comfy seats to sit in and big bed as well as gorgeous views of the gardens. Look out too for large and airy Room 4 and the more intimate Room 13 with its exposed wood ceiling and courtyard view.

*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 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, formal garden, large reception hall, two lounges, library and board games to borrow

After a day exploring the Dales, come back to the house and its specially tailored walkers' facilities. At the front of the house there's a pretty, formal garden that makes a pleasant spot to relax in. Take up residence in the lounge below the exposed wood beams or seek refuge in the small, dark wood-panelled bar with its over-sized fireplace and log burner for an atmospheric corner to kick back in and catch up with fellow guests over a local ale or two.

## 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 Thorns Hall is varied and tasty and has a strong emphasis on ingredients from the area and seasonal produce. Once a week the dining room in the converted barn hosts a Local Food Night, when, over a sociable evening, you might try a five-course feast of regional flavours, from twice baked Wensleydale Cheese Souffle to Lancashire black pudding and Cumbrian rump of lamb.

## Accessibility

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

## TRAVEL DETAILS

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Our address is: Thorns Hall, Cautley Road, Sedbergh, Cumbria, LA10 5LE  
Tel: [01539 620973](tel:01539620973)

### By Train:

The nearest train station is Oxenholme, the Lake District, on the main line between London and Glasgow. For train times and route planning by train visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or phone 03457 48 49 50.

### By Taxi:

The 10 mile journey from Oxenholme station to Thorns Hall can be made by taxi. You can pre-book a taxi from our recommended taxi company, Woofs of Sedbergh. As a guide price, it costs £28 per 4-seat taxi in 2020. 8-seat taxis are also available at a higher rate. Please pre-book your taxi at least 7 days in advance by contacting:

Woofs of Sedbergh\*  
Tel: +44 (0) 1539 620414  
Email: [woofs.sedbergh@outlook.com](mailto:woofs.sedbergh@outlook.com)

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

\*Woofs of Sedbergh is not owned or managed by HF Holidays

### By Car:

Leave the M6 at junction 37 and follow the A684 east for 5 miles to Sedbergh. On reaching Sedbergh follow

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the road round to the right into Finkle Street (avoiding the main street), then almost immediately turn left at a small roundabout into Back Lane. At the next mini-roundabout bear left onto the A683 following signs to Kirkby Stephen. Thorns Hall is a further 100 yards along the road on the left. Look out for our sign. A car park is available in the grounds with free parking.

## Travelling From Overseas

For most guests the most convenient option is to book a flight to Manchester Airport. There are direct trains every hour from Manchester Airport to Oxenholme - this is straightforward journey - allow 1½ hours to Oxenholme. See [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times.

From Oxenholme station you can complete the journey to Sedbergh using our transfer or by taxi (see above).

Flying to London Heathrow airport is another option, but has a longer onward train journey - allow at least 4 hours to reach Oxenholme. From Heathrow first take the train to London Paddington station. Next take the Underground train to London Euston. Finally the main line train from London Euston to Oxenholme takes 2½ hours. See [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times.

## LOCAL AREA

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Sedbergh sits at the foot of the Howgill Fells, a peaceful corner of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The centre of Sedbergh is just a few minutes walk from Thorns Hall. The town has a range of facilities including a small supermarket, post office, newsagent, pubs, cafés and a bank. Now famed as England's 'book town', Sedbergh has many second-hand book shops. A wider range of facilities are available in the larger town of Kendal, about 10 miles away.

During your visit to Thorns Hall you may enjoy visiting the following places of interest:

### Sizergh Medieval House

Situated near Kendal, about 25 minutes' drive from Sedbergh. [Sizergh](#) is a fine medieval house, surrounded by beautiful gardens.

### Levens Hall

This stately home is famous for its magnificent formal garden and topiary displays (the world's oldest!). [Levens Hall](#) is south of Kendal, about 30 minutes' drive from Sedbergh.

### Settle To Carlisle Railway

Ride one of [England's most scenic railways](#) through the Yorkshire Dales from Garsdale station, about 10 miles from Sedbergh. Heading south you could cross the famous Ribbleshead Viaduct and visit Settle, Skipton and Saltaire. Heading north you could head to the small market town of Appleby, or the border city of Carlisle.

### Hawes & Wensleydale

A 30-minute drive through the Yorkshire Dales will take you to the small town of Hawes. Visit the famous creamery that produces [Wensleydale Cheese](#). You may want to continue through the valley of Wensleydale, well known as the filming location for the popular 1970s/80s TV series All Creatures Great & Small.

### Kendal

The market town of Kendal (home of the famous mint cake) - about 20 minutes' drive from Thorns Hall - has a good range of specialist shops. The excellent [Lakeland Museum](#) is also worth a visit.

## Lake District

A 40-minute drive will take you to Lake Windermere, gateway to exploring the beautiful scenery of the Lake District National Park. Here you could take a [steamer trip on the lake](#), or visit the visitors' centre at [Brockhole](#).

## USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

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### Essential Information

To enjoy your holiday comfortably and safely, it's essential that your clothing and footwear is suitable for the conditions likely to be encountered. Changeable weather is possible throughout the year, so our advice is to come prepared for all eventualities – hot, cold, wet or dry.

All of our Discovery tours involve active sightseeing and you should therefore be prepared for walking between the sights and wear flat, comfortable shoes. In the evening most guests wear casual clothing. You will probably find a small rucksack or cross-body bag useful for carrying spare clothing, a camera and drinks (at least 1 litre) during the day.

## 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 – 7pm 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: 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](http://hfholidays.co.uk/insurance)

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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.

## PRICE GUARANTEE

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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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