

ENGLAND – DERWENTWATER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

8-day / 7-night centre-based at Derwent Bank – one-hotel guided walking tour



Enjoy the Lake District National Park from the shores of Derwentwater where, for generations, the outstanding scenery of the Lake District has attracted walkers to discover this magical landscape of rare natural beauty. Explore stunning lakeside paths, climb famous hills and fells, unwind in the tranquil wooded valleys, see high waterfalls and open moorlands. Enjoy Wainwright's mountain tarns and the lakes that inspired poets and artists.

The area offers something for everyone; from walks through the charming wooded valley of Borrowdale and tranquil lakeside paths to classic ascents of summits such as Helvellyn, Great Gable and England's highest peak Scafell Pike. Speckled with tiny islands and surrounded by majestic fells, Derwentwater is a superb location from which to enjoy everything that Lakeland has to offer.

Your accommodation will be at Derwent Bank, a fine country house, set in an idyllic location beside Derwentwater in the Northern Lake District. With the best lakeside waterfront location of any hotel on Derwent Water, and splendid views of the surrounding fells, this fine Country House offers a truly exceptional location. You can soak up these beautiful surroundings from the pleasant conservatory and landscaped grounds, which slope down to the lake jetty. After recent refurbishment, the 37-en-suite bedrooms offer high standards of accommodation. With meals offering local specialities, and with some of the area's best walks close at hand, any stay at Derwent Bank promises a true taste of the Lake District.

A typical Classic Walking day will offer you a choice of 2 or 3 guided walks, each of varying length and ascent. If you are new to walking, start at the easier level, where the pace is the gentlest. We have plenty of stops to enjoy the views and to rest. As your holiday progresses you may feel confident to try a more challenging level, or stick to the same level - it's entirely your choice. We have plenty of stops to enjoy the views and to rest. As your holiday progresses you may feel confident to try a more challenging level, or stick to the same level - it's entirely your choice.

Cost: AU\$1235 per person (twin share)

Single room supplement: AU\$120

Departs: 17 Feb, 6,29 Apr, 12,19,26 May, 2,9,16,23,30 Jun, 7,14,28 Jul, 4,11,18,25 Aug, 1,8,15,22 Sep 2012

Tour includes: 7-nights in comfortable hotel room with ensuite bathrooms, full board (breakfast, picnic lunch & dinner) experienced walks leader, 5-guided walks, transport associated with the walks & a free-day activity.

Not Included: Transport to/from the house, drinks and any personal expenses.

Footpath Information: On these holidays there is a choice of up to three walks for varying abilities each day. For maximum choice we offer two weekly itineraries - ideal if you wish to book a 14-night holiday or return for a second visit. Walks range from woodland, moorland, through valleys and beside lakes and rivers.

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Easier Walks: 9 to 16km along valley, fell and lakeside paths. Fairly easy gradients but sometimes rough underfoot. 55 to 305m of ascent in a day.



Medium Walks: 12 to 19km on good, but sometimes-rocky paths to lower summits and moorland fells. Moderate gradients with some steeper sections. 265 to 610m of ascent in a day.



Harder Walks: 12 to 24km including some exposed ridges and higher mountaintops. Some steep and long gradients on rough paths. 695 to 980m of ascent in a day.

A typical 'Classic Week' of walking – suggested itinerary:

Please note that alternatives to the suggested walks in this itinerary are offered on alternate weeks and a two-week holiday at Derwentwater is possible.

Day 1 Arrival day – plan to arrive at you accommodation mid-afternoon. Check with us for local transport or Taxi transfer options from / to nearby Keswick. Meals begin with dinner on the first night.

Day 2 There is a choice of walks on each walking day – talk to the leader for details ie **Easier Walk:** Cat Bells terrace 11km, **Medium Walk:** Cat bells 15km, **Harder Walk:** Hindscarth and Dalehead 22km

Day 3 Easier Walk: Grange, Seathwaite and Rosthwaite 12km, Medium Walk: Styhead and Sprinkling tarns 14km, Harder Walk: Esk Pike 19km

Day 4 Easier Walk: Wythop and Thornthwaite 15km, Medium Walk: Sail Beck and Barrow 12km, Harder Walk: Grasmoor & Causey Pike 12km

Day 5 Today there are no organised walks to allow you time to explore the area independently or just relax in Derwent Bank and its grounds.

Day 6 Easier Walk: Grisedale Valley 12km, Medium Walk: Glencoyne Dale 14km, Harder Walk: Striding Edge, Helvellyn and Swirral Edge 13km

Day 7 Easier Walk: Bassenthwaite, Dodd Wood and Derwent Water 12km, Medium Walk: Back O'Skiddaw, 19km Harder Walk: Skiddaw 21km

Day 8 Tour ends after breakfast



Other walking holidays – guided in small groups or self-guided with inn-to-inn luggage transfers & meals are available in many parts of the United Kingdom, Ireland & across Europe including the Coast-to-Coast trail. St Cuthbert's Way from Scotland into England; walks in the Lake District, the Ring of Kerry, the Dordogne or Pyrenees in France, Austria, Spain or Italy. Perhaps walk the Way of St James from Le Puy to Santiago from France to Spain or the Via Francigena – the pilgrims Road to Rome

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