

# 7-Night Landscape Art holiday in the Northern Lake District

**Destinations:** Lake District & England  
**Trip code:** DBPAO-7



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

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Using the wonderful landscapes near our country house in the Lake District for inspiration, you'll set out each day to practice capturing them on canvas, walking up to two miles carrying your equipment. Our expert art leader will give you guidance to help you improve your technique and create beautiful pieces to be proud of in a fun and supportive environment.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- High quality Full Board en-suite accommodation and excellent food in our Country House
- Tuition from our knowledgeable HF Holidays' leader, to ensure you get the most from your holiday
- Loan of wooden A3 art boards

## HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

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- Enjoy developing your skills with a group of fellow artists
- Learn to paint under the guidance of your HF Holidays Tutor

- Practise in small group sizes of 15 people or fewer
- Build your confidence in using a variety of techniques

## ITINERARY

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### Day 1: Arrival Day

You're welcome to check in from 4pm onwards.

Enjoy a complimentary Afternoon Tea on arrival.

### Day 2 - 7: Your Landscape Art Sessions

On your Landscape Art holiday, you will spend most of the time away from the house, carrying your equipment with you. During the day, you may venture from the house, either on foot or in a coach, to places of artistic interest that have been carefully selected by your Leader.

You won't be walking far, or taking up any great ascents or descents, but you will need to take some of your equipment out with you. Your Leader will advise you on which materials you will need each day so you can pack lightly when travelling away from the house.

On **7-night holidays**, there will be a **free day on Day 4** of your holiday. The entire day is yours and you may wish to enjoy more of the house facilities, take the opportunity to explore the local area, or a mix of the two!

### Day 8: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

## ACCOMMODATION

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### Derwent Bank

Close to Keswick and situated slap bang on the shore of Derwentwater, with the glassy lake on one side and the razor-edged ridges, humpbacked fells and muscular mountains of the Lake District on the other, beautiful Derwent Bank has been entrancing walkers since 1785. Extensive refurbishment and investment have seen this established walkers' retreat transformed into a beautiful country house hotel perfect for people looking to explore the great outdoors. It's also perfect for drinking in the views over a glass of something chilled on the terrace. With 41 bedrooms across the main house and garden rooms as well as a rustic 'pod' to sleep in, there's plenty of space, along with a pretty orangery, large lounge and relaxed vibe. The lakeside land encompasses a formal garden, extensive lawns and mature trees. The emphasis is on enjoying the great outdoors and it's all made super easy with walkers' facilities from an inspiration point equipped with maps and route ideas to a boot room and drying space – this is the Lakes, after all. With views of Cat Bells and Grizedale Pike, the inspiration for adventure is never far away. Venture out from the house to head to the high peaks such as Scafell Pike, Blencathra and Helvellyn or stick to the lower slopes and lakes; Ullswater, arguably the most beautiful of the Cumbrian lakes, Borrowdale and Buttermere are all within easy reach.

## Country House Accommodation

### Accommodation Info

### Need To Know

The safety of our guests, team, and leaders is always top of our list. We will closely align ourselves with the latest government advice and guidance on COVID-19 and implement the best possible hygiene practices across our country houses. We ask that you take sensible precautions to protect other people's health and would appreciate you informing the house team immediately if you feel unwell. For the latest COVID-19 FAQs, please visit our [Coronavirus Travel Advice Page](#)

### Rooms

Designed with your comfort in mind, Derwent Bank has 40 well-appointed guest rooms available in three categories: Classic, Premium, and Superior.

**Classic Rooms** are comfortable en-suite guest rooms, ideal for a peaceful night's sleep. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, and shower gel), and a 23-inch TV.

**Premium Rooms** are more spacious en-suite guest rooms offering upgraded views of the surrounds. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, body lotion, shower gel, shower cap), and a 32-inch TV. Extras include bathrobes, slippers, and comfortable mattresses. Please note that an extra charge of £15 per person per night applies for this room type.

**Superior Rooms** are even more spacious en-suite guest rooms offering upgraded views of the surrounds. Amenities include free Wi-Fi, tea and coffee-making facilities, toiletries (hand wash, shampoo, body lotion, shower gel, shower cap), and a 32-inch TV. Extras include bathrobes, slippers, and comfortable mattresses. Please note that an extra charge of £25 per person per night applies for this room type.

**We love:** Room 12 for its extra space and lovely views across the gardens and Derwentwater. Rooms 46, 47, 48, and 49 are first-floor garden rooms, each with their own balcony.

The **Choose Your Room** service is available at our UK country houses, allowing you the option of choosing and confirming a specific room for an extra charge of £30 per room. This is subject to availability. Upgrade supplements apply.

### CHECK IN & CHECK OUT

You are welcome to check in from **4:00pm at the earliest**. On arrival, you'll enjoy a complimentary cream tea and get to meet your fellow guests, our HF Holidays Leaders, and the rest of the friendly team.

On the day of departure, we kindly ask all guests to check out by **10:00am**. You'll be asked to settle your bill prior to leaving. You may, of course, make a charitable donation to our HF Holidays Pathways Fund if you wish. Please note that we only accept card payments.

### Facilities

*Free Wi-Fi, boot room and drying room, formal garden, extensive garden, putting green, orangery, lounge and board games to borrow*

After a day exploring the Lake District, settle in at our country house. Walk the pretty gardens, pause on the pier that juts out in to Derwentwater and look for the boats and ferry that sail on the lake. Try your hand on the putting green or at croquet. Grab a drink and sit on the terrace above the sloping lawns. Indoors, the spectacular orangery with its superb views, is the ideal setting for a bit of peace and quiet, or sink into the sofas

in the large, comfortable lounge. Head to the bar for a great local ale and a cracking conversation with fellow guests.

### **Welcome Information**

A Welcome Information Pack providing details about the Country House and your holiday will be available in each bedroom. This personal pack of information will detail what to expect during your stay in the house, the menu for the duration of your stay, dinner & picnic lunch order forms and the guest registration form for completion.

Our houses are locked at night-time and accessible with a door code which is available in the Welcome Pack. However, we also recommend making a note of the Duty Manager number on arrival, in case of an emergency or getting locked out.

### **Evenings**

Join our team after dinner on Wednesday evenings to see if you've got the knowledge to triumph in the HF Big Pub Quiz! There will also be another evening of entertainment at the beginning of the week which will vary depending on the house you are visiting.

If there are leaders resident, they will be available to chat to guests about self-guided walks. You can borrow walking route notes and maps from our Discovery Point.

### **Walks Talks – Guided Walking Information Briefings**

Self-Guided guests are always welcome to join our Guided Walking briefings to hear about the local conditions.

Our leaders will deliver a Guided Walking Information Briefing on each arrival day before and after dinner followed by a group Walks Talk to let guests know about the following day's walks. Walks Talks are usually before and after dinner prior to each walking day. The information is repeated so you can join whichever time suits you.

If you are undecided which walk to do, our leaders will be available in the bar or lounge to answer any questions you might have. Our website contains up-to-date information about the walks for each holiday.

Before you leave for your walk your leader will run through a short safety briefing for the day.

Each day, the latest weather forecast will be displayed for all guests to check to ensure appropriate clothing is worn for the walks.

Please note, if you decide to do your own walks, or you are on a self-guided walking holiday, you must complete an Independent Walker Card each day. These can be found near the Discovery Point in the house.

### **Food & Drink**

Led by experienced chefs, we serve a wide range of dishes made with fresh and seasonal ingredients. We always aim to source the best produce available and use home-grown herbs and vegetables from our own gardens whenever possible. Additionally, we have a licenced bar with beers, soft drinks, and a superb selection of spirits.

Full-board comes as standard and includes a cream tea on arrival and a hearty breakfast on departure day. Most dietary requirements can be catered for, so please inform us of any food intolerances or allergies at the time of booking. Currently, global challenges such as COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine are directly impacting our food and drink supply chain. We thank you for appreciating that menu descriptions are kept flexible to allow for last-minute changes if needed.

## Accessibility

For accessibility and assistance information, please contact our expert team on [020 3974 8865](tel:02039748865) or view the accessibility information online for [Derwent Bank](#)

## TRAVEL DETAILS

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Our address is: Derwent Bank, Portinscale, Nr Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5TY  
Tel: [01768 773667](tel:01768773667)

### By Train:

The nearest railway station to Derwent Bank is at Penrith on the main line between London and Glasgow. For train times and route planning by train visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or phone [03457 48 49 50](tel:03457484950).

### By Taxi:

The 20-mile journey from Penrith railway station to Derwent Bank by taxi takes approximately 40 minutes. You can pre-book a taxi from our recommended taxi company, Davies Taxis. The 2022 guide price for a 4-seat taxi is around £42. 8-seat taxis are also available at a higher rate. Please pre-book your taxi at least 7 days in advance by contacting:

Davies Taxis\*  
Tel: [+44 \(0\) 17687 72676](tel:+4401768772676)  
Email: [info@daviestaxis.co.uk](mailto:info@daviestaxis.co.uk)

The return taxi journey can be arranged on your behalf by the Derwent Bank Manager.

\*Davies Taxis is not owned or managed by HF Holidays

### By Bus:

The X5 bus runs approximately every hour from Penrith station. The nearest bus stop is on the A66, about ¼ mile walk from Derwent Bank. Alight at the Portinscale bus stop and take the road on the left (signposted to Portinscale, Grange and the Newlands Valley). Follow this road through Portinscale village - Derwent Bank is on the left-hand side after the Derwentwater Marina.

Alternatively catch the bus to Keswick and then take a short taxi journey to Derwent Bank in Portinscale. A taxi from Keswick to Derwent Bank takes approximately 10 minutes for the 3-mile journey and as a guide costs £6 for a 4-seat taxi in 2022, when pre-booked (see above).

For bus times see [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

### By Car:

From Penrith - leave the M6 motorway at junction 40 and take the A66 towards Keswick. After 17 miles you'll reach a roundabout in Keswick - continue ahead following signs to Cockermouth and Workington. One mile beyond the roundabout, and 200yds beyond the B5289 turning to Keswick, turn left off the A66 signposted to Portinscale, Grange and the Newlands Valley. Derwent Bank is approx ¼ mile along this road on the left after the Derwentwater Marina and before the Nichol End Marina. There is a large car park available at Derwent Bank.

## Travelling From Overseas

For most guests the most convenient option is to book a flight to Manchester Airport. There are direct trains every hour from Manchester Airport to Penrith - this is straightforward journey - allow 2 hours to Penrith.

See [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times.

From Penrith station you can complete the journey to Derwent Bank by bus or taxi (see above).

Flying to London Heathrow airport is another option, but has a longer onward train journey - allow at least 4½ hours to reach Penrith. From Heathrow, first take the train to London Paddington station. Next take the Underground train to London Euston. Finally the main line train from London Euston to Penrith takes 3 hours. See [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times.

## LOCAL AREA

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The Lake District is England's premier national park with outstanding mountain scenery.

### Keswick

The nearest town to Derwent Bank is Keswick, about two miles away. As a popular tourist destination it has a range of facilities including supermarkets, banks, a post office, pubs and cafés. It is also well known for its huge number of outdoor shops where you can buy an array of clothing and equipment for the outdoors.

During your visit to Derwent Bank you may enjoy visiting the following places of interest:

### Derwentwater Launch

Take a leisurely journey around Derwentwater [on the ferry](#) - a great way to see the surrounding mountains from a different perspective. The nearest stop at Nichol End is just a few minutes' walk from Derwent Bank.

### Theatre By The Lake

Situated by the lakeshore in Keswick, the [Theatre By The Lake](#) offers an excellent repertoire of plays in the main house and smaller studio theatre. The theatre's popularity means that advance booking is recommended, especially in the high season.

### Honister Slate Mine

Go underground on the mine tour at this famous Lake District mine which is situated at the top of Honister Pass between Borrowdale and Buttermere. Here you can travel underground and learn about the history of Lake District slate production. [Honister Slate Mine](#) is around 30 minutes' drive from Derwent Bank, and can also be reached directly using the Honister Rambler bus.

### Whinlatter Forest & Go Ape!

[Whinlatter Forest](#) is England's only true mountain forest. Its 9 walking trails and 3 cycling trails reward with views over Bassenthwaite Lake, Derwentwater and Keswick. It is home to the longest purpose-built mountain bike trail in the Lake District. The forest also has a [Go Ape](#) centre with a high ropes course and an all-terrain Segway trail.

### Derwent Water Marina

Hire a canoe or sailing boat from [Derwent Water Marina](#) and enjoy one of England's most beautiful lakes from a different perspective. Just five minutes' walk from Derwent Bank.

### Grasmere

Grasmere is about 30 minutes' drive from Derwent Bank and is famous for its connections with William Wordsworth as well as its traditional [gingerbread shop](#). The poet's homes at Dove Cottage and Rydal Mount

can be visited, the former of which includes the [Wordsworth Museum](#). The house and gardens of [Wordsworth's birthplace](#) can also be visited in Cockermouth; the house is owned by the National Trust. This pleasant market town is to the north-west of Derwent Bank. Both Grasmere and Cockermouth can be reached by local bus from Keswick.

## Ullswater

About 30 minutes' drive from Derwent Bank is Ullswater, arguably the most beautiful of the Cumbrian lakes. Enjoy its glorious scenery either on foot or by [steamer](#). If you are visiting the Ullswater area you could also visit the superb waterfall of [Aira Force](#) or the country house and gardens at [Dalemain](#). Dalemain also hosts the annual [marmalade awards](#) and festival.

## Lake District Wildlife Park

[The Lake District Wildlife Park](#) is home to over 100 species in its 24-acre site. Watch the antics of the otters, apes, meerkats and monkeys and marvel at the flying displays of eagles and vultures.

## Carlisle

Carlisle, about 45 minutes' drive from Derwent Bank is the historic county town of Cumbria. Here you'll find a good selection of shops, the [cathedral](#) and the [900 year old castle](#) where Mary Queen of Scots was held prisoner. Of particular interest is the [Tullie House Museum](#) which is recognised for its exciting, varied events and exhibitions programme and is full of exciting interactive displays.

## USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

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### Essential Information

This holiday is the perfect opportunity for you to bring your favourite medium and get out into the wild to use it. As such, there is no 'one size fits all' kit list. Instead, below are some of the items we recommend that you bring which hopefully covers most bases.

### Basics

- Sketchbook or paper suited to your medium - e.g. watercolour paper (300gsm+), acrylic papers or panels etc.
- Appropriate outdoor clothing for the time of year and comfortable shoes with grip
- It's always good to bring a waterproof as well!
- Easel & stool - you will be carrying these
- Rucksack to carry your materials

### Sketchers Should Bring...

- a set of sketching pencils - including but not limited to 2H, HB & 2B
- a putty eraser
- a set of coloured pencils if you use them
- pencil sharpener

### Painters Should Bring...

- your chosen paints in a range of colours - we suggest bringing:
  - 2 Reds (such as cadmium red and alizarin crimson)
  - 2 Blues (such as ultramarine and cerulean blue)
  - 2 Yellows (such as cadmium yellow and lemon yellow)
  - White

- a palette
- a water pot and bottle for water
- a range of paintbrushes in a variety of sizes

### Other Mediums:

Artists using other mediums (examples below) should bring those materials. In most cases, using heavy paper of 300gsm or above should suffice.

- Pen/Inks
- Soft/Oil Pastels
- Charcoal
- Fineliners

### Optional Extras

You might also like to bring...

- a camera (could be your mobile phone!)
- bulldog clips/masking tape for fixing paper to boards
- kitchen roll or a sponge
- an apron/smock - if you're likely to get messy!

This list is not exhaustive - you might wish to bring other materials that you know you enjoy using, or would like to try. **A3 artboards** are available at the house for you to use. Please note that the use of traditional **oil paints requiring the use of solvents are not permitted.**

## HOW TO BOOK

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When you're ready to book, you can choose to **book online** or book **over the phone**. Our website offers secure online booking for our holidays, is available 24/7, and offers more in-depth information about all our holidays. If you prefer to call us, our experienced and knowledgeable team are available to answer any specific questions you have and can offer guidance as to which holiday is best suited to your needs.

Our office is open: Monday to Friday: 9am – 5.30pm, Saturday: 9am – 1pm, Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday: closed

### PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT

To secure the holiday of your choice, you will need to pay a deposit: UK & European Holidays: £150 per person and Worldwide Holidays: £250 per person. You can pay your deposit by debit or credit card with no additional card fees charged or make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account, please see details under BACS payments. You can also pay your deposit by cheque within seven days of booking. Cheques should be made payable to 'HF Holidays Ltd' with your booking reference / Order ID on the back.

### NON-MEMBER FEE

Non-members can join our holidays by paying a Non-Member's fee of £30 per person per holiday. Alternatively, full membership is available from £100 – visit [hfholidays.co.uk/membership](http://hfholidays.co.uk/membership) for details.

### BACS PAYMENTS

Please quote your booking reference / Order ID when you make your payment online: Bank Name: National Westminster Bank, Account Name: HF Holidays Limited, Account Number: 48904805, Sort Code: 60-00-01, IBAN: GB90NWBK60000148904805

Once we have received your booking and deposit, we will send a confirmation invoice to the lead name. Please check this carefully. For bookings 'with flights' it is essential that the names on your booking confirmation invoice match those on your passport for bookings overseas. Please advise us immediately of any errors. Any name changes after the balance of your holiday has been paid will be subject to a fee levied by the airline.

## MANAGE MY BOOKINGS

Payments can also be made through the [Manage My Booking](#) function on our website. Click on the link at the top of our homepage. This is available to all customers who provide an email address at the time of booking.

## YOUR FINAL BALANCE

Your final balance payment is due 6 weeks before departure if you are staying in an HF Holidays UK country house, 8 weeks before departure if you are travelling on one of our holidays in Europe and 10 weeks before departure if you are on a Guided Trail staying in one of our partner hotels or are travelling on a Worldwide holiday. As with paying your deposit, you can pay your final balance by debit or credit card, make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account or pay by cheque.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is an important part of any booking and essential for one of our holidays. HF Holidays works with specialist. Insurance Brokers Campbell Irvine Direct. For more information or to obtain a quote call them on [01702 427 236](tel:01702427236) or visit [hfholidays.co.uk/insurance](http://hfholidays.co.uk/insurance)

## PEACE OF MIND

### ATOL:

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## TRIP NOTE VALIDITY

These Trip Notes are valid based on the date printed at the bottom of the page. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure. We will send you the latest trip notes prior to departure through a link in your pre departure documents or we can send you a copy in the post if preferred.

In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

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## PRICE GUARANTEE

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We promise that our earliest published prices will always be the best and if we reduce our holiday price after your booking has been confirmed, we will pass this reduction on to you. Our price promise applies if any subsequent offer price is for an identical holiday, duration, location and date and does not cover any optional extras, flights or additional services.

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