WINDERMERE WAY - WALKING SHORT BREAK

The Windermere Way combines a delightful series of linked walks around Lake Windermere, taking in some of the finest views of the Lake District. Starting in the pretty town of Ambleside, the Windermere Way is made up of four distinct day walks which are all linked by ferries across the Lake. So you not only get to enjoy some wonderful walking but can also sit back and relax on some beautiful ferry journeys across Lake Windermere!

The Windermere Way is a twin-centre walking holiday combining 2 nights in the lively lakeside town of Ambleside with 3 nights in the bustling Bowness-on-Windermere. Each day you will do a different walk and use the Windermere Ferries to take you to or from Ambleside or Bowness. From Ambleside, you will catch your first ferry to the lovely lakeside town of Bowness, where you will begin walking. Over the next four days you will take in highlights such as the magnificent views from Wansfell Pike, the glistening Loughrigg Tarn, and some delightful lakeshore walking. Most of the time you are walking on well maintained paths and trails and this is combined with some easy sections of road walking. Sometimes you will be climbing high up into the hills and at others you will be strolling along close to the lake on nice flat paths.

The Windermere Way includes hand-picked overnight accommodation in high quality B&B’s or guesthouses in Ambleside and Bowness. You can expect the highest levels of welcome, atmosphere and outstanding local cuisine. We also provide your baggage transfers between Ambleside and Bowness, a detailed map and route notes, and pre-departure information pack as well as emergency support, should you need it.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Breathtaking views of the Lake District from the fells around Lake Windermere.
- Gentle walking alongside lakeshore paths.
- Enjoying the hustle and bustle of the popular lakeside towns of Ambleside and Bowness.
- Relaxing and taking in the scenery while cruising on one of Windermere’s steamers.

WHY CHOOSE A SELF GUIDED WALKING HOLIDAY WITH US?

Macs Adventure is a small, energetic walking holiday company dedicated to delivering adventure excellence. We are passionate about delivering outstanding walking holidays where every last detail is taken care of. Each holiday we offer is unique, tailor made to meet your requirements. From your first contact with Macs Adventure you will deal with a local specialist who knows the region intimately.

Self guided walking holidays are a wonderful relaxed way to discover the magic of Windermere. Free to travel at your own pace each day, and wander off the beaten track, you will discover the beauty of the landscape, the warmth of the people and the long history of the Lake District.

In the unlikely event you should require emergency support our office is always more than happy to help. So, from the moment you decide to walk the Windermere Way you can relax and look forward to an unforgettable self-guided walking holiday. We hope that you will choose to walk with Macs Adventure soon.
Day 1: Arrive Ambleside
Ambleside is a bustling lakeside town and a great place to be based for a couple of days to enjoy the area. The train from London to Windermere takes approx 2.5hrs and from there the frequent Lakeslink bus runs to Ambleside or alternatively, it is just a 10 minute taxi journey.

Overnight: Ambleside

Day 2: Ferry to Bowness/Walk to Ambleside - 10 miles
Catch an early ferry from Ambleside to Bowness before setting out from Bowness Bay and walking back to Ambleside.

After walking through Windermere Village on footpaths, you will soon head into the hills on this delightful days’ walking. You will take in some of the most breathtaking views of the Lake District from vantage points such as Orrest Head (described by Wainwright after completing this walk as the ‘introduction to a dream.’) This walk is actually known as the walk that inspired Wainwright.

Combine this with the high point of the Windermere Way at Wansfell Pike and this really does make for an exhilarating days walking.

Overnight: Ambleside

Day 3: Walk to Ferry House - 13 miles/Ferry to Bowness
Today’s walk brings you the best of both worlds. Start off with an invigorating climb up Loughrigg Fell where you will be surrounded by stunning lake views. Followed by some gentle walking along the lakeshore from Wray Castle. If you are feeling energetic there is also a high option which will take you over Claife Heights.

When you arrive at Ferry Nab, it is just a short ferry trip over to Bowness for your overnight accommodation.

Overnight: Bowness

Day 4: Ferry to Ferry House/Walk to Lakeside - 7.5 miles/Ferry to Bowness
It is just a short ferry ride from Bowness Bay across to Ferry House to the start of today’s walk.

Enjoy some gentle walking along the lakeshore, and through tranquil woodlands on this delightful amble towards Lakeside. Keep your eye out for some of the plentiful wildlife including pheasant and other woodland birds.

Overnight: Bowness

Day 5: Ferry to Lakeside/Walk to Bowness - 14.5 miles
A fairly challenging day to finish off your jaunt in the Lake District!

A steady climb via forest paths and a spruce plantation will bring you to the summit of Gummer How, from where you can take in yet more magnificent views in every direction. From here, and in good weather, you will be able to see the River Leven to the South, Coniston and the Langdales to the west, Helvellyn and Fairfield at the lake head and the Pennines to the East!

Overnight: Bowness

Day 6: Onwards Travel

Description: Enjoy some of the Lake District’s best walks.

Days: 6
Walking Days: 4
Nights: 5
Average Daily Distance: 11 miles
Grade: Moderate

Navigation
Sections of the trail are not way marked, and you will have to follow directions and a map. However, you are walking on well defined trails and paths throughout.

Grade
The way is on well maintained footpaths and tracks, through fields and woodlands and on some minor roads. It does involve ascent and descent and the terrain can be quite rugged underfoot.

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HOLIDAY INFORMATION
## Accommodation
One of the highlights of this tour is the high standard of the accommodation we use. We hand pick the guesthouses and B&B’s to ensure you enjoy every minute of your stay. They offer a warm welcome to walkers, traditional hospitality and delicious local food.

Our favourites in Ambleside include **Claremont House** and **Easedale Lodge**.
In Bowness, we love **Denehouse** and The **Nagoya Country House**.

## Solo Walkers
This short break is available to solo walkers although you should take extra care in the outdoors when walking solo.

## Single rooms
If you require single rooms within your party we will always try and accommodate your request, although there will be a single supplement payable.

## Meals
A hearty breakfast is included each morning to get you ready for a days walking. Lunch and dinner are not included so you are free to choose from the many available options.

## Baggage Transfer
Your bags will be transferred from your accommodation in Ambleside to your accommodation in Bowness as per your itinerary. We ask you to limit your luggage to one bag of up to 25kg per person.

## Equipment
Your information pack has a detailed equipment list which includes standard walking gear such as good walking boots or shoes, warm and waterproof clothes and a day pack.

## Dogs
Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate walkers with dogs as many of the accommodation providers do not accept pets.

## Travel Information

### Getting to Ambleside
Ambleside is easily reached by train via Windermere (approx 3hrs from London, 1hr 30 from Manchester or 2hr from Glasgow.)
From Windermere, the Lakeslink 555 bus runs regularly to Ambleside or it is just a 10 minute taxi journey.
It is also easily reached by car but secure parking is limited in Ambleside
You can find information for travelling to and from the Lake District by visiting the [Traveline Website](#).

### Getting back from Bowness
There are regular buses running between Bowness and Windermere, where you can get the train for onwards travel connections. Or alternatively, it would just be a 5 minute short taxi journey.
If you have left your car in Ambleside then you can catch either the bus or ferry back to collect your car.

### Windermere Ferries
We do not include the tickets for your ferries as this leaves you free to decide what time you would like to catch the ferry.
Please refer to the enclosed timetables in your information pack and plan your daily walks carefully so that you do not miss the last ferry.
We recommend giving yourself plenty of time to get to the pier and buy your ticket as the ferries can get very busy during peak season.
The approx cost for all the ferries mentioned in your itinerary is £40 per person.

## Travel Insurance
We strongly recommend taking out travel insurance to cover cancellation or curtailment of your holiday.

## M.A.C.S Responsible Travel

### Minimise Impact & Maximise Benefit
Our operating policies, office policies, holidays and tours are all designed to minimise impact and maximise benefit to the environment and local communities.

### Action & Advocacy
We believe that by engaging our team and clients in environmental and community projects we can make a real difference.

### Carbon & Communities
Travel and our business activity does of course contribute to carbon output and climate change. We have put several policies in place to minimise our carbon footprint.

### Sensitive & Sustainable
Macs Adventure has worked hard to ensure that our holidays are sensitive to the community you are visiting and sustainable over the long term.

More about [M.A.C.S. Responsible Travel Policy](#)
We are justifiably proud of our reputation for outstanding holidays on the Windermere Way. You can read numerous customer reviews on our website to get a good idea of what to expect from Macs Adventure on the Windermere Way.

**PRICE & AVAILABILITY**

**Availability**
You can start the Windermere Way on any day between March and November subject to availability. The Lake District is very popular so it is best to book as far in advance as you are able to.

**Price**
Detailed up to date prices for the Windermere Way are available on our website [here...](#).

**Included**
- Hand picked bed and breakfast accommodation in en-suite rooms.
- Baggage transfers from Ambleside to Bowness-on-Windermere.
- A detailed info pack and route notes with map for the group leader.
- Emergency telephone support from our office in the event of a problem.

**Excluded**
- Travel to the start or from the finish of the walk.
- Ferry tickets - please allow approx £40 per person for all the ferries mentioned in the itinerary.
- Lunches, dinners, snacks and drinks.
- Travel Insurance.
- Personal Equipment.
- Taxi transfers or public transport should you need to skip a stage.

**BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE**

**Financial Security**
In accordance with “The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations1992“ all passengers booking with Macs Adventure Ltd are fully protected for the initial deposit and subsequently the balance of all monies paid to us, including repatriation if required (this insurance will not cover repatriation to the country of origin for the passengers outside of the EU), arising from cancellation or curtailment of your travel arrangements due to the insolvency of Macs Adventure Ltd

There is no requirement for Financial Protection of day trips, and none is provided. This insurance is only valid for packages booked that DO NOT include flights.

Consumer aware: Your booking is insured by IPP Ltd and its panel of insurers. - This insurance is only valid for passengers who book and pay directly with/to Macs Adventure Ltd. For further information please go to www.ipplondon.co.uk

This Insurance has been arranged by International Passenger Protection Limited and underwritten by Insurers who are members of the Association of British Insurers & Lloyds Syndicates.

**AITO Quality Statement**
Macs Adventure is a member of the Association of Independent Tour Operators. The Association represents Britain’s leading independent tour operators and encourages high standards of quality and service.

Macs Adventure abides by the Association’s Code of Conduct and adheres to the AITO Quality Charter which can be viewed on [www.aito.com](http://www.aito.com). Visit the website to find out more about the Association or call 020 8744 9280.

**ABTA Member Statement**
Macs Adventure Holidays is a Member of ABTA. ABTA and ABTA Members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist when things don’t go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA’s Code of Conduct. For more information on ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint, contact ABTA, 30 Park Street, London SE1 9EQ, tel 020 3117 0581 [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com)

**CUSTOMER REVIEWS**

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**HOW TO BOOK**

Once you have read all the information in this factsheet or on our website, visit our website or give us a call to confirm availability. You can then book by any of the following methods:

Book Securely Online: [www.macsadventure.com](http://www.macsadventure.com)
Telephone: +44 (0) 141 530 8886
Fax/Post: Download or request a booking form and post it to Macs Adventure, 44 Speirs Wharf, Glasgow, G4 9TH, UK or fax it to +44 (0) 845 527 5688

Please don’t hesitate to contact us by phone on +44 (0) 0141 530 8886 or email: info@macsadventure.com if you have any queries and one of our expert customer service team will be happy to help.

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