

5 DAYS TO LAKE DISTRICT

7 – 11 June 2021

£645

The Lake District is the largest National Park in England and is famous for its stunning scenery including 12 of the largest lakes in the country. The quaint towns and villages with their cafes, shops and pubs add to the charm of a visit to this region.

7 June

Travel to Dublin port (via Larne, Carrickfergus, Belfast, Newry) for the morning ferry crossing to Holyhead. Arrive in Holyhead and continue by coach to **Chester**, the walled city on the River Dee, for a lunch stop and some free time. Stroll around the pedestrianised streets, or along the city walls, which are the most complete in Britain; Chester is also home to the country's oldest Roman amphitheatre. Continue to the Lake District and check in the hotel, our base for 4 nights.

8 June

Begin today with a visit to **Levens Hall and Gardens**. South of Kendal, this is the gateway to the Lake District National Park and home to the world's oldest topiary gardens which date back to the 17th century. The hedges create stunning abstract shapes, columns, pyramids and there are over 30,000 bedding plants. Then, enjoy a steam train ride on the **Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway** to Lakeside. From Lakeside, take a cruise on Windermere and enjoy the beautifully scenic mountain views and natural beauty of the lake to **Ambleside**.

9 June

Enjoy some free time in **Bowness-on-Windermere**, a tourist town with a beautiful setting on the shores of Windermere with stone cottages, a bustling fishing harbour and lakefront pubs. Also here is the World of Beatrix Potter Attraction and the Lakeland Motor Museum with the Campbell Bluebird exhibition, a tribute to the racing career of Sir Malcolm and Donald Campbell.

10 June

This morning's visit is to **Keswick**, set on the shores of Derwentwater. The heart of Keswick is the market square which is surrounded by shops, cafes and hotels. One of the biggest attractions in Keswick is the good quality markets. A short walk from the market square is Hope Park with its beautiful gardens if you prefer a lovely stroll, or visit one of the art galleries to admire the photographs, painting, pottery and more. Another picturesque village is **Grasmere** which is at the foot of stunning fells and has its own lake. William Wordsworth called Grasmere home and is buried in the graveyard of the village's church. Grasmere Gingerbread, created by a Victorian cook, is widely proclaimed to be the best in the world and it is still baked daily and sold in their shop along with fudge, toffees and many delicious treats.

11 June

Return journey to Holyhead for the return afternoon ferry crossing to Dublin. Continue by coach north to drop off point.

YOUR 5 DAY TOUR TO THE LAKE DISTRICT INCLUDES :

- ✓ Return travel by ferry & coach (from chosen pick up point) to the Lake District.
- ✓ 4 nights hotel accommodation (sharing in twin/double room) with breakfast.
- ✓ 4 evening meals at the hotel.
- ✓ Visits to Chester, Ambleside, Bowness-on-Windermere, Keswick, Grasmere.
- ✓ Entry to Levens Hall & Gardens, Haverthwaite Railway, Lake Windermere Cruise.

Crooklands Hotel*** sits in a tranquil setting, just a few miles from Kendal. All rooms are ensuite with a television, tea & coffee making facilities and a hair dryer. Single room supplement £130.

En route pick up drop off points are available – please see booking form.