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THE BEAUTIFUL ENGLISH LAKES
4th-8th July 2010



The Lake District is an area of great beauty, breathtaking scenery, lush green valleys picturesque lakeside villages, English landscapes of the very best.

The Burnside Hotel and Parklands Country Club

Is set in the heart of the Lake District, in the village of Bowness-on-Windermere offers you one of the finest holiday locations. All bedrooms are en-suite with TV, telephone and tea and coffee making facilities. The Silhouettes Restaurant serves excellent cuisine, and there are well stocked bars and comfortable lounges. The Parklands Country Club is free to all hotel guests and offers an indoor swimming pool, spa bath, sauna and steam room. There is also a club bar with snooker and pool tables.



Sunday July 4th – Day one:

We depart Nottingham area this morning and travel to the award winning Carnforth Station and Visitor Centre which opened in 2003 and is located in a busy railway station. The Visitor Centre is housed in the beautifully restored historic buildings and offers a wealth of attractions including the,



“Brief Encounter”, exhibition dedicated to the classic film, the actors and their connection with Carnforth Station. The Brief Encounter Refreshment Room, which has been faithfully restored to resemble the set used in the film where Laura and Alec first met, serves snacks and light bites. An optional lunch can be taken at the near by Station Hotel. This afternoon we visit Sizergh Castle, the home of the Strickland family for 750 years. This beautiful medieval house, extended in Elizabethan times, is surrounded by gardens of great beauty, including the large limestone rock garden. There is a café for refreshments and a shop. We continue to the hotel and check into your rooms where you can relax before dinner.



Monday July 5th – Day two:

Enjoy a free day in Bowness-on-Windermere situated in a spectacular lakeside setting on the eastern shore of Lake Windermere. The Burnside has an enviable location, set in mature gardens with breathtaking views over the lake and the fells beyond. A short stroll finds you in the bustling village centre with its Victorian and Edwardian buildings, shops and cafes. Why not take an optional cruise on Lake Windermere or visit, “The World of Beatrix Potter”, where you can meet Peter Rabbit, Jemima Puddle-duck and many other characters from the famous Beatrix Potter books.



Tuesday July 6th – Day Three:

A scenic drive along the shores of Lake Windermere via Coniston water for a visit to “Hill Top”, the Lakeland home of famous children’s author, Beatrix Potter. She wrote many of her books and based many of the pictures in the books on this 17th century stone house and garden. We



return to Hawkeshead the prettiest village in the Lake District, nestling in the beautiful vale of Esthwaite, with clusters of white washed cottages, quaint country inns and pubs and delightful cafes for refreshments. This afternoon we continue via Grasmere to the attractive market town of Keswick located between the shadows of Skiddaw and the gentle beauty of Derwentwater. There are a wide range of attractions for visitors from shops and restaurants’ to museums and boat trips on the lake.

Wednesday July 7th – Day Four:

This morning we travel via Ambleside to visit Dalemmain House and Gardens, the much loved family home of the Hasell family. We have arranged a guided tour of this magnificent house, set against the grandeur and picturesque splendour of the lakeland fells and near by Ullswater. Refreshments are available in the Medieval Hall Tea Rooms. After lunch we travel to Pooley Bridge Pier to board the Ullswater Steamer for an hour cruise on reputedly Englands most beautiful lake. We disembark at Glenridding and rejoin our coach for a breathtaking drive over the Kirkstone Pass to the highly acclaimed gardens at Holehird. Here you will find thousands of plants, including three national collections which are well suited to the climate of the English Lake district.



Thursday July 8th – Day Five:

We leave Bowness-on-Windermere this morning and travel to Levens Hall and Topiary Gardens, home to the Bagot family. The house is a Elizabethan mansion and was built around the 14th century Pele Tower with world



famous gardens laid out in 1694. You will be dazzled by the topiary, yew trees which are clipped into a variety of different shapes; there are massive beech hedges and colourful seasonal flower beds creating a lasting memory. Also at Levens Hall is a working Steam Engine Collection for you to discover. There is a Gift Shop plus a Plant Centre and delicious home made lunches and teas are available, together with the award winning Levens beer “Morocco Ale” in the Bellingham Buttery. Later this afternoon we continue our journey home to arrive in Nottingham area in the evening.



Tour includes: Door to Door taxi, executive coach travel with hostess service, 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Burnside hotel Bowness-on-Windermere, full excursion programme with visits to, Carnforth Station and Visitor Centre, Sizerage Castle and Gardens (National Trust), Hill top (National Trust), Dalemmain House and Gardens, Holehird Gardens, Levens Hall and Gardens, with all admissions, donations and lake cruise.

Tour Cost from: £440.00 per person

Single room supplement: £10.00 per night

Deposit: £60 per person

National Trust Reduction: £13.25

N.B. National Trust members please bring card on tour for proof of membership and to qualify for a reduction on booking.