



ITINERARY: THE BEST OF AN ENGLISH COAST TO COAST WALK.

What's the trip all about?

This is a fantastic journey and adventure across the North of England. I have lived in this part of the world for my whole life, having been born in Lancaster and growing up in Marske-by-Sea on the east coast. Even before I walked the Coast to Coast for the first time 5 years ago and I have walked extensively across the whole area.

The walk is filled with history and fantastic experiences. I have stolen the best bits of the coast to coast to produce a shorter version but with all the best bits included. We will walk 140 miles (or so) of the 190 miles. Alfred Wainwright says in his book this is not THE ROUTE, it is A ROUTE and this is my route across the country.

The walk was originally put together by the wonderful Alfred Wainwright. We will walk over the magnificent Lake District hills and through the wonderful Yorkshire dales then finally over the wild North Yorkshire Moors. Travelling through 3 national parks, past stone circles, burial mounds and the remains of ancient villages. We will also visit lovely tea shops, outstanding pubs and will be staying in some brilliant family run hotels with superb food.

Flights can be to Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle and Manchester, these serve the North of England with onward travel by train to Penrith, Cumbria. Flights to London also connect with trains to Penrith via London Euston train station. For your return journey we can deliver you to either York or Penrith train station so you can return to your desired airport.

PLEASE NOTE: IF BOOKINGS ARE MADE AT SHORT NOTICE FOR ACCOMMODATION IN THE HIGH SEASON (SUMMER), THEN OTHER HOTELS MIGHT BE USED IF THE PREFERRED HOTEL IS ALREADY FULL.

Included	Not Included
Guide and the use of a vehicle plus driver.	Travel to and from London, Penrith and York
All transport and baggage transfers from Penrith on day one until departure on day thirteen	Alcoholic / soft drinks
All Accommodation including (breakfast, lunch & dinner)	Additional Snacks or drinks
	Travel Insurance
	Personal equipment
Please refer to the terms and conditions on the booking form. If you are unsure if something is included or not then please contact us.	



Toe dipping St Bees

Day 1: Sunday 13th May 2018

Meet the guide and vehicle at 9am at the Penrith train station then travel to St Bees for the start of Wainwright's Coast to Coast walk. We start with the traditional toe dipping in the Irish sea and we will also collect a pebble from the beach to carry across the country and throw into the North Sea at the end of our journey. We will walk along the coast to coast path to Sandwith, past the lighthouse and overlook the historic town of Whitehaven (the only town to be invaded since the battle of Hastings in 1066). We then continue our walk through Cleator and on to Ennerdale for a well-earned drink in one of the local taverns before travelling to our Hotel in Buttermere.

Lunch will be on route.

25km 1100m ascent

15.5mile 3600' ascent

Accommodation: The Bridge Hotel for two nights.

<http://www.bridge-hotel.com/>



Day 2: Monday 14th May 2018

Following breakfast, we will be driven back to Ennerdale where we will walk along the shore of Ennerdale, through to the beautiful Ennerdale valley and along to Black Sail hut which has stunning views of the Haystacks on then left (Wainwrights ashes are scattered here) and the Piller on the right. We will then finish at the Honister slate mine.

Lunch will be a packed lunch and after the hike for the day, we will return to The Bridge hotel for the night.

18k 920m ascent

11.8mile 3018'assent

Day 3: Tuesday 15th May 2018

Once ready in the morning, we will have a short drive back to Borrowdale where we left of from yesterday and we will continue our walk along Stonethweight. Then we will climb onto Greenup edge with its stunning views then down into Grasmere where we will be collected and taken to our next hotel.

15.5km 947m

9.6 mile 3106' ascent

Accommodation: The Royal for two nights.

<http://www.the-royal-dockray.co.uk/>



Day 4: Wednesday 16th May 2017

Today we have a short drive back to Grasmere where we start our walk. We will visit Wordsworth Cottage for a guided tour then walk through the beautiful village of Grasmere. We will then continue over Grisedale House to Grisdale Tarn for a packed lunch. The walk will then go down Grisedale over Grassthwaite Howe into Glenridding before we have a short transfer to our hotel.

16km 850m ascent

9.9 mile 2788' ascent

Day 5: Thursday 17th May 2018

After a short transfer from our hotel to the Ullswater steamer, we will take a short ride on Ullswater using the fantastic Steamers, we might even ride on the steamer Lisa and I were married on (The Raven). The Steamer deliver us to the start our walk from Howtown to Shap abbey. Our walk takes us over the Brampton Common where we cross an ancient Roman road, then we will go down to Hawes Water, before we walk across fields to Shap Abby. We have a short transfer to The Back Swan in Ravenstonedale.

17km 900m ascent

10.5 mile 2952' ascent

Accommodation: The Black Swan for the next 3 nights.

<http://www.blackswanhotel.com/>



Day 6: Friday 18th May 2018

The walk today will be along the fantastic Ravenstonedale valley from Shap quarry to the village of Ravenstonedale. This journey is across a limestone pavement which is a geological feature. Lunch will be at The Chocolate factory in Orton. After lunch, we continue our walk along the valley where we will visit stone circles and walk through classic English meadows which are full of wild flowers in spring.

19km 590m ascent

11.8 mile 1935' ascent

Day 7: Saturday 19th May 2018

We will walk from the hotel to the market town of Kirkby Stephen. We will encounter rolling fells past an amazing viaduct for lunch in town. After lunch we have a short drive to Keld then we will continue our walk to Gunnerside for a drink in the Kings head before we have a transfer back to Black Swan.

17.1km 250m ascent

10.5 mile 820' ascent

Day 8: Sunday 20th May 2018

We will be driven to a village called Reeth, then we will start our walk into the historic town of Richmond. Our walk takes us through other local villages, fields and woods finishing in the medieval town of Richmond where after checking into our Hotel for one night we will visit the 11th century Richmond Castle.

16km 679m ascent

9.9 mile 2230' ascent

Accommodation: Kings Head hotel for 1 night.

www.kingsheadrichmond.co.uk/



Day 9. Monday 21st May 2018

Today have a short walk out of Richmond along the banks of the River Swale followed by a drive to Mount grace priory for lunch. Following lunch in the grounds of the abbey, we will then walk over the Cleveland hills to Lord Stones. We then have a short transfer to our next hotel.

20km 687m assent

12.2 mile 2253' assent

Accommodation: Laskill House for 3 nights.

www.laskillcountryhouse.co.uk/

Day 10: Tuesday 22nd May 2018

We return to Lord stones where we commence our walk across the North Yorkshire Moors. The walk from Lord Stones to The Lion Inn passes the highest point on the moors (round Hill). We will be having our evening meal at the Inn before we return to Laskill House.

20km 711m assent

12.2. mile 2332' assent

Day 11: Wednesday 23rd May 2018

In the morning, we retrace our steps to The Lion Inn before we continue our walk to Grosmont where we will take a short ride on the North Yorks Moors steam railway to the village of Goathland. We will then return to Laskill house for our evening meal.

22km 500m assent

13.6 mile 1640' assent



Day 12: Thursday 24th May 2018

Today's walk starts with a walk down to Littlebeck followed by a walk-through wood land and past the amazing waterfall Falling Foss. Our walk continues over the moors to Hawsker for our lunch at the Coatal café before we complete our walk along the magnificent cliffs into Robin Hoods bay. Once we arrive will dip our feet into the North Sea and return our pebbles to the sea. A very well-earned drink in Wainwrights Bar will follow.

19km 650m ascent

11.8mile 2132' ascent

Accommodation: The Victoria Hotel

www.victoriarhb.com

Day 13: Friday 25th May 2018

Travel to York or Penrith train stations for your onward journey.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: We handpick the best available accommodation along the route, which ranges from small guesthouses, Highland inns, small hotels and bed and breakfast establishments. Our accommodation partners are carefully chosen according to a number of factors - charming locations, very good facilities and a reputation for providing the best hospitality. Wherever they are available, we will reserve en-suite rooms for you. Breakfast and dinner is provided at each hotel. Lunches will be at an assortment of tea rooms, Inns and Cafés. **(Due to the popularity of this route we cannot guarantee that we will be able to book the hotels offered, unless the trip has been booked a minimum 8 months in advance and 25% non-refundable deposit of the full cost has been paid. Other suitable venues will be considered if booking is 8 months or less).**

HOW TO BOOK: We will send you a booking / medical form. We require a 25% non-refundable deposit to confirm your booking. The second 25% deposit is due on or before 08 January 2018 the final 50% being due on or before 19 April 2018. No refunds due to cancellation will be made after the last payment. You will need to claim via your travel insurance company.

Total cost of the trip per person is: 2 people sharing £4,305.00. Single occupancy £ 4,605.00

MINIMUM GROUP SIZE: 4 people.



INSURANCE: If travelling from a European country outside the UK it is a condition of booking that you take out relevant insurance to cover you for your trip. This should include medical cover, curtailment, sickness and injury cancellation prior to the trip and personal accident cover. We also strongly recommend you have cover for other travel and personal effects. If travelling from within the UK, we recommend you are insured for personal sickness & injury cancellation prior to the trip and any travel insurance you feel appropriate to your needs.