

SUMMER 2025: SUGGESTED ITINERARY

ARTS & CULTURE ESCAPE

If you love discovering art, culture and creativity in beautiful surroundings, a short break in West Yorkshire this summer is just the ticket. From world-class sculpture and inspiring exhibitions to historic museums and delicious dining, this two-night itinerary is perfect for a relaxing cultural break.



Day 1 **Arrival and Relaxation**

Arrive: Check in at Holdsworth House Hotel from 3.00PM

Afternoon: Settle in and enjoy a drink in the garden; our Gin Menu has over 30 Yorkshire gins alone! Book in advance for a relaxing massage or facial at our Farmhouse Treatment Rooms (opening summer 2025. T: 01422 240024 to book).

Evening: Enjoy dinner in the restaurant from the seasonal a la carte menu.

Day 2 **Artistic Inspirations**

Morning: Start the day with a full Yorkshire breakfast at Holdsworth House.

Activity: Head out for the day by car to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, winner of the Visit England Gold Award 2023-24. Take outdoor clothing and walking shoes as the exhibitions are both indoors and out (dogs are welcome too!). In addition to permanent Damien Hirst and Henry Moore sculptures, in July and August 2025 you can see the following world-class exhibitions:

- Felicity Aylieff: *Expressions in Blue* (until September 2025)
- William Kentridge: *The Pull of Gravity* (from June 28, 2025)
- Tony Wade: *Keepers of Time* (until July 13, 2025),
- Laura Ellen Bacon: *Into Being* (April 5 – September 7, 2025)

Lunch: Ask Holdsworth House to make up a picnic or cream tea to take with you, or dine at the park's Kitchen Café (subject to availability, check opening times direct).

Evening: Return to Holdsworth House for dinner. Choose from the a la carte menu or book ahead for the fabulous eight-course Tasting Menu.



"Yorkshire Sculpture Park is a place to admire and enjoy some of the best and most dynamic outdoor sculptures the world has to offer." Sarah Clark, ITV

HOLDSWORTH HOUSE
HOTEL & RESTAURANT



Day 3

Illustrated Yorkshire

Morning: Enjoy a full cooked breakfast or continental buffet selection at Holdsworth House before checking out of your room. We are happy to store any bags should you wish to leave them in our safe possession for the day. Check out our [online shop](#) for a memento of your stay, shipped straight to your home address.

Option 1 Stay Local: Set out for **Bankfield Museum** in Halifax (5-10 minutes' drive from Holdsworth House) to see **The World of Chris Mould** exhibition—illustrator of *The Iron Man* and *War of the Worlds*. Chris Mould is an award-winning illustrator from West Yorkshire who has worked on some of the best-known works in the English language. At Bankfield you can also see the **50 Years of Calderdale** exhibition and explore the history of the Borough, from archaeological discoveries that have cast new light on the region's prehistoric past, to the repurposing of former industrial buildings by businesses, filmmakers and cultural bodies.

Option 2 Venture Out: Just 25 minutes' drive from Holdsworth House is the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of Saltaire** (near Bradford)—a must-visit for lovers of art, architecture and industrial heritage. At Saltaire's heart is **Salts Mill**, a beautifully restored Victorian textile mill now home to **David Hockney artworks**, fantastic retail, book and art shops, and a stylish café. Wander the cobbled streets of this village, built by visionary mill owner Sir Titus Salt, and soak up its rich history. You can easily spend several hours here browsing and discovering! As Bradford celebrates its year as **UK City of Culture 2025**, the city nearby is alive with exhibitions, performances and installations—making it the perfect time to explore one of Yorkshire's most inspiring destinations.

GOOD TO KNOW...

If visiting in July and August, here are some other events taking place nearby:

Piece Hall Summer 2025 Outdoor Concerts (3 miles from Holdsworth House)

The Hepworth Gallery at Wakefield is open daily and offers free entry. This extensive, award-winning art gallery was named after Barbara Hepworth—one of the most important artists and sculptors of the 20th century who was born in Wakefield. The gallery's permanent collection and full calendar of events are certainly worth a visit.

NEED TO KNOW...

Bronte Parsonage Museum: Open Wednesday to Monday 10.00AM-5.00PM; Tuesday closed.

Standard entry £12.50 per person. Tickets are valid for a whole year, so come back again to enjoy the changing exhibitions, installations and events! Location: Church Street, Haworth, Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD22 8DR.

[Parking in public car parks.](#)

Salts Mill: Saltaire is 4 miles north of Bradford. Sat nav users: use postcode BD17 7DR. Entry to the mill and gallery is free, as is car parking. Salts Mill is open Wednesdays-Fridays 10.00AM-5.00PM, Saturdays and Sundays 9:30AM-5.00PM (closed Mondays and Tuesdays except bank holidays).

Yorkshire Sculpture Park: Open daily 10.00AM-6.00PM. Standard entry £9.50 per person, free car parking on site. Location: West Bretton, Wakefield WF4 4LG.

Bankfield Museum: Open Tuesday to Saturday, 10.00AM-4.00PM. Free entry. Location: Akroyd Park, Boothtown Road, Halifax, HX3 6HG.

HOLDSWORTH HOUSE

HOTEL & RESTAURANT