

**THE LAKE DISTRICT, NORTHUMBRIA, AND YORK:
CULTURE, HISTORY, AND CRIME WRITERS
July 17-31, 2017**

This exciting and varied 14-day tour features the culture and history of some of the most beautiful areas of England, with a special interest in crime writers who live and set their novels there. Our primary emphasis will be on the stunning Lake District and nearby Cumbrian sites, followed by a visit to Hadrian's Wall and several days in Northumbria. The tour ends with three nights in York, with morning tour activities and the rest of the day free to explore on your own. Participants will meet on Monday July 17, 2017, in the Manchester Airport, Manchester, England, and be transported to Grasmere, Cumbria, for the start of our tour.

The tentative itinerary includes the following: a tour of the Lake District including Grasmere, Keswick, Ambleside, Wasdale, Hawkshead, and Near Sawrey; Castlerigg Stone Circle; Dalemain Mansion; an after-hours tour of Dove Cottage led by the curator; private tour of Muncaster Castle; a ride on "La'al Ratty" steam railway; Lancaster Castle; Beatrix Potter's Hill Top; a tour of literary Northwest Lakeland, including the historic home Mirehouse; visits to Brantwood (Ruskin's home) and the Ruskin Museum; a ride on the Steam Yacht Gondola; Hadrian's Wall; Vindolanda; Chesters Roman fort; Northumberland National Park; Alnwick Castle; Lindisfarne (Holy Island); the Durham World Heritage Site, Durham Cathedral; tour of York including York Minster.

Tour price includes:

- 14 nights' lodging with full English breakfast: 8 nights, the Swan Hotel, Grasmere; 3 nights, Linden Hall Hotel, Northumberland; and 3 nights at the Monk Bar Hotel, York
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- All breakfasts, 5 lunches, 9 dinners, and a morning coffee and an afternoon tea
- Guest speakers, including Ruth Downie, Martin Edwards, and Grevel Lindop
- Blue Badge guide
- Transport from and to Manchester Airport
- All entrance fees and transfers to sites included in itinerary
- Porterage for one bag at hotels
- Tips to hotels and restaurants (but not for the Blue Badge guide and coach driver—that will be at your own discretion)

Participants make their own flight arrangements.

Lodging: The cost of the trip is based on double occupancy in twin-bedded rooms.

Estimated cost: \$3,459.00 (land price).

Single supplement: \$708.00. Please indicate if you are willing to share a twin-bedded room with another group member.

2.5% additional fee for credit card payments.

The complete package is offered by the **Kim's Life Tours, LLC.**

Program Leader: Kathy Ackley, Professor Emerita of English, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, who has led 16 previous summer mystery and crime tours.

Tour Organizer and Blue Badge Guide: Nicky Godfrey-Evans of Tours of Discovery, whose home base is Cumbria. Nicky has been creating tours in Britain for over 30 years and will be celebrating her 40th year as a Blue Badge guide. This is her 8th tour with Kathy.

REGISTRATION, DEPOSITS, AND PAYMENTS: Formal registration should be accompanied by an initial non-refundable deposit of \$300.00. **Early registration is strongly advised as the group size is limited.** A payment schedule will be sent for the balance of the payment. Up to 120 days before departure, fees except the initial deposit will be refunded on withdrawal. After that, lodging and other cancellation charges will also be assessed. Price may fluctuate slightly due to currency exchange rates. **Trip insurance is highly recommended.**

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To make your deposit for The Northern England Tour, complete this form and send it with your \$300 check (made out to Kim’s Life Tours, LLC) to Kim O’Flaherty, 2058 Royale Drive, Eagan MN 55122. A complete registration form will be sent to you upon receipt of your deposit.

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