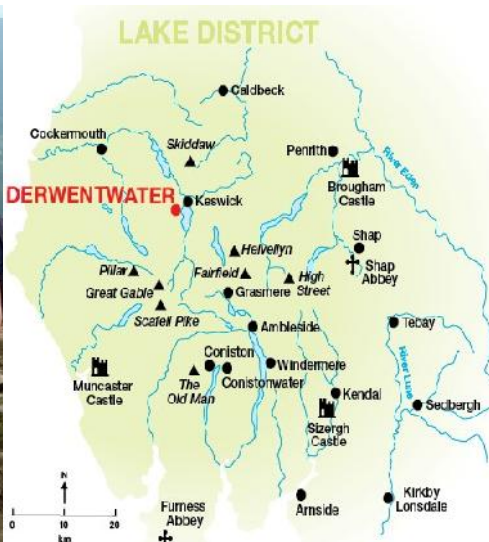


ENGLAND – DERWENTWATER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT *GREAT VALUE* 8-day / 7-night one-hotel guided walking tour based in one of England's most beautiful National Parks



Enjoy the Lake District National Park from the shores of Derwentwater where, for generations, the outstanding scenery of the Lake District has attracted walkers of all abilities 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. Visit Wainwright's mountain tarns and the lakes that inspired poets and artists alike. Speckled with tiny islands and surrounded by majestic fells, Derwentwater is a superb location from which to enjoy everything that Lakeland has to offer.

This 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. Here, in the dramatic landscape there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!

A typical Classic Walking day will offer you a choice of up to three guided walks of varying length and ascent. If you are new to walking, start at the easier level, where the pace is relaxed and there are plenty of stops to enjoy the views and to rest along the way. 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. At this centre 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. Walks leaders make the final decision on which routes are offered each day.

Cost from: \$1750 per person twin share Single room supplement on request

Departs: 29th March; 12th April; 3rd, 10th, 17th May; 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June; 12th July; 2nd, 9th, 30th August; 13th, 20th, 27th September; 25th October; 15th November, 2019

Includes: 7 nights in comfortable hotel room with ensuite bathrooms, full board (breakfast, picnic lunch and dinner), experienced walks leader, 5 guided walks, transport associated with the walks, evening social activities.

Not Included: Transport to/from the house, drinks, personal expenses, transport/activities on your free day.

Accommodation: You stay in **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, we offer 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, friendly and helpful staff and dedicated walking guides 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.

Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details or reservations

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

- Day 1** Arrival day – plan to arrive at your accommodation mid-afternoon.
- Days 2 - 4** A choice of full-day walking options each day.
- Day 5** Free day – no organised walks. Explore the area independently or just relax at Derwent Bank and its grounds. Perhaps arrange theatre tickets at the Theatre by the Lake in town.
- Days 6 - 7** A choice of full-day walking options each day.
- Day 8** Departure day. Tour arrangements end after breakfast.

Some possible walks may include:

Easier Walks: Follow the delightful lakeside paths that surround Derwent Water, Buttermere and Crummock Water. Walk the wooded lower reaches of Borrowdale to the charming villages of Rossthwaite and Seatoller. Amble through the green Vale of St John to the mysterious Castlerigg stone circle then on to attractive Keswick with its many pubs and tearooms.

Medium Walks venture on to the lower fells for stunning bird's-eye views over lakes and valleys. Hike to the summit of Cat Bells, or ascend from Buttermere onto the Haystacks. Visit the spectacular Aira Force waterfall, then walk above the Glencoyne Valley to the summit of Sheffield Pike with its commanding views of Ullswater.

Harder Walks may include high level traverses and peaks, including Hall's Fell to Blencathra (described by Wainwright as the finest way to any mountaintop), a circular walk to the summits of Hart Crag, Fairfield and St Sunday Crag, or ascend England's highest summit Scafell Pike.

Footpath information:



Easier Walks: Up to 7 miles (11.5km) along valley, fell and lakeside paths. Fairly easy gradients but sometimes rough underfoot. Up to 1300 feet (400m) of ascent in a day.



Medium Walks: Up to 9½ miles (15.5km) on good, but sometimes rocky paths to lower summits and moorland fells. Moderate gradients, some steep sections. Up to 2500 feet (760m) of ascent in a day.



Harder Walks: Up to 10½ miles (16.5km) including some exposed ridges and higher mountaintops. Some steep and long gradients on rough paths. Up to 3500 feet (1060m) of ascent in a day.



Outdoor Travel walking holidays – guided in small groups or self-guided with inn-to-inn luggage transfers and meals – are available in many parts of the United Kingdom, Ireland and across Europe including the **Coast-to-Coast** trail, the **Cotswolds** Way, the spectacular coast of Cornwall, the **Yorkshire Dales**, **Exmoor**, the **West Highland Way** in Scotland or in **Snowdonia**, Wales or in Ireland on the **Ring of Kerry**. In France see the Dordogne, Alps, Provence or Riviera Coast, walks too in Austria, Spain or Italy. Walk the **Way of St James** from Le Puy in France to Santiago in Spain or the **Via Francigena** – the pilgrims' Road to Rome.

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