

Guided Walking Holidays and Short Breaks

Devon and Cornwall Borders

Relaxed Atmosphere - Beautiful Countryside - Delicious Food

History and Nature Together

Possibly the most unspoilt part of the English Coastline, Welcombe situated right on the border where North Devon meets Cornwall is the location for our relaxed and friendly walking holidays.

If the outdoors is for you and you are reasonably active, we would love to share some of the magic of this truly unique part of the world.

Wild Orchids, Rare Butterflies, Red Deer, Buzzards...just some of the delights to come.

For more than a hundred years poets, playwrights and artists have been inspired by the area to produce great works of art.

Discover and soak up the atmosphere where Ronald Duncan wrote his epic poem 'Man', where Benjamin Britten composed the opera 'Peter Grimes', performed impromptu by Peter Pears, where Dora Carrington painted the famous portrait 'Mrs Box' and tread the steps of countless other artists who have enjoyed this land.

And what better way to enjoy the outstanding natural beauty of this part of the world than to walk in good company, guided by your hosts to unique locations full of natural and historical interest.

We combine all this with freshly cooked food served at the farmhouse table and "home from home" accommodation all in one hassle free package.

Guided Walking Holidays

With the emphasis on having fun our walking holidays are aimed at those who wish to enjoy relaxed walking, stopping to take in new sights and find out about the surroundings.

Our specially devised circular and linear walks allow us to tailor them to suit the ability and inclinations of most walkers. We consult with our guests daily to aim to get the right balance. The local terrain dictates some steep hill climbs on most walks but these can be taken at a comfortable pace with stops as often as required.

During the walks your guides will point out places of significance and lead you to places otherwise missed. Walking through the Marsland Nature Reserve and along the Heritage Coast, rare and unusual plants and wildlife can be sighted and identified.

Our walking holidays are very informal and can be made up of individuals, couples or groups. There is always plenty to do if you would prefer not to walk everyday. With arts and crafts courses available locally, you may like to try sculpture, painting, basket weaving, cheese making or many others. Some guests also like to take time out to visit some of the wonderful attractions the area has to offer, such as the RHS Garden Rosemoor or Broomhill Sculpture Gardens.

We aim to foster a relaxed and convivial atmosphere throughout, as we believe the social aspects of walking are most important to make a truly unforgettable holiday.

Comfortable Hospitality

Situated just a few minutes walk from the Atlantic coast is the pretty farm hamlet of Mead where our walking base Home Farm is situated. Once popular with the 'Bloomsbury Group', the farmhouse has been visited by many famous artists over the years and with its huge inglenook fireplace is the perfect location to enjoy good food and unwind after walking.



Breakfast and dinner are served at the farmhouse where guests are also encouraged to socialise. Tasty packed lunches are included on walking days and are made daily to your order.

Our standard accommodation is provided in cosy cottage apartments converted from the original stone barns of Mead located just across the main gardens. For that special touch of luxury, we have our farmhouse superior rooms which feature traditional antique furniture and are finished to a high standard.

A pleasant walk across the fields just a mile away is the local Pub should you fancy a visit in the evening and you may hear the village church bells en-route.

Places To Delight You

Our programme varies depending upon the wishes of our guests and the weather and typically you can enjoy walks like these.

Nature and Poets - Marsland Valley

First out to Ronald Duncan's hut on the cliff dropping down to Marsland Beach then working back along the valley floor past Gooseham Mill and deeper into the Nature Reserve, climbing slowly back up to the village past the pottery and back to Home Farm.

Wreckers Coast - Hartland Quay

Down to Welcombe Mouth where the stream Strawberry Water cascades to the sea. A single climb takes us to the cliff top and on to the breathtaking waterfall at Spekes Mill Mouth. On then to Hartland Quay where a Pub awaits.

Hawkers' Country - Morwenstow

Passing West Mill, we cross into Cornwall ascending Marsland Cliff with its view along the whole coastline. The coast path takes us through several valleys to the stunning church and vicarage at Morwenstow and on to the famous Hawkets' Hut.

Heritage Village - Clovelly

From the ancient settlement at Brownsham we follow the coast path with its magnificent views of Bideford Bay down to Clovelly. Cobble streets and pretty cottages, an absolute delight.

We have lots to tell you about our truly memorable walking holidays, so please feel free to contact us to find out more. Our details are on the back page of this brochure.



We look forward to sharing the delights of walking with you



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