

7 Night Southern Lake District Walking with Sightseeing Holiday

Trip style: Walking with sightseeing

Destination: 📍 Lake District

Trip code: CNN07-WOD01

Grades: 1, 2

Carbon Footprint: 🌱 224kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

These holidays offer a perfect mix of short, guided walks (4-5 miles), combined with time spent sightseeing. Visit a selection of standout highlights in the Southern Lake District with hassle-free coach travel and the help of an HF Holidays Leader.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Exploring the Coppermines Valley, rich in the Lake District's industrial heritage
- Taking a trip on the restored National Trust Steam Yacht Gondola
- Discovering the impressive Cathedral Caves
- Visiting Hill Top, Beatrix Potter's Lakeland farmhouse
- Meeting Yew Tree Farms 'Ambassador' Herdwick sheep flock
- Views of the rugged mountain landscapes and scenic lakes
- A more personalised experience thanks to small group sizes (maximum 15 people)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A cruise on the National Trust's Steam Yacht Gondola, entrance to Hill Top, the Herdwick Experience
- 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
- Guided walks and sightseeing visits with an experienced HF Holidays Leader
- All transport to and from walks and sites of interest
- Easy-to-follow routes, maps, and information in our Discovery Point if you want to explore independently

Please note - Entrance fees are not included. See more information tab for details.

TRIP SUITABILITY

This trip is graded Activity Level 2. Walking is on a mixture of good, well-graded paths and some rougher, steeper, or rockier paths. Walks are up to 5 miles (8km) with up to 1000 feet (320m) of ascent.

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.

Day 2: Grasmere and Rydal

Day 3: Coniston and the Coppermines

Day 4: Free Day - Southern Lake District

Discover more about Monk Coniston and the local area for ideas on how to make the most of your free day.

Day 5: Little Langdale

Day 6: Troutbeck and Ambleside

Day 7: Tarn Hows and Hawkshead

Day 8: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

Monk Coniston

With a desirable address overlooking Coniston Water (the inspiration for Arthur Ransome's 1930 novel, *Swallows and Amazons*), this characterful Grade II-listed house delights with lakeside and woodland walks from the doorstep, décor that stays true to the period feel, and plenty of Beatrix Potter references. While the children's author and illustrator did not live at the Monk Coniston estate (her beloved home was Hill Top, bought in 1905 with the royalties from *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*), she campaigned with the National Trust to save it from development. She then purchased the entire estate in 1930 and as the new owner she immediately sold half to the organisation, bequeathing them the other half in her will.

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.