AWAY TRIPS - 2023

Our programme of away trips is drawing to an end for this year. We are, however working on the programme for next year and would always be happy to hear from members who have suggestions for areas to walk in. Email Ralph ralphlevey@btinternet.com or talk to any committee member when you meet us on a walk.

Although trips get booked up quickly, it is worth putting your name on a waiting list as places do become available.

Zillertal - Austrian Alps (September 2023) FULLY BOOKED!

Dovedale - Peak District (October 2023) FULLY BOOKED!

For a week of guided walking in the Zillertal Alps we will be staying at Hotel Eckartauerhof in the village of Mayrhofen in the Ziller Valley. This is a change from Hotel Waldheim, the hotel we were advised of at the time of our original booking. In summary the trip comprises:-

- A full programme of guided walks with 2 options every walking day
- All transport to and from the walks
- The services of experienced HF Holidays' leaders
- "With flight" holidays include return flights from the UK and hotel transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation in en-suite rooms
- Half board continental breakfast and evening meal
- A Zillertal card which will give you free mountain railways, local public transport and free entry to 6
 swimming pools as well as reduced entry to local attractions.

Flights are with Easyjet from Gatwick to Innsbruck.



For more information contact Ralph



FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER - MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2023 DOVEDALE AND THE PEAK DISTRICT (CODE DD23)

EASY/MODERATE



For a weekend of SAR guided walking in the Peak District we will be staying at The Peverill of the Peak, run by HF Holidays. If you are interested in joining this trip, please follow this link to the HF Holidays website for full details. On the Saturday and Sunday of the weekend there will be a choice of walks.

3-Night Peak District Self-Guided Walking Holiday - HF Holidays

To find out more contact Ralph (details on back page)

AWAY TRIPS - 2024

We have pleasure in launching the start of the SAR 2024 programme of Away Trips beginning with an opportunity to escape the winter and a trip to Gran Canaria. The first two trips are already classified as "BOOK NOW" and a further two will be at the "EXPRESS INTEREST" stage in the next newsletter, but are included in this newsletter, so that you can put the dates in your diary if the trips are of interest to you. A further trip, which is likely to be an overseas trip in September, is still on the drawing board.



Monday 12th February To Monday 19th February 2024

Escape the winter: Gran Canaria. (CODE GC24) MODERATE

Join us for this 7 night HF trip to Gran Canaria with half board at a coastal village hotel and a choice of guided walks each day (Grades 2 & 4). Our base in Agaete is away from the hustle and bustle of the larger resorts and offers great access to trails in the north, tucked away villages as well as the dramatic landscapes of Tejeda and the eye-catching rock formation of Roque Nublo.



The cost of the trip including flights and transfers and an allowance for tips is £1509 (£1179 if arranging your own flights and transfers). In addition there is a single supplement of £189.

To join this 'winter escape' a deposit of £250 is payable to SAR before 24th July (use instructions at the end of this newsletter with event code GC24 as your reference).

Please also provide the following details to Brian,

Your name and name of additional person if sharing.

Preferred type of room: double/ twin/ single

Are you a member of HF? yes/ no

Do you wish to arrange your own flights (note transfers cost extra £27)? yes/ no

Note that there are limited places for this trip. Book early to avoid disappointment.

EASY/MODERATE/CHALLENGING

This trip will be based at Leisureplex Cumberland Hotel, Scarborough, just off the Esplanade at South Cliff with magnificent views across the town, harbour and medieval castle.





The trip will include the seaside towns of Whitby, Robin Hoods Bay and Filey with the chance to visit Flamborough Head. We've got some good cliff top walks along the Cleveland Way. The challenging ones will be from Robin Hoods Bay to Scarborough and Scarborough to Filey. A shorter option will be from Robin Hoods Bay to Whitby and Scarborough to Cayton Sands.

We are hiring a coach to take a group of 40 from St Albans to Scarborough and shuttle us around while we are there. Non walkers will be able to join that coach on trips to Whitby, Robin Hoods Bay, Filey and the Bempton Cliffs RSPB reserve (small charge to non RSPB members) where you see an extraordinary gannet colony nesting in the cliffs.

On the way up, we plan to stop at Clumber Park which is a NT property with a huge walled garden, which really is worth a look. There will be a small charge to non NT members of £4

The cost of the trip will be about £208 pp (supplement for room with a view – not a sea view) including 3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Cumberland Hotel and a coach trip from St Albans to Scarborough and back and travel during the holiday. Tips and the recce fee are included but admission charges and packed lunches will be extra. We will need a deposit of £80 to secure a place. If you need to cancel your booking closer to the time, that deposit will only be refunded if someone can be found to take your place.

To book, please pay a deposit of £80 by the end of July, following the procedure at the back of the newsletter and advise Jane accordingly.

ADVANCE NOTICE – AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT A DATE IN YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May 2024 Elan Valley & Cambrian Mountains

Four days of guided walking in the Elan Valley/Cambrian Mountains area of mid-Wales based at Elan Valley Lodge.





We have secured first refusal on the trip starting Monday 20th May, pending receipt of further details including pricing, in September.

ADVANCE NOTICE - AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT A DATE IN YOUR DIARY

Wednesday Znd October to Sunday 6th October May 2024 Torquay and the Devon Coast

Based at the Leisureplex Meropole Hotel in Torquay, we will enjoy 4 nights half board, and several days of SAR led walks in this beautiful area of Devon.



Further information, and an invitation to express interest will be in the September Newsletter.