

2-day Cultural Itinerary

Day 1 – AM



Abbot Hall Art Gallery & Museum of Lakeland Life

Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 5AL

<http://www.abbothall.org.uk>

(both 2 for 1 entry with a Love Cumbria Card)

Abbot Hall has a comprehensive collection of George Romney's work. Watercolours are shown in a small gallery reminiscent of a collector's private room, with regularly changing displays that allow a Turner to be

seen alongside a Ruskin or a Constable sketch next to works by the likes of Cotman, Cozens and Edward Lear.

There are also ever changing exhibitions, this winter see People on Paper (until 17th December), a remarkable drawing exhibition featuring many of the greatest British artists of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. The show includes drawings by nearly 50 artists, including Lucian Freud, Antony Gormley, and LS Lowry.

Monday - Saturday, 10.30am - 4pm, closed 18 Dec 2016 - 12 Jan 2017

Housed in the same building you will find the Museum of Lakeland Life and Industry.

Inside you can explore a typical Victorian farmer's home from the food in the kitchen, to the elegance of the parlour. Other galleries tell the story of the Arts and Crafts movement, and discover the Lake District's past in farming, mining, tanning, and many other ways that people have made a living amongst the fells. You can also find out about Arthur Ransome, one of the Lake District's most famous authors, and colourful characters.

Open Monday - Saturday, 10.30am - 4pm, closed 24 Dec 2016 - 12 Jan 2017

Day 1 - Lunch



Afternoon Tea at Lindeth Howe Country House Hotel

Lindeth Drive, Longtail Hill, Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 3JF

<http://www.lindeth-howe.co.uk>

(25% off with a Love Cumbria Card)

(Travel to Lindeth Howe Country House Hotel is only 9 miles from Abbot Hall, approx. 20 mins by car)

Day 1 - PM



Blackwell, the Arts & Crafts House

Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 3JT

www.blackwell.org.uk

(2 for 1 entry with a Love Cumbria Card)

The Arts & Crafts movement happened as a direct response to the Industrial Revolution. It championed the skills and vision of craftsmen and women and this can all be admired in Blackwell. The period rooms are

Carefully furnished with the blend of Arts and Crafts furniture and early country-made pieces.

Until 29th January see Spinning the Colours of Lakeland an exhibition examining the establishment and ethos of Annie Garnett's Spinnery workshops in Bowness-on-Windermere. The exhibition will include examples of Annie Garnett's designs on paper and the resulting silks, embroideries and textiles. It will also explore the inspiration for the forms and colours of these in the landscape and skies of Lakeland and especially in the fascinating garden created by Annie close to the Spinnery and once described by an American journalist as 'A colour laboratory in the English lake region'.

Open every day, 10.30am - 4pm, closed 25 & 26 Dec 2016 and 2 - 12 Jan 2017

Day 1 – Dinner



The Arts Bar & Grill

Brantfell Rd, Bowness on Windermere, LA23 3AE

www.the-arts-bar.co.uk

(30% off food with a Love Cumbria Card)

Formally Annie Garnett's famous Spinnery, the Arts Bar and Grill is now a fresh and modern bar and grill with their specialty 'Annie's list' gin menu.

(Travel to The Arts Bar & Grill is 1.5 miles from Blackwell (approx. 5 min drive). Nearest parking is in Glebe Road or Rayrigg Road)

Overnight in Bowness or Ambleside

Please search on www.golakes.co.uk/accommodation/ for places to stay in Bowness and Ambleside

Day 2 – AM



Rydal Mount and Gardens

Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 9LU

www.rydalmount.co.uk

(2 for 1 entry with a Love Cumbria Card)

Rydal Mount, Wordsworth's loved home for 37 years. Here he wrote many of his poems and revised and improved much of his earlier works including the Prelude and the famous 'Daffodils' poem.

He became England's finest poet and went on to be poet Laureate to Queen Victoria. This historic home offers, large beautiful terraced gardens landscaped by the poet, magnificent views of lake Windermere and Rydal Water, peaceful relaxed atmosphere, freedom to wander unrestricted and situated in the picturesque village of Rydal between Ambleside and Grasmere.

Open Wednesdays - Sundays: 11am - 4pm November and February.

Closed December & January

Open daily from 1st March



Dove Cottage and the Wordsworth Museum

Grasmere, Cumbria, LA22 9SH

www.wordsworth.org.uk

(2 adults for £13 with a Love Cumbria Card)

William Wordsworth lived in Dove Cottage from 1799 - 1808, and during this time wrote the most famous and best-loved of his poems including, "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" and his sister Dorothy Wordsworth wrote her, "Grasmere Journals".

Come and see what inspired them, the beautiful landscape and their simple way of life.

Take an entertaining guided tour of Dove Cottage and hear about the Wordsworths' daily life and stories about their famous visitors.

Entry includes a visit to the Wordsworth Museum and Art Gallery to experience changing displays and exhibitions of historic artefacts, original manuscripts and wonderful pictures by artists from the famous to the obscure.

Open daily: 10.00am–4.30pm. Last admission to Dove Cottage: 4.00pm.

Please note that there will be no access to Dove Cottage on Tuesdays during December and February. However, the Museum and Shop will remain open.

Closed 24–26 December and for four weeks during January for conservation.

Day 2 – Lunch

Dove Cottage Tea Room - next door to Dove Cottage and Wordsworth Museum

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Day 2 – PM



Keswick on Derwentwater Launch Cruises

Derwentwater, Keswick, Cumbria

www.keswick-launch.co.uk

(Travel to Keswick is 13.1 miles from Dove Cottage, approx. 24 mins)

A visit to the Lake District wouldn't be complete without a trip on a lake, so join Keswick on Derwentwater Launch Company for a cruise around Derwentwater.

Hop on and off to enjoy a walk or simply take a full circular cruise and enjoy the stunning scenery; the fells and mountains that surround Derwentwater and the four lake islands, including St Herbert's Island, used as 'Wild Cat Island' in the filming of 2016 feature film Swallows and Amazons.

Day 2 – Evening



Emperor and the Nightingale at Theatre by the Lake

Lakeside, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DJ

www.theatrebythelake.com

(£3 off per ticket with a Love Cumbria Card)

Watch Neil Duffield's stage adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's The Nightingale. The colour, movement and spectacle of Chinese theatre combine with the beauty of the nightingale's song in a feast for the senses that will delight the whole family.

Overnight in Keswick

Please search on www.golakes.co.uk/accommodation/ for places to stay in Keswick

Please note - some attractions may have limited winter opening hours. For details of winter opening times, please check websites before visiting.

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