

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive & Explore Southwold

Mileage: Min 0 Max 7

Arrive at your hotel in Southwold (train and taxi, or by car) in time for lunch and spend the afternoon exploring the rows of pantiled cottages and broad greens of the town. Alternatively, take a circular walk exploring the coast and countryside around Southwold, passing marshes, creeks and a handily placed harbourside pub on your return

Overnight in **Southwold**.

Extra nights can be booked in Southwold to allow more time to explore.



Day 2 - From beach huts to fishing boats

Mileage: Min 15 Max 15

Walking down to Southwold Harbour you'll cross the River Blyth (by small ferry in summer) and head through reedbeds to **Dunwich**, once the capital of East Anglia, now lost under the waves. Across the heather-clad Dunwich Heath you reach the RSPB reserve at **Minsmere**. Continuing southwards the path combines coast and inland countryside as it weaves its way past Leiston-cum-Sizewell and fragile cliffs of the dramatic, eroding coastline towards **Thorpeness** - a complete holiday village built in 1910 around its own manmade boating lake. The House in the Clouds is the quirky landmark here.

The last stretch takes you along the beach path past the famous Scallop sculpture to the elegant resort of **Aldeburgh** where you'll spend the night.

Overnight in **Aldeburgh**



Day 3 - Creeks & castles

Mileage: Min 14 Max 18

Following the River Alde inland, you'll really be able to appreciate the beautiful setting of **Snape Maltings**. At Snape you can relax in the pub or tea-rooms, explore the galleries and antique shops or take a boat trip on the upper reaches of the Alde. You then have a choice of routes to the impressive castle and quaint quayside of **Orford**, inland through Tunstall Forest or a longer option following the River Alde.

Overnight in **Orford**.

Day 4 - Martello towers & tiny ferries

Mileage: Min 15 Max 19

From Orford you can choose to head inland or, subject to availability, take the Butley Ferry, the smallest licensed ferry in Europe! The paths meet and continue along the peaceful banks of the River Ore to **Shingle Street**, a quiet and inspiring spot where the river finally reaches the sea.

Walking along the sea wall passing Martello Towers and World War II gun emplacements, you'll reach the crumbling cliffs at **Bawdsey**, and take the ferry across the River Deben to the little fishing village of **Felixstowe Ferry** (journey time approx. 10 mins). Clock up two more Martello Towers and even more stunning sea views as you follow the seawall and clifftop path towards the Edwardian seaside resort of Felixstowe.

Overnight in **Felixstowe**.

Day 5 - Depart after breakfast

Depart Felixstowe after breakfast for your onward journey by train from Felixstowe (town) railway station – but only after a stroll along the prom to view the colourful beach huts, historic seafront gardens and pier perhaps?

If you travelled by car to your start point by car, you can return to Southwold by train to Darsham and a taxi journey (not included in tour price).

Extra nights can be booked in Felixstowe to allow more time to explore.



Accommodation

• Ensuite accommodation at selected 3 **star hotels, a comfortable unrated historic coaching inn and a restaurant with rooms**, in Southwold, Aldeburgh, Orford and Felixstowe. Prices based on two adults sharing. We are pleased to discuss details on request.

• Full English breakfast

• Extra nights and hotel upgrades available on request. We are happy to discuss hotel options on request

Availability

Tours can start any day of the week, January to November

Prices

Please see pricing document on website on Tour C4

https://www.cyclebreaks.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/WB-C5_Prices26.pdf

Included in the price

Ensuite accommodation as described with full English breakfast (prices based on two adults sharing)

Luggage transfer between hotels

Local assistance on call

Detailed itinerary with meticulously planned and researched routes following the King Charles III Coast Path / Suffolk Coast Path (supplemented by other quiet footpaths, tracks and country lanes as appropriate) - **supplied as a Digital (app-based) Travel Pack**, sent out approximately 2 weeks before departure, so you can plan ahead and look forward to your walking adventure. Please note that together OS Explorer Maps 231 (Southwold), 212 (Aldeburgh) and 197 (Felixstowe) - all 1:25,000 scale - cover the entire area of the route on this walking adventure.

Price does not include

- **All Foot ferry crossings (short crossings – payable locally)**
 - **River Blyth foot ferry: Southwold – Walberswick (Day 2)**
 - **Butley River foot ferry (subject to availability, Day 4)**
 - **River Deben foot ferry: Bawdsey - Felixstowe Ferry (Day 4)**
- **Rail and taxi transfers to return to Southwold start point.**
- **Costs of getting to and from Ipswich, Suffolk, England**