

# #BOOTIQUE ITINERARIES

## ADVENTURE SEEKERS



HIGHLIGHTS: HORSE RIDING, VIA FERRETA, GHYLL SCRAMBLING, ARCHERY,  
CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

### DAY ONE

Welcome! Arrive, check-in and drop your bags. Head to Lakeland Pony Treks and saddle up. The team run several trips suitable for all abilities, so everyone can explore the area on a four-legged friend. Rides last between 30 minutes and 2 hours.

Fancy walking back? The beautiful hamlet of Troutbeck is connected to Waterhead via a low level walk. Coming out of Limefitt Park turn left on the A592, shortly you'll walk past 'Jesus Church', turn right onto Green Lane, walk uphill to the end of the lane where you'll see a road sign for Ambleside, turn left. You'll immediately see the Old Post Office, now a cafe. Bear right onto Robin Lane. There's a signpost which says "Public Bridleway Robin Lane" but it's sometimes covered in moss. Walk up past the cottages on the tarmac lane, and continue when the tarmac turns into a stone track. Passing a pillar on the skyline continue on another 150m (165 yards) and at the signpost to "Ambleside", bear left through the gate. Descend on the track along the edge of the field, across a couple of small fords. Passing the tumbledown ruins of a building on your left, follow the path and you'll come to a gate, turn right, cross the cattle grid and head up to High Skelghyll farm. Go into the farmyard and bear right to the gate. There's a bridleway marker on the gate. Go through the gate, to the next gate and go through, bear left to keep on the path. Continue to the gate into Skelghyll Woods. Turn off left to drop down into Waterhead and make your way back to the hotel.

Freshen up for dinner and join us in the restaurant or bar to enjoy delicious British- European dishes.

## DAY TWO

Wake up with a hearty breakfast before either driving or jumping on a bus to Honister Slate Mine. From the bus stop outside reception, grab the 555 to Keswick. Get off at the bus station and wait for the 77A bus heading to Lorton. Get off at the YHA Honister Hause and walk 2 minutes to the slate mine. The Via Ferrata has a classic and extreme option to suit a range of abilities. This experience will see you follow the historic miners' path onto Fleetwith Pike in a thrilling outdoor activity. Soak up the stunning scenery from the safety of your harness.

Head back to the beautiful town of Keswick and enjoy a tasty lunch at one of the many cafes or individual restaurants.

This afternoon the adventure continues, head to Keswick Extreme's adventure centre to go ghyll scrambling. Your guide will take you down a steep and rocky river – slide down rockslides, paddle across plunge pools and jump over waterfalls. This really is the ultimate Lake District adventure. We suggest booking experiences in advance online. Head back to Waterhead for some much deserved rest and relaxation.

## DAY THREE

Wake up feeling refreshed and enjoy breakfast at Waterhead, check out by 11am.

Take the short drive along the lake, through Bowness and out towards the Gilpin Valley, stop at The Wild Boar Inn to try your hand at archery. Your guide will give you the option to start with a straight forward straw target and initial coaching will help you refine your skills. Once you've got the basics you can try field archery, shoot at life size targets which imitate animals; these are dotted around the beautiful Wild Boar woodlands. Finally a moving target will be setup.

Tuck into a delicious Alternative Afternoon Tea in The Wild Boar lounge, match it with a 'beer bat' of Wild Boar ales.

This afternoon try clay pigeon shooting, the instructor will show you how to shoot at clays that simulate the flight of a number of different wild birds, including a pheasant, crow and grouse.