

**The Lake District, Northumbria, and York:  
Culture, History and Crime Writers  
17 -31 July 2017  
*Tentative Itinerary***

**Note:** The order of events may change, but this represents the tentative plan. A final timetabled itinerary will be sent to participants prior to the beginning of the tour.

**Monday 17 July:** Participants will meet at Manchester Airport for transfer to the Swan Hotel, Grasmere, in the Lake District. **Optional afternoon walk around Grasmere.** Welcome drinks and tour introduction, followed by dinner.

**Tuesday 18 July:** Introduction to the Lake District: a circular tour to include Castlerigg Stone Circle, Keswick, with time at leisure to explore the town, when you may want to visit the Pencil Museum or the Keswick Museum. Dalemain Historic House and Ullswater.

**Wednesday 19 July:** Grasmere—village walking tour to include St. Oswalds Church. Ambleside—visit the Armit Library and Townend, a 17th century farmhouse. After-hours curatorial visit to Dove Cottage.

**Thursday 20 July:** Private tour of Muncaster Castle, travel on 'La'al Ratty' steam railway, and visit Wasdale to see England's deepest lake, smallest church, and highest mountain and hear about the world's biggest liar.

**Friday 21 July:** Lancaster Castle, Judge's Lodgings (if open), and Pendle— in the steps of the Pendle witches. Pre-dinner talk by Martin Edwards.

**Saturday 22 July:** In the steps of Beatrix Potter: visit Hill Top and Near Sawrey and walk through historic Hawkshead. Time at leisure to visit the Grammar School attended by Wordsworth and the Beatrix Potter Gallery.

**Sunday 23 July:** Literary North West Lakeland to include Cockermouth, Lorton, and Buttermere. A visit to Mirehouse. Grevel Lindop talk in celebration of literary Lakeland.

**Monday 24 July:** Visit John Ruskin's home, Brantwood, the Ruskin Museum; sail on the Steam Yacht Gondola on Coniston Water. Ruth Downie to join us for dinner.

**Tuesday 25 July:** Hadrian's Wall with Ruth Downie; visits to Vindolanda and a Roman Fort. Introduction to Northumberland. Transfer to Linden Hall Hotel, Northumberland.

**Wednesday 26 July:** Northumberland National Park; Alnwick Castle.

**Thursday 27 July:** Northumberland Coast to include Bamburgh and Lindisfarne (Holy Island) to visit the Priory and the Castle.

**Friday 28 July:** Durham World Heritage Site—a walking tour to include Cathedral and Castle (if open). Transfer to the Monk Bar Hotel, York.

**Saturday 29 July:** A morning's walking tour of York to include York Minster and many of the secret nooks and crannies. Afternoon at leisure. Nicky will be on hand to advise.

**Sunday 30 July:** Optional early morning walk along the city walls. Individual sightseeing to explore the many sites of York—Nicky will be on hand to advise. Farewell dinner.

**Monday 31 July:** Transfer to Manchester Airport.