

## Cool stays in the Lake District



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Most boathouses in the Lake District remain private property, apart from a select few. This one is perhaps the most chic of all – recently refurbished to a high standard, with two balconies hanging over Lake Windermere. It has a private jetty and is close to the buzzing towns of Windermere and Bowness. The Osprey has one king-size double room and one twin (Egyptian cotton sheets on all), and you will be welcomed with a hamper to take on picnics (and then home at the end of your stay). “Dine at home” meals developed by the chef James Martin can be delivered.

**Details:** Four-night stay, sleeps four, from £1,250 ([uniquehomestays.com](http://uniquehomestays.com))



## Relax at a spa retreat



### THE GILPIN LAKE HOUSE

#### WINDERMERE, CUMBRIA

**We love it because** with its private lake and woodland, it's the ultimate romantic escape. Book a Jetty Spa Trail, which includes personalised aromatherapy blends, private pool and hot tub, a spa treatment and refreshments in the cosy boathouse.

**What is the interior like?** For sheer indulgence, try the magnificent Harriet suite, where panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows offer breathtaking views of the lake and its wildlife. Luxurious toiletries line the shelves of the stylish bathrooms, while the Lake House lounge areas offer plenty of quiet spots to relax with a book.

**And the food?** Enjoy dinner at the Gilpin Hotel, just a mile away. Getting there is easy – a chauffeur escorts guests to and fro. Head Chef Dan Grigg will rustle up an inventive five-course dinner with seasonal ingredients – plan a long walk for the next day.

**How much?** From £485 for a double room including full English breakfast and dinner.

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