

Event Highlights



1st - 17th October Ilkley Literature Festival

The north of England's liveliest and most prestigious literature festival has a fantastic line up of events this year.



Headline events include John Simpson, Alastair Campbell, Jenny Éclair, Brian Patten, Peter Snow and Louise Rennison.

Visit ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk for tickets and more information.

Autumn and winter Event Highlights

30th - 31st October Ilkley Complementary Medicine Festival

Visit the festival for over 100 stands covering a wide range of therapies, services and natural products.

9th - 13th November Bradford Animation Festival

The UK's longest-running and biggest animation festival offers a packed diary of animation old and new, and events led by some of the industry's top names.

13th - 14th November Scroggling the Holly, Haworth

Popular Victorian inspired Christmas event welcomes the spirit of Christmas to the village of Haworth.

20th - 21st November Haworth Christmas Market

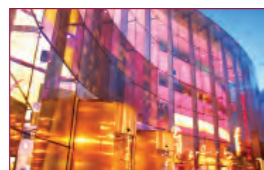
Soak up the festive atmosphere and shop for all your Christmas gifts at Haworth's Victorian Christmas market.

11th - 12th December Torchlight Procession, Haworth

Join the torchlight procession up Main Street as hundreds of torch and lantern bearers along with choirs and bands sing carols to join the traditional carol service at the Parish Church.

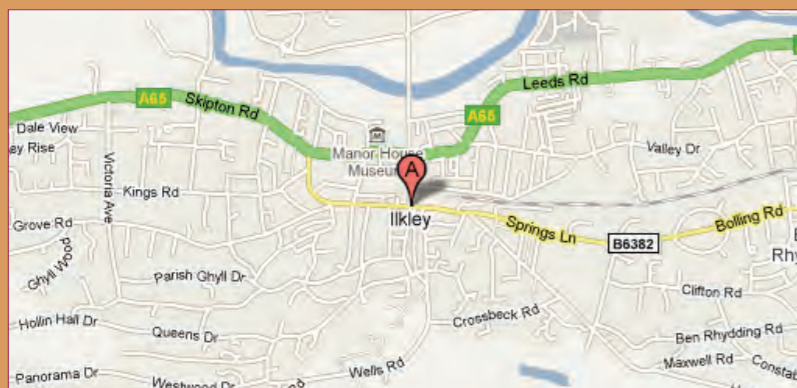
Late Nov and Dec Santa Steam Trains

Enjoy a day out with Santa on the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway. Seasonal refreshments available.



See www.visitilkley.com for full events listings and more details.

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- www.visitbrontecountry.com
- www.visitsaltaire.com
- www.saltmill.org.uk
- www.boltonabbey.com
- www.yorkshiredales.org.uk



For more information on Ilkley and the surrounding area visit Ilkley Visitor Information Centre.

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Accommodation booking service, maps, guides and gifts also available.

Visit Ilkley

Autumn & Winter Itinerary



Visit Ilkley this autumn or winter and discover the best of what life has to offer. Get outdoors and explore **Wharfedale one of Yorkshire's most picturesque dales**. Relax and enjoy fine food and wine in one of Ilkley's award-winning restaurants and snuggle up in one of the town's cosy pubs.

There's a lot to do in the town and the surrounding area. In October the town is buzzing with the **Ilkley Literature Festival** one of the most popular literature festivals in the north of England. **The Manor House**, Ilkley's museum and gallery also has a changing programme of exhibitions and events.

Stay in Ilkley and use our suggested itineraries to pick and choose day trips that interest you and check out the events calendar for up and coming events this winter.

Day One



Discover Ilkley's beautiful countryside, its impressive past and choose from some of the best restaurants in Yorkshire.

- Ilkley Moor
- Autumn and Winter Walks
- Bettys Café & Tearooms
- Culture and Roman Remains
- Fine Food and Wine

Visit Ilkley Visitor Information Centre and pick up your free Ilkley Walking Guide.

Morning - Ilkley Moor and White Wells

Within ten minutes walk of the town centre you can be walking on **Ilkley Moor**. The views of Ilkley and the Dales are magnificent and there are several different routes to enjoy. On the way there visit **White Wells**, formerly a Victorian spa and now a café.

Or The River Wharfe, Riverside Gardens and Middleton Woods. A lovely autumn walk is along the River Wharfe, via Middleton Woods, eventually finishing at Riverside Gardens. Relax and get away from it all and enjoy the autumn colours, the crunch of the leaves and the peace and quiet. *Approx time for walk 3 hours.*

After a good walk **Bettys Café Tea Rooms** is the perfect place for lunch. Visitors travel from far and wide to sample Bettys' Swiss-Yorkshire cooking.

Afternoon - Culture and Roman Remains

The Manor House is one of Ilkley's oldest buildings and is now a **museum and art gallery**. Learn more about Ilkley's past and enjoy the current exhibition. The Manor House also stands on the remains of the **Roman fort of Olicana**. Only a short section of defensive wall remains, but Roman artefacts are on permanent display inside the Manor House. (Open 11am - 5pm, Wed - Sat).

Evening - Enjoy fine food and wine

For a special treat reserve a table at the famous **Box Tree**, a **Michelin starred restaurant**. Other places to try include **Martha & Vincent, Emporio Italia** and **The Farsyde**. There's also plenty of pubs and bars in the town.

Morning - Saltaire UNESCO World Heritage Site

Explore Saltaire, a model **Victorian industrial village** and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. **Sir Titus Salt** built the village between 1851 and 1876 to house his millworkers and at the centre of the village is the impressive **Salts Mill**.

Salts Mill is home to one of the largest collections of **David Hockney's art** as well as cafes, shops and restaurants. Don't miss the **Saltaire Exhibition** on the 2nd floor which looks at Saltaire's history.

Take time to explore the village which has lots of interesting shops and boutiques. The best places to **shop are Victoria Road and Bingley Road**. There are plenty of **lunch options** in the mill and in the village.

Afternoon - Saltaire Heritage Trail

Follow the self-guided Heritage Trail (available from Ilkley Visitor Information Centre or local Saltaire shops) and learn more about **Saltaire's history**. The trail takes you to all the significant buildings in the **village including the mill workers cottages and Saltaire United Reformed Church**. Alternatively join one of **Salts Walks**. Sat and Sun 2pm. Meet outside Magic Number Three.



Day Three



Culture, heritage and David Hockney's work are all to be found in this unique village.

- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Salts Mill and David Hockney
- Heritage Trail

Saltaire is roughly 11 miles from Ilkley or why not get the train from Ilkley Train Station.

Day Two



Shop until you drop on Ilkley's high street or visit Bolton Abbey Estate. Return in the evening to dinner in one of Ilkley's restaurants.

- Ilkley shopping
- Bolton Abbey Estate
- Embsay Steam Railway
- Yorkshire Dales National Park

Bolton Abbey, Embsay Railway and Yorkshire Dales National Park are a short drive from Ilkley. Various bus services available to Bolton Abbey and Grassington.

Morning - Shopping and lunch in Ilkley

Ilkley is a **great place to shop**. Look out for **Cakewalk** which sells vintage items alongside art and handmade work. **Opulent Designs** is also a treasure trove of gifts. The **Grove Bookshop** stocks an interesting range of titles and there are plenty of high street names including Laura Ashley.

Afternoon - Bolton Abbey Estate and Steam Railway

Bolton Abbey Estate is in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales and is a lovely day out. There are acres of beautiful countryside and footpaths to explore as well as the ruined Priory.

Alternatively travel on the **Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway** which runs 4 miles between the award-winning station at Bolton Abbey and Embsay Station. Steam trains run every Sunday throughout the year and up to 7 days a week in summer.

Or Afternoon - Yorkshire Dales National Park

The Yorkshire Dales National Park is unspoilt and breathtaking. Join walkers, cyclists and horse-riders on challenging trails and gentle pathways. If you'd rather take things at a slower pace then take a stroll around some of the Park's pretty villages and towns.

Morning - Discover the Brontës in Haworth

The **Brontë Parsonage Museum** in Haworth was the home to the **Brontë family** from 1820 to 1861 and is now a museum visited by Brontë fans from all over the world. The museum contains many of the **family's original possessions** and has a fascinating exhibition about their lives.

Next to the Parsonage is **Haworth Parish Church** and graveyard. This pretty church contains the **Brontë tomb** where the family is buried, with the exception of Anne. The atmospheric graveyard has an interesting history and guided tours of the graveyard are available from Easter to November.

Haworth's Main Street near the Parsonage is the **perfect place to shop** with its interesting selection of **independent shops**. There are also lots of options for lunch.

Afternoon - The landscapes that inspired the Brontës

Why not work off your lunch and walk to **Haworth Moor** where you will find **Top Withens**, thought to be the inspiration for **Wuthering Heights**. The walk across Haworth Moor passes the **Brontë Waterfall** a place where the **Brontë sisters** are thought to have spent time.



Day Four



Visit Haworth and discover the world of the Brontë family and learn more about their lives.

- Brontë Parsonage Museum
- Main Street, Haworth
- Landscapes that inspired the Brontës

Haworth is roughly 15 miles from Ilkley.