

## 3 Night HF Choir in the Northern Lake District

**Trip style:**

**Destination:** 📍 Lake District

**Trip code:** DBK03-MSN05

**Carbon Footprint:** 🌳 47kg CO2



### HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Led by Su Grainger, an experienced singer, workshop leader, and vocal coach who has built a career on coaxing every sort of singer to take their performance to the next level, our choir holidays focus on modern classics and iconic songs. Run as a series that ends with a final performance, these nurturing and fun sessions are a superb way to boost your confidence and challenge your vocal cords. Everyone is welcome. All that's needed is an open mind and the desire to put in your best efforts.

## WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Working with talented vocal coach, Su Grainger
- Singing and socialising in a supportive and friendly environment
- Meeting guests of all vocal ranges and abilities
- Learning a range of modern classics and iconic songs
- Spending your afternoons practising or exploring the local area
- Connecting with new people, especially if you are a solo traveller

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Comfortable en-suite accommodation in our country house
- Cream tea on arrival day
- Cooked or continental breakfast every morning
- Daily packed lunches
- Three-course evening meals, plus tea & coffee
- All music and other resources
- HF Holidays Leader
- Easy-to-follow routes, maps, and information available in our Discovery Point if you want to explore independently

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1:** Arrival Day

Check-in at the hotel is available from 16:00. If you are a member you can arrive at the house from 14:00. Enjoy a complimentary cream tea at 16:30 and meet other guests.

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### **Day 2-3:** Your HF Choir Holiday

During your choir holiday, you'll come together in the mornings to practice singing under the guidance of your choirmaster. Our singing sessions have been crafted to suit a range of abilities and both absolute beginners and seasoned singers are welcome. There's no expectation of you to be able to sight-read sheet music, just turn up and sing – it's all about taking part and having fun. Free afternoons give you the chance to practice independently or explore the stunning surroundings of our country house. In the evening, you'll regroup for another short singing session before dinner. On the final night, they'll be an option to take part in an informal performance, or you can choose to simply sit back and enjoy watching your fellow guests sing live.

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### **Day 4:** Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

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## Derwent Bank

Adored by poets, painters, and literary giants for centuries, the Lake District has always had an irresistible pull. It's no surprise, then, that this country house near the market town of Keswick holds such appeal, not least for its setting in lovely grounds that slope down to the shores of Derwentwater. The location couldn't be more perfect; to the west is Cat Bells, to the east is Keswick, Walla Crag, and Latrigg, and to the south is the entrance to the Borrowdale valley. There's a wealth of big-name attractions within easy travelling distance, including Blencathra, Helvellyn, and Ullswater. Also visit-worthy for walkers is Scafell Pike for its well-trodden routes and trails and the 73-mile-long Cumbria Way for its mist-shrouded peaks, glacial valleys, and many excuses for pit-stops and picnics.

### A warm welcome

We want you to feel comfortable from the moment you arrive. You'll find a welcome pack in your room with guest registration forms, menus, order forms for dinners and picnic lunches, the Wi-Fi password, and the front door code. Our houses are locked at night, so we recommend noting the Duty Manager's number on arrival in case of an emergency (or getting locked out).

### Evening entertainment

While evening entertainment varies from house to house, HF Holidays Inter-House Quiz night held after dinner on Wednesdays is a weekly staple. Your HF Holidays leader may be around for tips on guided and self-guided walking routes as well as visit-worthy local attractions.

### Walks talks

Our HF Holidays walk leaders host guided walking information briefings before dinner on guided walking holiday arrival days. This is followed by a group Walks Talk for information on the following day's guided walks (held before dinner every evening). Self-guided walking guests are, of course, welcome.

### The walking day

Prior to setting off on guided walks, your HF Holidays Leader will run you through a short safety briefing. There's also an up-to-date weather forecast on display at the house to ensure you have appropriate clothing and footwear. If you choose to do your own walks or are on a self-guided walking holiday, we ask that you please complete an Independent Walker Card each day. These can be found near the Discovery Point in the house.