

Scafell Pike Challenge

Trip style: Challenge walks

Destination: 📍 Lake District

Trip code: DBK03-CHA01

Grades: 1-5

Carbon Footprint: 🌳 50kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

As England's highest mountain, Scafell Pike looms large over the Lake District. And if you're keeping tabs of the Wainwrights you're bagging, this one is as dramatic as they come. Guided by an experienced HF Holidays Leader, you and your small group of like-minded walkers will take the tough-but-rewarding trek to the summit. At the top, you'll have outstanding views and be higher than anyone else for miles around. The best part is that it's a challenge many can achieve.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Summiting England's highest mountain
- Experiencing that 'top of the world' feeling
- Soaking up spectacular views over the Lakeland and as far as the Isle of Man
- Enjoying sociable evenings in our country house
- Walking with a small and friendly group of like-minded walkers
- A more personalised experience thanks to small group sizes (maximum 12 people)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Comfortable en-suite accommodation in our country house
- Cooked or continental breakfast every morning
- Three-course evening meals, plus tea & coffee
- Guided walks with an experienced HF Holidays Leader
- All transport to and from walks where necessary

TRIP SUITABILITY

This trip is graded level 5 - it involves walking 7 miles (11km) at a good pace with 3,000 feet (900m) of ascent over rocky terrain.

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: Warm-Up Walk: Cat Bells

Distance: 7 miles (11km) Ascent: 1,600 feet (500m) Enjoy a gentler day climbing Catbells to get our legs warmed up for the challenge ahead. A small amount of hands-on scrambling rewards with views over Derwentwater.

Day 3: The Main Challenge

Distance: 9 miles (14km) Ascent: 3,150 feet (960m) We start our ascent of England's highest mountain from Borrowdale valley, ascending via Grains Gill and Esk Hause over large boulders and scree. Hopefully our efforts will be rewarded with views as far as the Isle of Man and Blackpool Tower from the summit before we descend back to the valley via the Corridor Route and Sty Head Tarn.

Day 4: Departure Day

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before making your way home.

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.