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HF Holidays takes on National Trust property for new 2012 walking holidays

HF Holidays – the UK’s largest walking and leisure activity holiday organisation – has taken on a National Trust property in Snowdonia which features as a new walking holidays base in the newly-launched 2012 brochure.

Enjoying a superb mountain location, only a mile from the base of Snowdon, [Craflwyn Hall](#) is a small property just outside the village of Beddgelert. It joins HF Holidays’ portfolio of 18 other country houses in the UK, two of which are already leased from the National Trust.

“We have been the custodian of two magnificent National Trust properties for many years – one in the Lake District and one on Exmoor – and we’re delighted to be asked to give a new lease of life to Craflwyn Hall, cementing our excellent partnership with the Trust, says Chief Executive Brian Smith.

There are fabulous walks in the area to suit all levels from the green valleys of Nant Gwynant and the Vale of Ffestiniog to the mountain summits of Snowdon, Glyder Fach, Moel Hebog and Cnicht.

As a small property, HF Holidays plans to offer one guided walk on each day with a choice of easier, medium or harder routes on different holiday dates. 2012 prices start at £249 per person, twin-share, for a three-night break in March inclusive of full board, the full programme of guided walks with one leader, transport to and from the walks and a sociable evening programme.

The 2012 Walking and Outdoor Holidays brochure also features a number of new overseas walking holidays, including guided walking in Norway’s [Lofoten Islands](#), renowned as one of the most spectacular landscapes in Europe.

This archipelago boasts jagged peaks, white sands and dramatic fjords: a miniature version of the Norwegian mainland. Offering breathtaking views, this is an ideal location for day walks as the summits are only 350-500m high, compared with 2000m mountains on the mainland.

Other new holidays include a guided trail along the Rievers Way in Northumberland and 14 new guided walking holidays in destinations including as Thailand, Borneo, Alaska, Romania and the Polish Tatras. European River Cruising is also introduced.

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Editor's notes:

- Founded in 1913, HF Holidays is a co-operative society arranging walking, outdoor and leisure activity holidays for 50,000 people each year (for non-members, a £5 associate fee is payable per holiday).
- Options range from guided walking breaks and self-guided trails in Britain to challenging ascents Worldwide. The leisure activities range includes art, music, literature and mind-and-body holidays.
- HF Holidays has 18 Houses in the UK's National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty as well as independent hotels for overseas holidays. HF Holidays' walks leaders are volunteers who have to pass a rigorous selection course: they are passionate about walking and keen to share their experience with guests.
- HF Holidays is committed to a Responsible Tourism policy, contributes to environmental projects around the country – such as footpath maintenance – through its Pathways Fund and supports local Air Ambulance and Mountain Rescue teams as well as charities in Kenya and South Africa.
- HF Holidays is a member of ABTOT and is ATOL protected.
- Voted 'best large tour operator' by Guardian and Observer readers 2011 for the second year running, and 'best large short break operator 2011', with a satisfaction score of 98%.
- HF Holidays is the recommended walking holiday partner of the Ramblers, Britain's walking charity (ramblers.org.uk), and supports the work of the Ramblers through membership initiatives and charitable donations.