

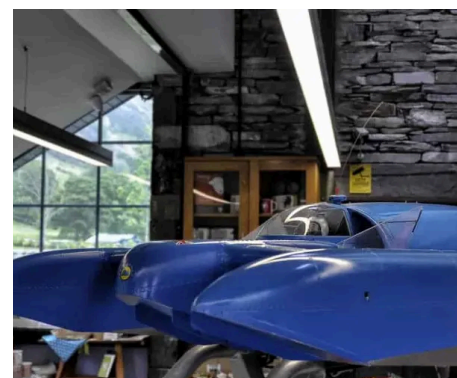
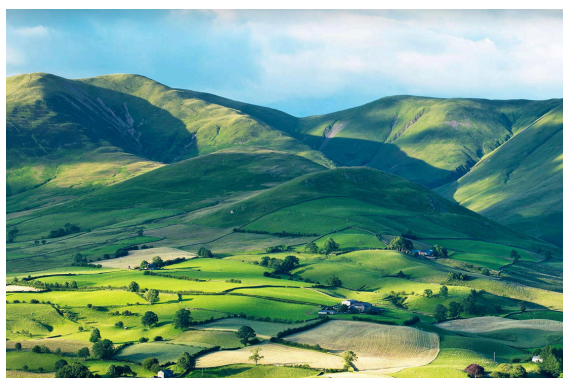
# Beyond the Lakes

a three night break in Cumbria

Tuesday 13 – Friday 16 October 2026.

Enjoy a luxury mid-week break in South Cumbria with two days of professionally curated tours exploring the Western Dales and the Furness peninsula, whilst travelling in a deluxe 34-seater coach with overnight accommodation and dinner at the Castle Green Hotel, Kendal, Tuesday 13 – Friday 16 October 2026.

This three night stay could be just what you need to relax and unwind whilst enjoying some of the lesser known areas of Cumbria with a fully qualified guide who can bring to life the stories of the places we will visit.



## **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Make your own way to the Castle Green hotel in time for a delightful 3 course dinner. The hotel is set within 14 acres of garden and woodland, overlooking Kendal castle & the surrounding fells and boasts a spa, gym, swimming pool and beauty salon. Accommodation is available for either double or sole occupancy.

## **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

After breakfast you will be met at the hotel by your Cumbria Tourist Guide, who will be with you throughout the day. The coach will take you towards the Howgill Fells and market town of Sedbergh, England's official book town. The first stop will be at Farfield Mill just outside Sedbergh, a restored Victorian woollen mill, where you will gain an understanding of the history and significance of the local wool industry. The mill is now home to a number of creative artists and makers with studio spaces open to visitors. There will be time to explore as well as enjoying refreshments in the mill café if you wish.

The journey then continues to Kirkby Stephen via Garsdale and Mallerstang valley, route of the Settle to Carlisle train line, the highest main line in England, and home of magical Pendragon castle, one of Lady Anne Clifford's castle. There will be free time in Kirkby Stephen for you to enjoy lunch, and perhaps a visit to the parish church, sometimes known as the "Cathedral of the Dales" and discover more about the Loki stone and the Taggy Bell!

After lunch, continue through the village of Appleby, home of the famous Appleby Horse Fair – an important annual event in the calendar for travelling people. The route takes you through stunning scenery, past some more of the castles owned and restored by Lady Anne Clifford before arriving at Orton. Here there will be time for refreshments as well as a visit to the chocolate factory before returning to the hotel in time for dinner.

## Thursday 15th October

Today will see us travelling south to visit Holker Hall and Gardens, home to the Cavendish family. The hall has a fascinating history and a self guided tour of the house and gardens is included within the cost of your holiday.

Back on board the coach, we travel along the coast road to Barrow enjoying spectacular views of Morecambe Bay. Hear about how this tiny coastal farming village was transformed by the discovery of iron ore into one of the largest Victorian shipbuilding towns in England and is now where BAE systems produce their top secret nuclear submarines. We have scheduled a visit to The Dock Museum where there will also be time to grab some lunch if you wish in the café.

The afternoon sees us heading north through the Crake Valley and along the side of Coniston Water, made famous by Donald Campbell's world water speed record attempts, and see where Arthur Ransome gained inspiration for his children's books, Swallows and Amazons.

There will be time to explore Coniston, perhaps an optional visit to the Ruskin Museum (entry fee will apply), which houses Donald Campbell's restored "Bluebird" before heading back to the hotel for dinner. We will pass through Ambleside on the way back to Kendal.

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Time for you to make your way home from a wonderful adventure, but don't forget to have breakfast before departing!!

We look forward to welcoming you!

