

3-Night Northern Lake District Guided Walking Holiday

Tour Style: Guided Walking

Destinations: Lake District & England

Trip code: DBBOB-3

2, 3 & 5



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Known as the 'Queen of the Lakes', Derwent Water's gentle beauty is easy to explore on our Guided Walking holidays. Surrounded by the picture-postcard valleys of Buttermere and Borrowdale and lofty mountains, the sheer splendour of these landscapes is guaranteed to inspire you.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- High quality en-suite accommodation at our country house
- Full board from dinner upon arrival to breakfast on departure day
- Two full days of guided walking
- Choice of up to three guided walks each walking day
- Use of our comprehensive Discovery Point
- The services of HF Holidays Walking Leaders

HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- Head out on guided walks to discover the varied beauty of the Northern Lake District on foot
- Admire panoramic mountain, lake and river views from fells and peaks
- Let our experienced leader bring classic routes and offbeat areas to life
- Look out for wildlife, find secret corners and learn about the Lakes' history
- A relaxed pace of discovery in a sociable group keen to get some fresh air in one of England's most beautiful walking areas

TRIP SUITABILITY

This trip is graded Activity Level 2, 3 and 5, Explore the beautiful Lake District on our guided walks. We offer a great range of walks to suit everyone - from gentle lakeside walks, to challenging mountain ridges. You may wish to summit famous 'Wainwright' peaks, or discover peaceful corners and picturesque valleys. Join our friendly and knowledgeable guides who will bring this stunning national park to life.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

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

Enjoy a complimentary Afternoon Tea on arrival.

Day 2: Cat Bells

Option 1 - Cat Bells Terrace

Distance: 7 miles (11km)

Ascent: 350 feet (100m)

In summary: Follow the elevated path along Cat Bells terrace, then return along the beautiful lakeshore path.

Highlight: This stunning route is right on our doorstep. Throughout the walk you'll enjoy stunning views over Derwentwater and the surrounding Lakeland fells.

Option 2 - Catbells

Distance: 7 miles (11km)

Ascent: 1,600 feet (500m)

In Summary: We begin by heading up the ridge to the summit of Catbells. We then descend to the lakeside path and a beautiful walk along part of the Cumbria Way.

Highlight: Catbells' shapely summit is one of the most popular fells in the Lake District and affords magnificent views of the Northern Fells.

Option 3 - Cat Bells & High Spy

Distance: 12 miles (19km)

Total ascent: 2,900 feet (920m)

In summary: A Lake District classic right on the doorstep. A great walk from the house over Cat Bells, Maiden Moor and High Spy returning along the tranquil Newlands Valley.

Highlight: The shapely summit of Cat Bells is one of the most popular fells in the Lake District. There are a few rocky sections, but your efforts will be rewarded with a breathtaking view over the lake and the surrounding fells.

Day 3: Blencathra

Option 1 - Below Blencathra

Distance: 5.5 miles (9km)

Ascent: 250 ft (80m)

In Summary: We walk from Threlkeld through fields and along part of the River Greta into Keswick and then back to Derwent Bank.

Highlight: On a clear day you will get fantastic views of Skiddaw and Blencathra.

Option 2 - Glenderaterra Valley

Distance: 10½ miles (17km)

Total ascent: 1,900 feet (580m)

In Summary: Walk from the village of Threlkeld into the lonely valley of Glenderaterra Beck. We follow a terraced path high above the valley and take in the stunning viewpoint of Latrigg on our return via Keswick.

Highlight: Look out for the graves of Robert Southey and Canon Rawnsley as you pass Crossthwaite Church.

Option 3 - Blencathra

Distance: 11 miles (17.5km)

Ascent: 3,100 feet (950m)

In summary: Climb to the top of Blencathra via Souther Fell and Scales Fell. Our descent route over Blease Fell allows us to complete the entire Blencathra ridge before finishing by walking back to the house.

Highlight: Ticking off one of the Lake District's most iconic mountains.

Day 4: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

ACCOMMODATION

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

We appreciate that COVID-19 continues to impact the nations. The English, Scottish and Welsh governments are not always in sync, so measures in our country houses may vary between the nations. We thank all guests for adhering to the measures we have introduced to keep our guests, leaders and team members safe.

You can see our latest FAQs and guarantees at <https://www.hfholidays.co.uk/coronavirus-travel-advice>

Ventilation, Physical Distancing Measures and Group Sizes around the Houses

We will keep our public areas well ventilated; for your comfort you might want to pack an extra layer to keep you comfortable.

With the relaxation of physical distancing, we will be allowing larger groups to dine and relax in the bar together.

Hand sanitiser stations will be made available in frequently used public areas for guests and staff use. It is advisable to bring additional hand sanitiser for whilst you are out walking.

We always follow the latest regional government advice, but our one recommendation is don't forget your face mask! There is no requirement to wear a face covering in communal areas, but you may of course choose to. Some places throughout the UK may still require you to wear a mask even if the government legislation does not. With this in mind we suggest you bring a personal supply of face coverings for the duration of your stay.

Servicing Bedrooms:

At this stage we are not reintroducing our daily room servicing. Extra tea, coffee, milk, towels and toiletries will be available on request from our team. Bins can be left outside your door for emptying.

COVID-19 Symptoms or Cases

If a guest has symptoms of COVID-19 then they should inform the house team and immediately self-isolate to minimise any risk of transmission and make arrangements to request a COVID test. If a guest receives a positive test result, they should return home if they reasonably can. They should where possible use private transport but only drive themselves if they can do so safely. If a guest cannot reasonably return home, they should discuss their circumstances with the House Manager. Additional charges may be levied if a guest needs to self-isolate for longer than their planned holiday.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe?

- Wear a face mask/covering where required and please bring plenty of face coverings for the duration of your stay
- Carry/use hand sanitiser
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water when possible
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough or sneeze
- Avoid passing round objects such as cameras & phones
- If you are displaying symptoms of Coronavirus, please do not travel to an HF Holidays House

Rooms

Tea & coffee-making facilities, TV, Hairdryer, Toiletries, Wi-Fi

Stay in one of the main building's beautifully presented rooms or in the stylish outhouse where there are eight garden rooms with exceptional views for stylish, laid-back Lake District accommodation. In the main house, we'd pick room 12 for the extra space and stunning views over the gardens and Derwentwater. Alternatively, ask for rooms 46, 47, 48 and 49 in the outhouse, all first-floor garden bedrooms with their own glass balcony looking over the ornate formal garden and with views of the lake. There's easy access to the boot room and orangery too, making these rooms a must to stay in. If you're after somewhere a little more unusual to stay overnight, there's a 'pod' in the garden that offers extra privacy, sleeps up to four and gives you a great story to take away!

All 'Classic' rooms are ensuite and furnished to a high standard. There are also several 'Premium' and 'Superior' Rooms that are either larger or have a desirable view, a more luxurious mattress and larger television – upgrade your stay for just an extra £15-25 per person per night. You can choose a specific room for an extra £30 per room, subject to availability. Upgrade supplements still apply.

Check in:

Check in opens at **4pm** for all guests. Guests will be unable to access any of the Country House facilities, including leaving luggage before 4pm.

We are delighted to invite you to enjoy a complimentary Afternoon Tea on arrival. Relax and meet your fellow guests and leaders.

Check out:

Check out time: **10am**

Please note, you will need to settle your bill before departure and payment will only be possible by card. Gratuities and donations to the Pathway Fund can also be made by card.

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

As at all our country houses, holidays are full board, from afternoon tea and cakes served as a welcome treat through that evening's meal to a hearty breakfast on the day of departure. Food at Derwent Bank is varied with a strong emphasis on the use of seasonal British produce. Our experienced chefs create each dish using only the freshest ingredients and, when in season, use home grown herbs and vegetables taken from our own gardens to give a true taste of the local area.

Along with many hospitality business across the UK we are presently experiencing disruption to our food and drink supply chain. COVID continues to limit the ability of suppliers to deliver and the war in Ukraine (along with several other global challenges) is impacting availability of many basic products. We are working hard to ensure that these challenges do not negatively impact your holiday but ask for your understanding should we need to make last minute changes to dishes or menus.

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

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 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

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

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 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 for train times.

LOCAL AREA

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

Essential Information

"There's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong type of clothing!" goes the adage. Come prepared for all eventualities and you'll walk in comfort as well as safety. Britain's famous for its changeable weather, so here's our advice on what to wear and bring.

Essentials

- Waterproof walking boots providing ankle support and good grip.
- A waterproof jacket and over-trousers
- Gloves and a warm hat (it can be chilly at any time of the year)
- Rucksack
- Water bottle (at least 1 litre capacity)
- A small torch (everywhere in winter, year round in mountains)
- Sun hat and sunscreen

Denim jeans and waterproof capes are not suitable on any walks.

Recommended

- Several layers of clothing, which can be added or removed
- Specialist walking socks to avoid blisters.
- A first aid kit inc plasters– your leader's first aid kit doesn't contain any medication
- Sit mat (insulated pad to sit on when you stop for a break)

You Might Also Want

- Walking poles, particularly useful for descents.
- Insect repellent
- Flask for hot drinks
- Rigid lunch box
- Gaiters
- Blister kit (eg Compeed) just in case
- Waterproof rucksack liner

Safety On Your Holiday

Walks may be changed for safety reasons and are subject to a maximum and minimum number of guests.

Leaders always consider the safety of the group as a whole, and may need to alter or curtail the walk if the conditions dictate. Your leader may refuse to accept a guest while clothing, equipment or behaviour is unsuitable. In the event of a problem all leaders carry a mobile phone, first aid kit, group shelter, spare maps and a compass.

Please note: If you choose to leave the group your leader is no longer responsible for you.

If you have a particular health condition or disability please put this on your guest registration form. This information will be confidential to your leaders and the house manager, but leaders do need to take account of any issues when planning walks. Please carry a copy of these trip notes with you, or note down the contact phone number for your accommodation (details in the travel section) should you need them in case of emergency.

HOW TO BOOK

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 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

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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

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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.

PRICE GUARANTEE

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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