

The
**Lakes
Party
Weekend**

By Maruba Events



November 2011

11-14 November 2011
Whinell Forest, Penrith

A long weekend spent partying, hiking in the Lakes, swimming, eating and drinking, and hopefully making new friends.

Price from £125 per person

The Package

- three nights accommodation in a well equipped Forest Lodge
- events and activities programme as per this brochure
- use of CenterParcs site including unlimited visits to their subtropical swimming paradise
- open bar at the three parties with nothing further to pay
- two buffet dinners and a brunch - see right

Add-ons are available such as en-suite rooms or single occupancy.



Events Programme

Friday

1030 Check In Opens

Early arrivals may use the village facilities including the subtropical swimming paradise, activity bookings, shops and restaurants.

1530 Lodges Open

Settle into your accommodation then pop along to the Party Lodge to say hello.

1800 Spud Supper

Hot jacket potatoes topped with cheese, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise or vegetable chilli. Plus a selection of desserts.

2030 'Icebreaker' Party

Take one lodge, set out a help-yourself bar comprising good quality wines, beers, spirits and soft drinks, add some music and some fun people... and get an instant party! Come and meet old friends and make lots of new ones.

Saturday

0930 Hiking In The Lakes

Meet up to see who else is up for a day's walking on the fells and in the valleys of nearby Lakeland. Don't forget your boots and a packed lunch or money for a pub lunch. Own car/car share. We make an early start due to lack of daylight hours at this time of year.



1030 Brunch

Arise gently with a read of the day's papers, some croissants, crumpets, waffles, toast, tea, coffee and juice.

1200 Splash Party

We'll head as a group to the subtropical swimming paradise to play with the wave machine, lazy river rapids, flumes, slides, waterfalls, outdoor pool, spa pools and bubble seats. Returnable £1 coin required for locker.

1430 Cheese Tasting

Calling all "turophiles" (yes it is apparently a real word!); your chance to taste an array of delightful cheeses. Come armed with your best Wallace & Gromit quotes, or even bring an unusual cheese, but rest assured we'll be supplying an excellent selection ourselves. (Did you know, the famous Stinking Bishop cheese is a local variety?) Cheese-on-toast available for anyone feeling peckish after their swim.



1530 Balloon Modelling

Balloons and instruction sheets provided. Come and be creative and make decor for tonight's party!

1700 Pizza And Pasta Buffet

Fill your plate with a choice of pastas, pizzas and salads, as well as a selection of desserts. Ends at 7.30pm.

2030 'Toy Shop' Party

Our big themed party night where fancy dress is encouraged - though not compulsory! Your costume can be as simple or as extravagant as you wish. Dress as a teddy bear, rag doll, action man, Barbie doll, Rubik cube, Toy Story or Disney character, your favourite stuffed toy or board game, or something equally off-the-wall! There will be a vodka jelly treat at midnight!

Cocktail of the day
Green Dragon
A colourful combination of Midori liqueur, blue curacao and lemonade. From 8.30pm whilst stocks last!

Cocktail of the day
Space Hopper
A zingy blend of Campari, vodka, ginger ale and orange juice. From 8.30pm whilst stocks last!



About Our Event...

It's a simple premise: we take over a chunk of the best CenterParcs site, throw parties each night, with an open bar included, and enjoy the nearby Lake District or the on-site tropical water dome during the daytime.

We and our friends have been doing this since the CenterParcs site opened near Penrith, and we've refined it so there's a full weekend programme of activities included - hiking, quizzes, fancy dress parties, wine tastings, country pub lunches - and a package of meals and bar all included. By necessity our catering isn't posh nosh - we use one of the forest lodges as our base for the weekend, so feeding 80+ people can be a challenge - but then we also hit the cash & carry to provide an all-inclusive bar all weekend so you've pretty much nothing else to pay.



The event is open to anyone who wants to come and make friends. In the beginning the event was for the Mensa social club but over the years people have invited friends, and they've invited friends, so now it is just a random group of people. Each year we welcome about 30 new faces, some of whom just read about it and come along to give it a try.

We've limited capacity and usually sell out some months in advance, so book soon!



Sunday

0730 Remembrance Sunday Hike - Great Gable



Take part in this special annual event, a hike up one of Lakeland's finest mountains for an 11am Remembrance service. It is a simple ceremony of remembrance for those who fell for our freedom, and is not religious or militaristic. A fantastic walk in good conditions, but if the forecast is for extreme weather we will not set out! The walk climbs 500m in about 5km to Green Gable on the NW slopes of Grey Knotts and Brandreth and is mercilessly exposed to any weather. From Green Gable there is a stiff 50m descent to Windy Gap (an appropriate name) before the stiffer 100m climb to the summit of Great Gable. Then after the ceremony it is all to be reversed. A strenuous 11km mountain walk with 700m of ascent and redescent but no technical difficulties. You'll need hiking boots, waterproof, overtrousers, warm clothing, headwear (hood, balaclava), gloves, packed lunch, emergency rations and something non-alcoholic to drink. If you have them you should also bring map, compass, whistle, headtorch, trekking poles. Led by Stephen Nelson, there will be a briefing and kit check in Stephen's lodge on Saturday at 1630.

From 0900 Outdoor Pursuits

If you're staying on site, why not book one of the activities offered by CenterParcs? Choose from abseiling, pony trekking, archery, high ropes, Nordic walking, paintball, quad bike safari, tree trekking, zip wire and more. Available throughout the day. Use the message board in the Party Lodge to request company at your chosen activity, then make a booking.

1000 Tea And Toast

Grab a slice of toast with preserves and a cup of tea before heading to the day's activities. Ends at 11am.



1100 Pub Lunch & Buttermere Walk

We'll drive to Buttermere - said to be Lakeland's prettiest valley - for a pub lunch (pay as you go!) at the Fish Hotel, before an optional walk round Buttermere lake or to the waterfalls. Walk approx 2 hours, relatively flat but may be slippery underfoot. Own car/car share. Back on site approx 4pm.

1200 Splash Party

Another chance to visit the subtropical swimming paradise as a group when it's usually quieter at Sunday lunchtime.

1700 Quiz Time

Test your general knowledge with this fun quiz. Play individually or as a team. Prize for the winner(s).

1800 DIY Dinner

Organise a dinner party with your lodge mates, order a Chinese, Indian or Italian takeaway, or book a table in one of the village restaurants.

2030 'Pyjama Party'

More drinking, dancing, socialising and some party games. Come ready for bed so we get extra partying time! PJs, nighties, silk dressing gowns, fluffy slippers and teddy bears all welcome!

Monday

1000 Lodge Check Out

Please vacate your accommodation by 10.00am!

1030 Splash Party

Last chance for a dip in the pool and a ride down the flumes.

1200 Lakeside Lunch

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

Cocktail of the day

Sweet Dreams

A potent mix of vodka, coffee liqueur, milk and grenadine. From 8.30pm whilst stocks last!

Please book me/us in for the Lakes Party Weekend, November 2011

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Others in party _____

Requests _____

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

___ Number of vegetarians in party

Usual tittle _____

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

Please tick your choices:

Just me

twin share £125 *Choose twin share and we'll find you a same sex sharer*

room to myself £225

Two of us

twin share £250

give us a double room if available (no extra charge)

en suite upgrade £30 *£30 charge is per room. You must book a double room to use this. Check availability before booking.*

More than two - *please tell us what you want.*

The Small Print

The Package

Our CenterParcs weekend break is Friday 11th to Monday 14th November 2011 at the Whinfell Forest resort, including 3 nights accommodation in a lodge sharing a twin-bedded room. Each night will feature a party in our Party Lodge with full bar included while stocks last - but we've never run out! Buffet meals and events programme as per this brochure. Prices are for the complete package as described, except 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. En-suite double rooms are available at a supplement of £30 per room.

Accommodation

We book lovely two-storey lodges close together in a forest setting. Each lodge sleeps 6 or 8 people. You'll get a place in a twin room - or double room on request - and if travelling alone we'll find you a sharer of the same sex. Or there's the option to pay a supplement for a room to yourself. Each well-equipped lodge has 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, separate toilet, and open plan lounge, dining room and kitchen. Bed linen is provided but bring your own towels.

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 many months 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 and less an 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.

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FAQ

Is it for singles?

It's for individuals, couples and groups of friends. There's a very friendly and relaxed atmosphere making it easy to make new friends.

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. Everyone is made very welcome.

Can we bring children?

The event is primarily for adults but we will do our best to accommodate families. We don't put under 18s in a lodge without checking with all concerned. If you want to bring your children please talk to us. Children will not be able to participate in all activities on the programme.

What's the age range?

Typically from mid-20s through to mid-50s, though we've had guests aged 1 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. Due to limited kitchen facilities we're unable to provide any special individual meals though will do our best to cater for food allergies if notified in advance.

How easy is travel to the resort?

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

How do I pay?

Cheques made payable to "Maruba Events". If you prefer to make an online payment please ask for bank details.

Questions?

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