



WalkingWomen Glorious Glaramara – Summer Lesbian UK Lakes holiday

Dates: Thursday 22nd August to Wednesday 28th August 2024

Duration: 6 nights

Goat guide: 1-4 goats

Price: £1425

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About this trip

The Glaramara hotel sits in a glorious spot in the beautiful English Lake District. Our summer holiday here has been a feature of the WalkingWomen holiday programme for over 22 years. It is loved and cherished by so many women that we felt it was time to take over the hotel for a WalkingWomen special lesbian summer holiday in August 2024. This year we have a special evening of music with Belinda O’Hooley and Heidi Tidow - the fab duo who created the theme tune to Gentleman Jack. They will stay with us on Tuesday evening. We have room for 40 women. We hope you will tell all your friends and save the date. £50 discount for every woman you bring. Come and join us for this wonderful summer celebration! We will have other surprises too.

Glaramara Hotel is situated 7 miles south of Keswick in the picturesque hamlet of Seatoller in the Borrowdale Valley. Such impressive scenery with wonderful walks and swimming dip places a walk from the door. Or for those who just love to be in nature in the company of other women then it’s a peaceful place to sit and soak in the views!

It is possible to travel by public transport – we have tried it! Trains go from all over the country to Penrith then a regular bus service links to Keswick and on to Borrowdale. For bus information StageCoach has a good App helping you plan your journey. If flying from abroad Manchester or Newcastle are nearest airports or from any London airport you can travel from London Euston Station to Penrith. Or as one intrepid traveller did this year you can fly into London Heathrow and hire a car! If you do drive there is free parking at the hotel.

Glaramara is ideally located for a wide variety of walks from the famous peaks of Scafell Pike, Great Gable, Haystacks and Glaramara itself to plenty of lowland walks within Borrowdale. This is the reason for ‘a little bit of everything’ grading. Our guides will run a varied programme each day so you can pick what feels right on the day! They know the area and you can be sure the programme will be inspiring and leave you feeling you have discovered this gorgeous place.

There are clear paths up to visit Tarns and to walk across Maiden Moor. There are the famous Borrowdale oak woods to be explored on the banks of the River Derwent. There are lots of National Trust sites and gardens to visit so variety really will be the spice! Expect to have a choice of 2 walks each day to suit your level. We may also do some walks together with options to return earlier or stop more as we have guides who can accompany different groups at different stages.

There are also opportunities to swim with rivers and lakes all around. Our hotel is the ideal spot to spend time. You receive such a warm welcome and staff are always on hand to help you. There are plenty of spaces to sit and relax either on your own or as a group. You are surrounded by local artists work as the owners support their local community. Food is a high standard and there is a good choice. There is a small bar serving local beers and a range of drinks for those who like to relax with their favourite tippie. Keswick is a bus ride away for those who might like to visit a traditional Lake District town.

Trip Overview

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Guide: 4 guides to cover every goat as we walk high mountains as well as more gentle lakeside walks. There will be something for everyone.

Walking Grade: A little bit of everything – Goats 1 to 4

Base: Glaramara Hotel, Seatoller, Borrowdale, Lake District. WalkingWomen has used this hotel for years and you are assured of a very warm welcome and excellent service. This is a family run hotel with lovely, cosy communal areas and outside space for relaxing after walks. The food is locally sourced as much as possible and guests love it. Rooms will be allocated on a first come first basis as there are some are more functional than others – all are ensuite and comfortable.

The nearest train station is Penrith and we recommend getting there for approx 14.00 on Thursday August 22nd to share taxis – a taxi for a group is approx £50 return. StageCoach <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/> is the local bus service and has an excellent App with all the bus times. From Penrith to Keswick Bus Station is approx 1 hour. It is the X5 bus route. From there there are buses every 30 minutes to Seatoller and the journey is 20 minutes. Ask the bus driver to drop you off at the end of the drive to Glaramara. Departure is after a morning walk on Wednesday A packed lunch is included. Arrange travel for after 14.00.

Itinerary

Our walking programme is subject to change depending on the weather and at the discretion of our local guides. There will be a full programme of varied walks to suit different goat levels. Our guides will brief you on what is available the evening before so you can choose to suit your needs.

Price

£ 1425 per person per holiday all inclusive in a single occupancy room. There is £200 discount if you bring a partner or friend and share a room. Price per person sharing is **£1,225** – we will adjust your invoice for your final payment . Total **£2450** for two people.

What is included:

- Ensuite bed and breakfast,
- Packed lunches on all our walking days
- All evening meals
- Welcome drinks on your first evening
- Experienced guides providing a range of walks from goats 1 to 4
- Some evening entertainment with a special evening of music by Belinda O’Hooley and Heidi Tidow the famous duo who created the theme tune to Gentleman Jack.
- Local Transport required for walks

Not included:

- Travel to the Glaramara Hotel in Seatoller.
- Drinks at the bar/restaurant



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