

# 2024 Cornwall and The Lake District

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Sept 05 – Sept 26: Tanzania Safari. Relax in London for West End shows and then on to Tanzania for a Safari with Thomson's.

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**Overview:** UKI 2024 Sept 26 – Nov 02 (Sat): Hiking Cornwall, Wales, The Lakes. Post-safari hikes in Somerset, Cornwall, Wales and The Lakes. Dublin 1N layover on the way home. Approximate route [here](#).

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Oct 19 – Oct 19: Fly home 0N (Sat– Sat). DUB-

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**Weather:** Summer June-Aug. Temp H/L in F, Rain in//days. [Site here](#) and [Site here](#)

- London (UK): Sept 68/53, 07//14D; Oct 56/44, 09//19D; Nov 50/39, 09//18D
  - Ambleside (UK): Sept 63/49, 02//08D; Oct 60/48, 03//11D; Nov 53/42, 02//08D
  - Cornwall (UK): Sept 63/54, 03//19D; Oct 57/50, 04//23D; Nov 52/45, 04//25D
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**ETIAS** – N/A for UKI

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**UK:** [State Dept Site here](#). Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution (Terrorism). Register ahead here for [STEP](#)

**Ireland:** [State Dept Site here](#). Level 1: Exercise Normal Precaution. Register ahead here for [STEP](#)

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**VPN/Phone:** Surfshark VPN for access to U.S. financials, streaming, etc. Surfroam for Mark's phone data

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**Prescriptions:** must have a prescription, in original bottle, up to 90-day supply.

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**Driving:** I will have IDL. Remember, STAYING LEFT ;-)) [The Great Britain Route](#) is ~1000 miles in total.

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**Money:** UK: \$1 = £0.79 / £1 = \$1.26. Roughly add 25% to £ to get \$.  
Ireland: \$1 = €0.93 / €1 = \$1.07. Roughly add 10% to € to get \$.

Tipping in UK/I: Food 10-15% unless there is a service charge. Pub N/A. Taxi round up.  
See [Multi-Country Tipping Guide](#) and [Irish Tipping Guide](#)

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**UK/I Ideas:** The RS book for *Great Britain* have details for town walks, scenic drives, etc.

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## **Current Events UK:**

- Landslide election win for Labor (liberal), first in 14 years. Keir Starmer is the new PM
  - Pro-Palestinian marches, joint airstrikes with the US on Houthi Rebels
  - Feb – UK confirmed in recession, with economy shrinking 0.3%. Back out in May, with 1<sup>st</sup> Q growth 0.6%
  - Inflation is down, but cost of living is still high
  - PM Sunak criticized for leaving D-Day commemorations in France early to work on re-election (he lost big)
  - Election betting scandal
  - Rawanda deportation scheme is approved – then "dead" with Labor majorities elected
  - Riots protesting immigrants after stabbing of 3 children
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**Sept 26 – Sept 26: Fly to London 0N (Thu – Thu).** JRO-NBO-LHR. Dpt 6:50a – Arv 15:15p (11 hr).

**Transit** Complimentary free hotel shuttle, or arrange private transport (see above)

**Flight** Kenya Airways | Class Z (Biz) | [Online Check-in](#)

Baggage: 1 personal + 1 carry-on 10kg + 2 checked 22kg (per person)

**JRO-NBO** KQ6717 (PW717) | Dpt T-Main 06:50a – Arv T-1C 07:50a (1hr) | 01A, 01B |

**Layover** 1½ hr NBO. Lounge options with [Priority Pass Aspire Lounge](#), T-1B: Airside - opposite Gate 11.

**NBO-LHR** KQ0100 | Dpt T-1A 09:20a – Arv T-4 15:15p (9hr, day) | 02J, 02G |

**Transit** shuttle to Hertz

**Car** Hertz via Chase Hertz

Kia Picanto or similar, stick, unlimited miles.

**Pick-up** – 190 Bowes Road, Southgate, London, Southgate, N112JH, GB 4:30pm

**Drop-off** – Liverpool John Lennon Airport, Terminal Building, Liverpool L24 1YD 1pm

Pickup: +442034754156 Drop: +448433093042 Chase: 1-855-234-2542 (Trip ID: 8FGH35VS9)

**Route** [Hertz to Glastonbury route](#) 3 hr, 150mi. No stops enroute.

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**Sept 26 – Sept 29: Glastonbury 3N (Thu – Sun).** GB, Wells, hike Cheddar, Cerne Giant, Stourhead, Stonehenge. [Rte?](#)

**Glastonbury:** According to legend, Joseph of Arimathea, Jesus’s wealthy uncle, visited Glastonbury with the Holy Grail. He thrust his staff into Wearyall Hill, which then grew into the original thorn tree. Later, King Arthur and Guinevere were buried here... the Tor is supposedly the site of the Round Table.

**Ideas:** See RS GB book for ideas on Glastonbury, Wells Cathedral, and Avebury. Alltrails for Cheddar hike.

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**Stay:** [Glastonbury Home by Vanessa](#), Airbnb

Top Floor Apt. Full kitchen, W/D, wifi, conservatory, free parking. In 2pm, out 11am.

572Q+X8 Glastonbury, United Kingdom

Owner: Vanessa & Benchi Bicknell tel:+ +44 (0)1458 830321 [website](#)

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**Day 1 – Thu Sept 26** -----

- Arrive ~8pm (after dark, sunset is ~7pm), so unpack, wash clothes, and find a pub for dinner

**Day 2 – Fri Sept 27** -----

- [Day Trip](#) to the Cerne Giant, Stourhead Trust, Westbury Whitehorse, Avebury Henge, Wells Cathedral

**Day 3 – Sat Sept 28** -----

- Glastonbury Abbey and Tor

- Glastonbury potential hikes: [Cheddar Gorge](#), [Rowberrow](#), [Wells Cathedral and Dinder](#)

**Day 4 – Sun Sept 29** -----

- Pack and roadtrip into Cornwall

**Next: Cornwall hikes**

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**Sept 29 – Oct 2: St. Ives 3N (Sun – Wed).** Coastal hiking and Land's End Beaches.

**Cornwall:** Cornwall is the mildest part of Britain, famous for getaway weekends by the sea, historical mining, and (of course) Arthurian legend. We will see Plymouth's Royal William Shipyard enroute, do a coastal hike, explore Land's End and the Lizard Peninsula before departing for Wales hiking.

**Ideas:** See RS Great Britain book for ideas, Alltrails for hikes.

**Drive:** [Route 4h](#). Enroute possibly [Royal William Yard](#) or [Dartmoor National Park](#), or more near Glastonbury

**Stay:** [The Stables in St. Ives](#), booking

Two Bedroom converted barn, W/D, Kitchen, free parking. In 5pm, out 11am.

The Stables, Corva Barn, St Ives, TR26 3LP, UK tel: +447786137768

**Day 1 – Sun Sept 29** -----

- Arrive ~4-6pm (sunset is ~7pm). Check-in, unpack, wash clothes, and meander town

**Day 2 – Mon Sept 30** -----

- Hike options: [SW Coast Path](#), [St Ives GR](#), [Penzance GR](#), [Cornwall GR](#), [Best Cornwall Walks](#)
- Explore: St. Ives, Penzance, Merry Maidens, Land's End, Michael's Mount, [Beaches](#)

**Day 3 – Tues Oct 01** -----

- Explore more of the area

**Day 4 – Wed Oct 02** -----

- Pack and 6hr drive to Brecon Beacons. Enroute: Tintagel Castle/Gallos, Witchcraft Museum, Clovelly.

**Next: *Hike Brecon Beacons in South Wales***

**Oct 02 – Oct 03: Brecon Beacons (Wed – Thu).** Long leisurely drive with 3 stops, and hike the next morning.

**Brecon Beacons:** We drove through Brecon Beacons in 2022, but didn't have a chance to hike. At 2900', Pen Y Fan is the highest peak in Britain south of Snowdonia, with fantastic views. We will take a long, leisurely drive from Cornwall with a few stops, and hike after departing the hotel the next morning.

**Ideas:** See AllTrails, Komoot hikes below.

**Route:** [6h Route](#) Enroute [Tintagel Castle and Gallos Statue](#), [Witchcraft Museum](#) and the town of [Clovelly](#).

**Stay:** [The Tiger Inn](#), booking

Deluxe King Room, free parking. In 3pm, out 10am.

74 Pontmorlais W, High Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8UH, UK tel: +44 1685 722555

**Day 1 – Wed Oct 2** -----

- Stops enroute, arrive ~7-8pm (sunset ~7pm), unpack, and find a pub for dinner. **Pick hike for tmo.**

**Day 2 – Thurs Oct 3** -----

- Hike the Brecon Beacons:
  - o Option 1: Pen-y-Fan ([AT/Ko](#)) 5 mi, 1500' or add Crybin for 6mi 2700'. [Route 20 min](#)
  - o Option 2: Four Falls ([AT1/Ko1](#)) or ([AT2/Ko2](#)). Both ~5mi ~1000' (but steep) [Route 30 min](#)
- Maybe steam train ride after? [Brecon Beacons Mountain Railway](#)
- Short drive to Hay-on-Wye hotel and dinner

**Next: *Hay-on-Wye and Offa's Dyke Path***

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**Oct 03 – Oct 04: Hay-on-Wye (Thu – Fri).** Dinner after Brecon Beacons, meander “Booktown”, Offa’s Dyke

**Hay-on-Wye:** Known as “booktown,” we visited in 2022 enroute from the Cotswolds to the Pembrokeshire Coast. We will stay one night, meandering town and in the morning doing a walk/run on Offa’s Dyke.

**Ideas:** [Hay](#) on BBC. Offa’s Dyke on [BBC](#), [Wikipedia](#). Alltrails from: [Hay\\*](#) or [Kington](#) or [Knighton](#)

**Route:** About 30min from hike parking to our stay in Hay

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**Stay:** [The Old Black Lion](#), booking

Double Room, free parking. In 2:30pm, out 10:30am.

Lion Street, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5AD, UK tel: +44 1497 820841

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**Day 1 – Thu Oct 3** -----

- Brecon Beacons Hike
- Check-in, wander town and get dinner

**Day 2 – Fri Oct 4** -----

- Walk/Run Offa’s Dyke from: [Hay\\*](#),
- Checkout
- Visit [Offa’s Dyke Center](#) in Knighton (open Fri-Sat-Sun 10am-4pm)
- Drive on to Ambleside (3½ hr drive, check-in 4pm)

**Next: *Hike and relax for two weeks in the Lake District***

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**Oct 04 – Oct 18: Ambleside 14N (Fri-Fri).** Relax on the riverside, The Lakes District hikes, safari photos, pubs

**Ambleside:** Famed for its hiking and William Wordsworth. We will hike and relax.

**Ideas:** See RS Britain on The Lake District, Alltrails for hikes, and our own pins from 2022

**Route** [Hav - Offa's Dyke - Ambleside](#) 4½ hr, stop [Offa's Dyke Center](#) in Knighton (open Fri-Sat-Sun 10a-4pm) LA22 9LN- *If using a sat nav just follow until nearing Ambleside and then use the directions below to avoid coming into the property from the opposite end and driving on a single track lane for too long.*

- *Exit the M6 at junction 36 and Follow the A591 to the Lake District*
- *You will pass Kendal and follow the main road through to Ambleside.*
- *Continue into Ambleside following the one way system to the town centre and go thru Ambleside signposted Grasmere & Keswick, keeping in the left-hand lane through the one way streets*
- *You will pass the Little Bridge House on your left and go thru a small roundabout on leaving town*
- *Continue for a mile or so passing a sign for Rydal on your left*
- *Shortly after Rydal sign turn sharp left travelling over a humpback bridge.*
- *Bear left following the narrow road over two cattle grids until you see the first entrance to Stepping Stones Country House. Pass this entrance and its second entrance.*
- *Riverside Terrace is now on your right-hand side, turn right into the next signed entrance*

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**Stay:** [Stepping Stones Riverside Terrace](#), direct booking

Viewpoint Apt. Full kitchen, W/D, wifi, fireplace / wood, floor heating In 4pm, out 10am.

3 Riverside Terrace, Stepping Stones, Under Loughrigg, Ambleside, Cumbria Ambleside LA22 9LN

Owner: Michael Allen tel: +447738130260 stay@steppingstonesriversideterrace.co.uk

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**Day 1-14 – Fri Oct 4 – Thu Oct 17** -----

- Relax at our stay, Lake District hikes, pub, safari pictures.

- Some links:

- <https://www.wanderlust.co.uk/content/your-tips-on-the-lake-district/>
- <https://www.wanderlust.co.uk/content/reasons-to-visit-lake-district/>
- <https://www.wanderlust.co.uk/content/5-things-you-must-do-in-the-lake-district/>
- <https://www.wanderlust.co.uk/content/best-lake-district-walks/>
- <https://www.wanderlust.co.uk/content/a-short-break-in-the-lake-district/>
- <https://www.muchbetteradventures.com/magazine/5-best-adventurous-hikes-lake-district/>

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**Next: Drive to Liverpool, drop car, and fly on to Dublin, and fly home!**

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**Oct 18 – Oct 18: Fly to Dublin 0N (Fri – Fri).** Drop England car and fly LVP to DUB, get Ireland Car

**Drive:** [Route to car return at LPL](#), about 2hr. Depart about 8am.

**Car** Hertz via Chase Hertz, points

Kia Picanto or similar, stick, unlimited miles.

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**Flight:** Aer Lingus EI3193 | Dpt 12:35p - Arv 13:35 (1hr) | 02A, 02B | Econ+

Baggage: 1 underseat + 1 carry-on 10kg + 1 checked 20kg (per person) [Online Check-in here](#)

**Transit:** hotel shuttle [\[call day of arrival to arrange\]](#) Clayton Hotel tel: +353 1 871 1200

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**Oct 18 – Oct 19: Dublin 1N (Fri – Sat).** Layover with maybe music before flight home.

**Dublin:** Great city, but we won't see much this time!

**Stay:** [Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport](#), booking

Delux Double Room, no breakfast (2 restaurants, gym), in 2pm, free shuttle to airport

Stockhole Lane, Swords, Cloghran, Ireland tel: +353 1 871 1200

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**Transit:** hotel shuttle

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**Oct 19 – Oct 19: Fly home 0N (Sat – Sat).** TBD

**Morn** breakfast, pack and go

**Transit:** hotel shuttle

**Flight** AA | Economy (L) Main Cabin Extra | [Online Check-in](#)

Baggage: 1 personal + 1 carry-on (22" long x 14" wide x 9") + 2 checked 23kg (per person)

DUB-CLT AA725 | B777 | Dpt Sat Oct 19 11:45 – Arv 15:05 (8½ hr) | 27C, 27B |

**Transit** taxi / uber

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