

# A WALK IN SHROPSHIRE

September 2024

*An eight day guided walking tour on the Shropshire Way in the West Midlands, England.*



Shropshire Hills - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

*Superb hill walking in a lovely corner of England. Pass countless sheep in pasture, visit 6 towns, walk through an Iron Age fort, visit castles, see ancient oaks, amazing architecture and enjoy grand vistas.*

## Itinerary in brief

- Day 1 - arrive Shrewsbury
- Day 2 - Shrewsbury to Pulverbatch 18.5 km
- Day 3 - Pulverbatch to Bridges 9 km
- Day 4 - Bridges to Bishop's Castle 21 km
- Day 5 - Bishop's Castle to Clun 17.5 km
- Day 6 - Clun to Craven Arms 16 km
- Day 7 - Craven Arms to Ludlow 18.5 km
- Day 8 - depart Ludlow

## **September 6 to 14, 2024**

Walk with Bruce Graham



## Travel firm in UK

Letsgowalking.co.uk - group booking will be done directly with this firm.

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Shrewsbury

### Mealtime

Bed and Breakfasts serve "Full English Breakfasts" which generally include coffee or tea, juice, bacon, sausages, eggs, toast, blood pudding, fried tomatoes, toast and so on. A great starter to a full day walking. Breakfasts are included in the cost of accommodations.

Not included are packed lunches and evening meals. Evening meals will be enjoyed in pubs and eateries close to the B&Bs.

### Itinerary

**Day one:** arrive Shrewsbury. 6:00pm group dinner at a pub.

*Lodging: Shrewsbury.*

**Day two:** have breakfast then walk through Shrewsbury and commence the Shropshire Way. Pass playing fields and small towns and rise to Lyth Hill and views to the East. End the day atop a medieval motte-and-bailey castle.

*Lodging TBA.*

**Day three:** this day's walk is a short 9km. Walk on The Portway, a pre-Roman level track, then descend to the village of Ratlinghope and the beautiful St. Margaret's Church. Late lunch at the Bridges Pub, so named because the hamlet is accessed by three bridges.

*Lodging: Bishop's Castle.*



Bridges Pub



Stiperstones

**Day four:** leave Bridges and climb until reaching the Stiperstones at the highest point on this trip - 536 mtrs. Follow these shattered rock outcrops enjoying views to the West into Wales. Potential buzzard sighting here!

After descending through pastureland and passing 200 year old beech trees on Linley Hill, visit Norbury and its famous ancient Yew. Arrive in Bishop's Castle with option to dine at an old pub (1642)... menu is updated!

*Lodging: Bishop's Castle.*



Bishop's Castle

**Day five:** continue on the Shropshire Way following tracks and crossing pastured hillsides. The 'Way' joins Offa's Dyke, a 1,200 year old man-made ridge, and carries on South to charming Clun and its Norman Castle. *Lodging: Clun.*

**Day six:** after breakfast visit the Packhorse Bridge then climb up to and explore Bury Ditches, an Iron Age hill-fort. Walking east, visit Walcot Wood with its enormous oaks, then visit the quiet village of Hopesay before reaching Craven Arms.

*Lodging: Craven Arms.*

**Day seven:** leave Craven Arms then arrive at the Stokesay Castle, a fortified manor house dating from 1459, with option to enter. While crossing pastureland and meeting the River Teme there may be pheasants and distant views of Ludlow, the final destination. Ludlow is often called the "prettiest town in Britain". This evening enjoy a celebratory meal.

*Lodging: Ludlow.*



Clun



Stokesay



## Shropshire Way

**Day eight:** this being departure day Bruce heartily recommends taking a walking tour of the fascinating town after breakfast.



Logistics:

From Toronto Pearson YYZ, the airport Manchester MAN is most convenient airport. Shrewsbury has rail connections from Manchester to most cities in the UK. Ludlow has rail connections to most cities in the UK.

Contact Bruce for more information 519-801-8230

Included in tour package:  
Map set and guide book (1 per room)  
6 luggage transfers  
7 nights B&B accommodation

Tour package arranged by:  
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