



RUSKIN*200*RUSKIN
RUSKIN'S LAKE DISTRICT
Brantwood, Coniston, Kendal, Blackwell, Troutbeck

Friday 20 September – Tuesday 24 September

HIGHLIGHTS:

Tolstoy described Ruskin as 'one of the most remarkable men....of all countries and times'. What made him remarkable was his ability to connect and to see deeply: to see a landscape in a pebble, a bird in a feather, a cathedral in a single window. After a lifetime of travelling, writing, painting lecturing, and above all, seeing, he settled at Coniston in the Lake District for the last thirty years of his life. On this special celebratory tour, we explore why he settled here, what the Lakes meant to him, and how, enveloped in the glories of that landscape, he was untiring in teaching us the importance of beauty in nature for the salvation of humanity. Never has his message been more stirring or more relevant.

HOTEL

Miller Howe

The most high-profile and prestigious country house hotel in the Lake District National Park, offering unrivalled views over Lake Windermere. A lovely location, lake views, and superb service set this luxurious Edwardian country-house hotel apart. The sumptuous guest rooms have an Arts and Crafts-inspired feel, with William Morris wallpaper, fresh flowers, roll-top tubs, and contemporary art brightening the individually decorated rooms.

All lectures, tuition, and 'pastoral' care, private visits, entries, and transportation during the tour, three nights accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner with wine, all coffees and teas. £1395 members, £1445 non-members, £200 single room supplement, deposit £250. Please note that this cost excludes travel to and from Oxenholme station.

Monday 23 September

- 11.30 Suggested train from London Euston (optional lunch on train)
- 2.08 Arrive Oxenholme Lake District. Minibus to hotel
- 3.00 Arrive Miller Howe Hotel
- 4.00 Tea. Introductory NF lecture 'Ruskin and the Lake District'
- 5.30 Rest and checkin time
- 7.00 Dinner in hotel

Tuesday 24 September

- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 NF Lecture on Ruskin's 'The Storm-Cloud of the Nineteenth Century' and Modern Climate change'
- 12.30 Lunch in hotel
- 2.00 Leave for Kendal Abbot Hall Art Gallery exhibition 'Turner, Ruskin and the Storm-Cloud of the Nineteenth Century'
- 2.30 Arrive Kendal
- 4.00 Tea
- 4.30 Leave for hotel
- 7.00 Dinner in hotel

Wednesday 25 September

- 09.30 Leave for Coniston Brantwood
- 10.15 'Gondola' Steam launch across Coniston Water to Coniston
- 11.00 Arrive Brantwood, Ruskin's home on the shores of Coniston Water, for tours of house and special exhibition 'Ruskin and Geology' with curator Howard Hull.
- 12.30 Private Lunch Terrace Restaurant Brantwood
- 1.30 Brantwood Gardens, led by Brantwood Estate Manager Dave Charles: gardens created by Ruskin and Joan Severn.
- 3.00 Leave Brantwood for Ruskin Museum Coniston.
- 3.30 Ruskin Museum Coniston with curator Vicky Slowe
- 4.30 Leave Coniston for hotel
- 7.00 Dinner in hotel

Thursday 26 September

- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 NF Lecture 'Ruskin's influence in the Lake District'
- 12.00 Lunch in hotel
- 1.00 Leave for Troutbeck church (Morris glass) and Blackwell (Arts and Crafts House inspired by Ruskin's ideals)
- 1.30 Arrive Troutbeck Church
- 2.15 Arrive Blackwell
- 3.30 Leave for Oxenholme Station.
- 4.00 Arrive Oxenholme Station
- 4.24 Train leaves Oxenholme
- 7.09 Train arrives London Euston