

The Lake District

With Woking Leisure Centre 50+ Club

31 May to 05 June 2025

The Lake District is England's largest National Park and a UNESCO world heritage site, with spectacular vistas and lakes flanked by wooded shorelines and forests, set against a majestic backdrop of some of England's mightiest mountains. Join us as we travel around Cumbria and discover its delights - a peaceful lake cruise, a nostalgic steam train ride, historic halls and even an excursion into the heart of a slate mine - we will fully immerse ourselves in the history and culture of this stunning area of the country.

Saturday 31 May - The Lowry

Our tour begins as we depart from Woking Leisure Centre, travelling by coach to visit The Lowry Gallery on Salford Quays. The gallery is named after Laurence Stephen Lowry, who was local to the area and his work is strongly associated with Salford today. The Lowry collection contains many examples of his work as well as an archive of photos, press cuttings and exhibition catalogues. We then continue on to Newby Bridge Hotel, our base for the duration of our tour.

Sunday 1 June - Ambleside Cruise and Laurel and Hardy Museum

This morning we enjoy a cruise on Lake Windermere by historic lake steamer, enjoying stunning views of the Lake District mountains, secluded bays, and the magnificent historic houses that stretch along the shoreline. We enjoy some time for lunch at leisure in Ambleside before continuing on to the Laurel and Hardy Museum in Ulverston, a family-run collection dedicated to archiving all things to do with the iconic comedy duo.

Monday 2 June - Stott Park Bobbin Mill and Honister Slate Mine

We start our day with a visit to Stott Park Bobbin Mill, the only working bobbin mill left in the Lake District today. Visitors can explore the story of the mill and discover the process from tree to bobbin first hand with the original historic belt-driven machinery. After this, we enjoy lunch at leisure in Ambleside before travelling on to Honister Slate Mine, where we enjoy a guided tour into the heart of Fleetwood Pike. Here we will learn about the unique 450-million-year-old volcanic green slate harvested from the mine, and the gripping tales of those who worked there, spanning over three and a half centuries.

Tuesday 3 June - Ruskin Museum and Levens Hall

Our morning visit takes us to Coniston, to visit the Ruskin Museum, which is dedicated to the local heroes of Coniston, including Arthur Ransome and Donald Campbell. Campbell sadly perished in 1967 whilst attempting to break his own water speed record on Coniston Water in the Bluebird K7. The Bluebird K7 was recovered in 2001 and recently returned to the museum where it can now be viewed. In the afternoon we take a trip to Levens Hall. Set in a 9500 acre estate, Levens Hall is home to the world's oldest topiary gardens and a stunning Elizabethan house with links to the Duke of Wellington - there is a fascinating history to discover here.

Wednesday 4 June - Lakeside and Haverthwaite Steam Railway and Holker Hall

Today we make our way to Haverthwaite Station to take a trip on the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Steam Railway, where we can enjoy the picturesque countryside scenery of the Leven Valley from aboard the traditional 1950s carriages. Following this we enjoy lunch at leisure in the pleasant Cartmel Village before setting off for a visit to Holker Hall, a beautiful stately family home created in the 17th century and rebuilt to luxurious standards after a tragic fire destroyed most of the house in 1871. Visitors are invited to take a step back in time and immerse themselves in the history of the family, the unique architecture and stunning interior design that make up the estate.

Thursday 5 June - Tatton Park

Today we check out of our hotel and depart the Lake District, with an en route stop at Tatton Park. One of the most complete historic estates open to the public, this opulent 18th century mansion and its immaculate landscaped deer park surroundings are full of fascinating highlights, such as the extensive art collection, unique range of furniture, and a series of themed gardens to explore. Following our time here, we continue our journey back to Woking, concluding our tour.



Accommodation - Newby Bridge Hotel (3*)

The Newby Bridge Hotel is located at the tranquil southern end of Lake Windermere, making it an ideal base for exploring the Lake District. Each comfortable bedroom is equipped with an en suite bathroom, tea and coffee making facilities, TV, radio, direct dial telephone and hairdryer. Breakfast and evening meals are taken in the Garden View restaurant, which overlooks the hotel's picturesque Mediterranean gardens.



Tour Price per person

£ 880.00

Deposit per person

£ 90.00

Single Room Supplement

£ 159.00

(The final balance is due not later than 21/03/25)

Travel insurance—If you have not already arranged cover, please visit <https://normanallen.b2ctravel.co.uk> who offer travel insurance. For any travel insurance purchase, you should check the individual policy wording provided to you carefully to ensure this meets the specific needs for your chosen holiday.

Your tour includes:

- 1 nights' accommodation on a half board basis and 4 nights' accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis at the Newby Bridge Hotel
- 6 days' executive coach services with Pulhams Coaches
- Porterage on arrival and departure at hotel
- Visit to The Lowry Gallery (entry free of charge)
- Circular cruise on Lake Windermere
- Admission to the Laurel and Hardy Museum
- Admission to Holker Hall
- Journey on the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway
- Admission to the Ruskin Museum
- Admission to Levens Hall
- Admission to Stott Park Bobbin Mill
- Admission to Honister Mine with 90min guided tour
- Visit to Tatton Park (National Trust - no cost included)

Your tour excludes:

- Travel Insurance
- Additional entrance fees to places of interest other than those detailed in the itinerary
- Dinner, lunches and refreshments, other than those detailed in the itinerary
- Gratuities

No admission costs have been incorporated to the National Trust properties featured on this tour. Admission for N.T. Members is free of charge on production of a valid membership card. Any non-National Trust members should provide admission payment in exact cash to your group leader on the morning of departure.

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