

# THE LAKES PARTY WEEKEND 2008

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## THE PACKAGE

**FROM £99 PER PERSON**

Our CenterParcs weekend break Friday 5th to Monday 8th December 2008 at the Whinfell Forest resort, including three nights accommodation in a "Forest Lodge" sharing a twin-bedded room. Each night will feature a party in our Party Lodge with full bar included, while stocks last. Buffet meals and events programme as per this brochure. Prices are for the complete package as described, except the optional activities marked with a price are at your own additional expense and items such as pub lunches are pay-as-you-go. Off-site events require use of your own transport or car share.

If you're a couple we have some double rooms at no extra cost. A limited number of en suite rooms are available at a supplement of £30 per room.

CenterParcs pre-bookable activity times and prices may alter by December 2008. We will email you prior to the weekend with any changes and with booking details.

## ACCOMMODATION

The two-storey luxury forest lodges make this CenterParcs site the best in the UK and sharing a lodge is a great way to make friends. We stay in lodges that sleep six or eight people. You'll get a place in a twin room — or double room on request — and if you're travelling alone we'll find you a sharer of the same sex. Although there's also the option to pay a supplement for a room to yourself.



Each well-equipped lodge has three or four bedrooms, two bathrooms, separate toilet and large open plan living space comprising lounge, dining room and kitchen. Bed linen is provided but bring your own towels. Our lodges are close together in a forest setting.



## ABOUT THE EVENT

The "Lakes Party Weekend" happens each year at the start of December, at the CenterParcs village in the Lake District. It's a long weekend of parties, walking, sightseeing, activities, socialising, relaxing, and enjoying CenterParcs and the Lake District. We book about a hundred places, staying in high-end CenterParcs forest lodges, using one of the lodges for parties each night where we include a free bar and generally have a good time.

The event started out life as a group of people from the Mensa social club, but over the years many friends have come along and become regulars, so now it is fair to say it is just a bunch of people who want to make friends and have a nice break in this forest resort to kick start the Christmas party season. It's not specifically a "singles" event, though lots of single people do come and over the years a lot of them have met someone special here. We also get plenty of couples and some families, though our events programme is pitched at adults and you won't get put in a lodge sharing with any kids.

The event is run by Maxine Bates of Maruba Events. It's very informal, with everyone pitching in to have a good time, and sharing the self-catering lodge accommodation.

## EVENTS PROGRAMME

### Friday

1030 **Check In Opens**

From **World Of Water**

1030 Early arrivals are welcome to use the facilities whilst the lodges are being prepared. The sub-tropical water dome features spa pools, flume rides, bubble seats, wave machine, two water chutes, a lazy river ride, water cave, heated outdoor pool and a wild outdoor rapids ride. £1 coin required for locker which is returnable.

From **Activities**

1030 Try your hand at target archery (55 minutes, £15) or go on a quad bike safari (1 hour, £35) at any time after your arrival. These activities are offered by CenterParcs. See later on...

1530 **Lodges Open**

Settle in to your accommodation and find your bearings around the site.

1630 **Meet & Greet**

Pop along to the Party Lodge and say hello to the organisers.

1800 **Welcome Meal**

Served until 9.00 pm. A choice of hearty soup served with rolls and followed by a selection of desserts.

2030 **Icebreaker Party**

The background music's playing, the bar's laid out, and the people are here for you to meet. Each night our Party Lodge hosts a party featuring a free help-yourself bar comprising good quality beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks. The bar is 'whilst stocks last' but we've never run out!

**COCKTAIL OF THE DAY**  
**BLUE LAGOON**

A refreshing mix of vodka, blue curacao and lemonade. Served from 8.30 pm until we run out!



## QUESTIONS?

Contact Maxine Bates on 01773 715330 or [maxine@maruba-events.com](mailto:maxine@maruba-events.com)

## Saturday

### From Activities

0900 Choose from a selection of activities offered by CenterParcs throughout the day. See separate sheet for options.

### 1000 Hiking In The Lakes

We're at one of the world's top National Parks, packed with heritage, history and stunning scenery. Groups will head into the Lakes for walking on the fells and in the Lakeland valleys. 'Easy' and 'demanding' options available, so don't forget your boots! Own car/car share.



### 1045 Pottering In Penrith

£1.30 return by public bus. See the bustling market town with its Christmas decor, browse in the shops and/or enjoy an optional pub lunch. Return on any bus at 44 minutes past the hour.

### 1100 Wetheriggs Pottery

Close to CenterParcs and set in 7.5 acres of natural beauty, Wetheriggs is the only steam powered working pottery in the UK. Watch the potters at work or have a go at the potter's wheel yourself for £6 or try glass painting from £4. Admission is free and there's a cafe for lunch. Own car/car share.

### 1400 World Of Water

Splash around in the sub-tropical swimming paradise or if you're feeling adventurous ride the water chutes and flumes. Meet up in the spa at the bottom of the water chutes and next to the lazy river.

### 1530 Boardgame Tournament

Challenge others to a variety of games in the warmth of the Party Lodge. No prizes, it's just for fun!

### 1600 Team Challenge

Collect your envelope from the Party Lodge and in teams of up to four people spend an hour completing a combined scavenger hunt/puzzle/creative challenge. Small prize for the winning team.

### 1800 Spud Supper

Baked potatoes served with a choice of toppings such as tuna mayo, cheese, chilli or baked beans accompanied with salad and followed by a selection of tempting desserts.

### 2030 "Treasure Island" Party

Imagine you are far away from our forest setting on a deserted island. Fancy dress is encouraged though not compulsory. Your costume can be as simple or extravagant as you wish. Be a pirate, mermaid, hula girl, fish, palm tree, octopus, parrot, submarine, crab, man Friday, cannibal, shark, old wreck, monkey, shipwrecked sailor, captain pugwash, long john silver, etc, for the night!

### COCKTAIL OF THE DAY

#### PINA COLADA

The world's most popular cocktail; a blend of rum, pineapple juice and coconut cream. Served from 8.30 pm until we run out!



## Sunday

### From Activities

0900 Choose from a selection of activities offered by CenterParcs throughout the day. See separate sheet for options.

### 1000 Orienteering

£2.50 per map. Test your map reading skills and find your way around the forest starting at the ranger's lodge. Allow two hours.

### 1030 Rheged

Rheged is situated on the A66 just a couple of miles from CenterParcs. It is an award-winning turf-covered visitor centre about the ancient celtic kingdom which once stood here. There are exhibitions, an IMAX screen, shops and an excellent cafe for lunch. Entry is free but an IMAX film is £4.95. Own car/car share.

## 1100 Keswick Day Out

A pub lunch in the town of Keswick, which should be holding its Victorian Christmas fayre in the market place, followed by either a walk around part of the lake or a spot of sightseeing. Own car/car share. Options include:

•Derwentwater Launch ride and lakeshore walk. Walk to the lake where we board the Keswick Launch ferry across the lake, stroll along the idyllic shore of Derwentwater, then ferry back to Keswick. Ferry costs around £3 each way. Option for the energetic to walk back to Keswick via the village of Portinscale.



•Cumberland Pencil Museum (£3.00). Portrays 175 years of pencil making in the Lake District, a walk-through graphite mine, a photo opportunity with the world's longest pencil and two video presentations.

•Cars Of The Stars (£4.00). Admire some well-known cars in their appropriate film setting such as Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Mr Bean's Mini, Herbie, Del Boy's Robin Reliant, Knight Rider's KITT plus several James Bond vehicles.

•Mining Museum (£4.00). The finest collection of mining memorabilia in the country. Learn about the Lake District's geology, minerals and fossils, see glowing rocks in the crystal cave, or try your hand at gold-panning for an extra £2.00 and take away what you find.

### 1400 Eden Ostrich World

Located five miles east of Penrith in the Eden Valley, admire this collection of rare animals including a zebroid (zebra/pony cross) and their centrepiece African black ostrich. There's also a riverside walk, gift shop and tea rooms serving drinks and snacks. Admission £4.95. Own car/car share.

### 1430 World Of Water

If you've not yet enjoyed the water dome now's your chance! Meet up in the spa at the bottom of the water chutes and next to the lazy river.

### 1700 General Knowledge Quiz

Test your brains in the Party Lodge. Play individually or in teams. Small prize for the winner(s).

### 1800 DIY Dinner

Either organise a dinner party with your lodgemates or head off to one of the many restaurants on site. Choose from French at Cafe Rouge, Italian at Bella Italia, Chinese at Yang, Indian at Rajinda Pradesh, American at Rock Legends or snacks and meals at the Sports Cafe accompanied with live sporting action on the big screen TV. Booking is advisable for all restaurants. Sign up sheets available in the Party Lodge.

### 2030 Chocoholics Party

More drinking, dancing and chatting but tonight accompanied by a cascading chocolate fountain with plenty of things to dip, a blind chocolate tasting challenge, and a small prize for the person who brings the most unusual chocolate bar! There's an optional fancy dress—come as any character from Charlie And The Chocolate Factory, a chocolate advert, your favourite chocolate bar, or just wear brown!



### COCKTAIL OF THE DAY CHILLY CHOCOLATE

A concoction of bailey's, tia maria, whisky and chocolate ice cream. Served from 8.30pm until we run out!

## Monday

### 1000 Lodge Check Out

Please vacate your lodges by 10.00 am prompt.

### From Activities

1000 Another chance to have a go at quad biking or target archery before you go home.

### 1030 World Of Water

How about one last splash in the pools?

### 1030 Ten Pin Bowling

If you're not a waterbabe why not book a lane at the on-site bowling alley? The cost is £22 per lane per hour but that caters for up to six people.

### 1230 Lakeside Lunch

Say farewell over lunch at the pub by the CenterParcs lake.

# CENTERPARCS ACTIVITIES

Below are a selection of activities available to pre-book with CenterParcs. Please note that times and prices are correct at time of printing but may vary slightly by December 2008. Exact information will be advised two weeks prior to the Lakes Party Weekend along with how to book.

## •Scuba Diving

From 9.00 am Sunday; 1 hour; £30.00

Led by a PADI qualified instructor you'll learn the basics of scuba diving in a safe and controlled environment using state of the art equipment. Please bring a T-shirt to the session. Min age 10 years.

## •3G Swing

10.00 am Saturday; £10.00 per descent

Experience the freedom and thrill of flying through the air. Once you've climbed to the top of the 11 metre outdoor tower, lean forward and drop into thin air securely harnessed to the 3G swing. You'll come to a gentle halt before abseiling to the ground. Minimum age 12 years.

## •Abseiling

From 9.00 am Saturday and Sunday; 2 hours; £18.00

In this beginner's abseiling session you'll learn all the skills to control your descent down an 11 metre outdoor tower. Min height 1.22m.

## •Pony Trekking

From 10.15 am Saturday and Sunday; 1 hour; £30.00

Taking you through a tranquil and picturesque forest landscape, this trek is suitable for riders of all levels. On a leisurely walk experienced staff provide instruction for beginners. Whilst beginners practice their technique, intermediate riders return to the stables at an invigorating trot. Minimum age 11 years.

## •Climbing

From 9.00 am Saturday and from 10.15 am Sunday; 2 hours; £17.00

The 11 metre high outdoor climbing wall has routes for beginners that will familiarise them with climbing techniques and more demanding options to challenge experienced climbers. The session starts with tuition and a safety briefing from an experienced instructor then it's time to head skywards. Minimum 1.22 metre height requirement.

## •Fan Descender

From 9.00 am Sunday; £6.00 per descent

Experience the thrill of parachuting as you step off the 14 metre high outdoor platform and make a quick controlled descent to the ground. Minimum 1.22 metre height restriction.

## •Golf Tuition

From 9.00 am Sunday; 55 minutes; £10.00

Golfers of all ages and abilities can join a professional coach to learn the basics of the game and improve your technique with group tuition. Minimum age 6 years. £3.00 for extra basket of golf balls.

## •High Ropes

From 9.00 am Sunday; 2 hours; £20.00

An exciting outdoor high ropes course. Guided by an instructor you'll climb poles to the different levels then balance your way along beams and ropes. It gets harder the higher you go! At the end is the ultimate daredevil challenge of the 'leap of faith'. Will you have the nerve to jump? Minimum 1.22 metre height requirement.

## •Nordic Walking

10.30 am Sunday; 1 hour; £7.00

An activity and exercise class rolled into one! Nordic walking with ski poles is designed for everyone from ramblers to runners and on a brisk walk around the perimeter of the village you'll combine an aerobic work-out with a scenic tour.

## •Paintballing

From 9.00 am Saturday and Sunday; 1 hour 15 minutes; £28.00

Team up, take sides then head for the arena to battle it out in a high energy, high adrenaline paintball adventure. Once kitted out in a jumpsuit and protective equipment, you practice your aim at the firing range before beginning battle with 200 paintballs. After the first round of games, get your breath back before commencing battle once more. Minimum age 12 years. £7.00 for 100 extra paintballs.

## •Quad Bike Safari

From 9.00 am Saturday and Sunday; 1 hour; £35.00

After a briefing on handling the quad bikes, you'll have a practice on a small circuit before venturing out on an invigorating ride along a purpose built track over challenging terrain. Protective clothing supplied. Minimum age 12 years.

## •Target Archery

From 9.00 am Saturday and Sunday; 55 minutes; £15.00

At the archery centre you stand in covered bays and fire at targets trying to hit the yellow centre to score points. Min age 10 years.

## •Woodland Carriage Ride

From 10.00 am Saturday and Sunday; 25 minutes; £6.00

An exhilarating carriage ride led by a team of professional drivers and magnificent horses whisks you off on a tour of the surrounding woodland. Minimum age 1 year.

## •Birds Of Prey Experience

10.00 am Saturday and Sunday; 1 hour 15 minutes; £17.00

An introduction to the medieval art of falconry. Expert handlers will give you opportunity to handle these magnificent birds including species such as owls, falcons and hawks. You'll have chance to fly one of these impressive predators from your gloved fist. Min age 8 years.

## •Hawk Walk

2.00 pm Saturday and Sunday; 45 minutes; £6.00

The hawk is an impressive bird of prey and this is opportunity to learn more about its relationship with nature and with man. You'll have chance to fly a hawk and watch it feed from your gloved fist. Minimum age 4 years.

## •Willow Weaving

10.00 am Saturday; 1 hour 30 minutes; £15.00

Try your hand at this old woodland craft. Conservation rangers will show you how to handle the flexible willow rods to make useful and beautiful objects and structures. Minimum age 8 years.

## •Art Class

2.00 pm Sunday; 2 hours; £15.50

Learn sketching techniques from an experienced artist using watercolour pencils to draw, add shape and perspective, shade and tone. Minimum age 14 years.

## •Handcrafted Card Making

10.30 am Sunday; 1 hour 30 minutes; £7.50

Learn a variety of card making techniques for birthdays and other special occasions. Minimum age 5 years.

## •Pilates

12.00 pm Saturday; 55 minutes; £9.00

Pilates is a gentle but powerful body conditioning exercise. This class teaches the techniques of balance, breathing, flexibility and coordination. Minimum age 14 years.

## •Balinese Supper And Spa

6.00 pm Sunday, £40.00

Drift from the gentle laconium to the uplifting Indian blossom steam room to tranquil relaxation areas then wander to the conservatory in your robe to feast on a Balinese style supper. Heaven for all the senses! Minimum age 14 years.

# FAQ

## •Is it for singles?

It's for individuals, friends and couples. We don't set out to create a 'get together with someone' environment and many people say it is a more relaxed atmosphere where they make friends easily.

## •Will everyone know each other?

Some will, but up to half the people are new. Some of these will know the friend who brought them along; others will know nobody and are jumping in at the deep end. Our Friday icebreaker night gets people mingling happily.

## •Can we bring children?

The event is primarily for adults and we try to create an 'away from it all' holiday, but we will try to accommodate anyone. We don't put under 18s in a lodge without checking with all concerned. If you want to bring your children then talk to us; we'll do our best to assemble a 'families' lodge. Children will only be able to participate in a limited range of activities.

## •What's the age range?

Typically from mid-20s through to mid-50s, though we've had guests aged 18 months to 80 years!

## •I'm a fussy eater...?

Our meals are buffet style so you can select what you like. They feature plenty of vegetarian choices. We will do our best to accommodate dietary requirements but due to limited space in the kitchen we're unable to provide any special individual meals.

## •How easy is travel to the resort?

By car it's five minutes off the M6 at Junction 40 or by train it is near the West Coast Main Line station at Penrith. Taxis from the station typically cost £10-£15. We'll send you full travel information prior to the event.

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## BOOKING FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Others in party \_\_\_\_\_

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Requests \_\_\_\_\_

to share with someone who has booked separately, food allergies, etc

Usual tipple \_\_\_\_\_

to help bar catering, but we can't guarantee stock of a particular item

Please tick your choices:

Just me

twin share £99

Choose twin share and we'll find you a same sex sharer

room to myself £175

Two of us

£198

Twin /  Double if available (no extra charge)

En suite upgrade £30

Whole cost of room upgrade. You must book two places to use this.

Please check availability with us before booking this.

More than two

Please explain what you want:

### Terms Of Booking

The event is run by Maruba Events and guests are subject to CenterParcs terms and conditions as per their brochure. We'll endeavour to run the advertised programme but circumstances change so we reserve the right to vary the programme as deemed necessary. All accommodation is non-smoking including the vicinity of the Party Lodge. We reserve the right to refuse bookings. We book a mix of accommodation a year in advance, so while we'll do our best to fulfil requests for styles, upgrades and people to share with, we can make no guarantees of this. Bookings for under 18s are at the discretion of the organisers and in the event that we accept such a booking we require that their accompanying adult provide full supervision. Bookings may not be transferred to other people without our permission. If you ask to cancel, refunds will be made if we're able to resell the places. Refunds will be made less our administration charge of £10. Participation in activities such as hillwalking is at your own risk and any walks suggested are not led by a professional guide.

**Return your booking to: Maruba Events, 80 Milnhay Road, Langley Mill, Nottingham, NG16 4AW.  
Cheques payable to "Maruba Events" please. We'll acknowledge receipt.**