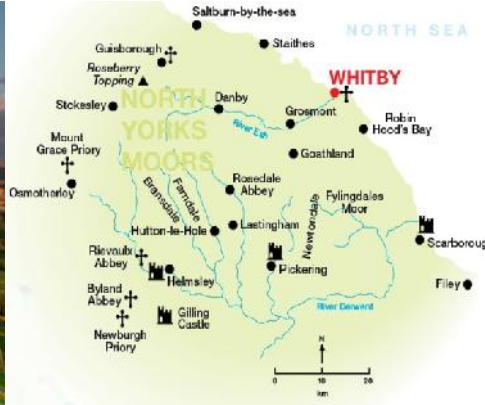


ENGLAND – WHITBY & THE NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS

8-day / 7-night centre-based one-hotel guided walking tour



The North York Moors National Park is a unique and special place, encompassing wild and beautiful moorland, ancient forests, green valleys, stunning coastline, towering cliffs, and an archaeological record of human habitation dating back to the end of the Ice Age. Here we will find medieval castles and abbeys, Roman fortifications, Iron Age hill forts and traces of the Industrial Revolution.

A guided walking holiday based at Whitby is an ideal way to explore the varied facets of the North York Moors National Park. There are superb coastal walks to the picturesque villages of Staithes and Robin Hood's Bay, to desolate rocky headlands and smugglers' coves, and walks further inland traversing dales and heather-covered moorland. Whitby itself is an atmospheric harbour town, with its iconic ruined abbey and its connection to Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. And we're not far from the scenic heritage North Yorkshire Moors Railway – its historic stations have doubled as Hogsmeade in the Harry Potter films and as Adensfield in the TV series 'Heartbeat'.

Cost from: \$1855 per person (twin share). Single supplement on request

Departs: 6th, 27th March; 15th May; 13th, 20th, 27th June; 1st, 22nd, 29th, August; 5th, 12th, 19th September; 9th, 16th, 23rd October; 6th November, 2020

Tour includes: 7 nights in comfortable hotel room with ensuite bathrooms, full board (breakfast, picnic lunch and dinner), experienced walks leader, 5 guided walks, local transport to/from walks, evening social activities.

Not Included: Transport to / from the house, drinks, personal expenses, transport/activities on your free day.

Accommodation: The splendid 4-star Georgian mansion **Larpool Hall** commands a wonderful position above the harbour town of Whitby. With excellent accommodation and spacious public rooms it is a most attractive base for our walking and leisure activity holidays. Larpool Hall has 28 bedrooms in the main building. Rooms at the front of the house enjoy wonderful views across the Esk Valley. **Premium rooms** with extra space or exceptional views are also available at a supplement (please ask for details).



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A typical 'Classic Week' of walking – suggested itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival day. Plan to arrive at your country house accommodation mid-afternoon. Meals begin with dinner on the first night.

Days 2 to 4: A typical **Classic Walking** day will offer you a choice of up to three guided walks of varying length and ascent. You choose the walk that suits your ability and fitness. If new to walking, start at the easier level. As your holiday progresses you can try a more challenging level, or stick to the same level – it's entirely your choice. Walks leaders make the final decision on which routes are offered; each evening they will brief you about the walks for the next day and answer questions you may have. After dinner perhaps join in an organised activity such as a quiz or a talk about the area, or relax in the bar.

Day 5: Free day. No walks are organised today. You can relax at the hotel, walk independently, or explore the local area. Perhaps ride a steam train on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, cycle the Whitby to Scarborough rail trail, or tour Castle Howard and its extensive gardens.

Days 5 to 6: Again choose from up to three full-day walks each day; evening social activities.

Day 8: Departure day. Tour ends after breakfast.

Some examples of day walks – walks chosen are at the total discretion of the tour leaders for each day:

Along the Esk Valley – The River Esk carves through the North York Moors from Westerdale and empties into the North Sea at Whitby. From various starting points we follow the Esk downstream, exploring the peaceful villages of Grosmont – where the North York Moors Steam Railway ends - and Sleights. We cross the Esk on the much photographed multi-arched Larpool viaduct before returning to Larpool Hall.

The Ravenscar Coast – A spectacular coastal walk following a section of the Cleveland Way. In clear weather there are far-reaching sea views at every turn. In the 17th Century Ravenscar was a centre for the extraction of alum, used as a fixative for textile dyes, from the surrounding shale and the fascinating remains of the alum works now comprise a National Trust site. Depending on the tides we walk along the seashore or clifftops to the quaint fishing village of Robin Hood's Bay.

Deep into the North York Moors – We traverse the hillsides and ridges of the high moorland, passing by the remnants of iron-ore mining operations and perhaps one of crosses, placed in the Middle Ages to mark the way across the moors. Walks finish in the picture-postcard village of Hutton-le-Hole, where if time permits you can visit the Ryedale Folk Museum, which tells the story of 4000 years of rural life.

Captain Cook Country – Walk in the footsteps of Captain James Cook, who grew up in the village of Great Ayton, and often climbed Roseberry Topping for the views and the solitude. You may choose to ascend as far as Captain Cook's Monument, or to the summit of Roseberry Topping, which offers 360° views of sea, moors, and the built landscape and industry of Middlesbrough and Teesside.

Footpath information:



Easier Walks: Up to 7 miles (12km) in a day, with up to 1100 feet (340m) of ascent.



Medium Walks: Up to 10 miles (16km) in a day, with up to 1800 feet (540m) of ascent in a day.



Harder Walks: Up to 13 miles (21km) in a day, with up to 2100 feet (640m) of ascent in a day.

Other walking holidays – guided in small groups or self-guided inn-to-inn are available in many areas including the **Coast-to-Coast** trail, the **Cotswolds**, **Cornwall**, **Dales**, **Dartmoor**, the **West Highland Way** in Scotland or **Snowdonia** in Wales or **Ring of Kerry** in Ireland. See the Dordogne or Pyrenees in France, Spain or Italy. Or walk the **Way of St James**, the Camino de Santiago, from Le Puy in France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, or the **Via Francigena** – the pilgrims' *Road to Rome*.

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