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THE LONG WEEKEND ISSUE

2027

Your year of long weekends



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Bibury, the Cotswolds

FROM THE EDITOR

This is the year you *actually go.*

Every January I make the same promise: more weekends away this year. And every year, the bank holidays arrive before the plans do.

So this time I've done the planning first. Inside you'll find every 2027 bank holiday across the UK, the leave days that turn four days off into ten, and eight long weekends, each with a place, a reason to go and a simple plan for every day.

Pick two or three. Put them in the diary tonight, and book the room while the good ones are still there. Future you will be very glad you did.

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AT A GLANCE

2027 bank holidays

Each part of the UK has its own. Here they all are on one page, so you can see exactly which long weekends you get.

	ENGLAND & WALES	SCOTLAND	N. IRELAND
New Year's Day	Fri 1 Jan	Fri 1 Jan	Fri 1 Jan
2nd January (substitute)	–	Mon 4 Jan	–
St Patrick's Day	–	–	Wed 17 Mar
Good Friday	Fri 26 Mar	Fri 26 Mar	Fri 26 Mar
Easter Monday	Mon 29 Mar	–	Mon 29 Mar
Early May bank holiday	Mon 3 May	Mon 3 May	Mon 3 May
Spring bank holiday	Mon 31 May	Mon 31 May	Mon 31 May
Battle of the Boyne	–	–	Mon 12 Jul
Summer bank holiday	Mon 30 Aug	Mon 2 Aug	Mon 30 Aug
St Andrew's Day	–	Tue 30 Nov	–
Christmas Day (substitute)	Mon 27 Dec	Mon 27 Dec	Mon 27 Dec
Boxing Day (substitute)	Tue 28 Dec	Tue 28 Dec	Tue 28 Dec

When a holiday falls at a weekend, a weekday “substitute day” is given instead. That is why Christmas and Boxing Day move to Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 December.

Source: gov.uk/bank-holidays

THE LEAVE HACK

Turn 4 days off *into 10.*

Book your leave around the bank holidays and a few days go a long way. These dates work in England and Wales; check your own region on the previous page.

EASTER

Book 4 days: Tue 30 Mar – Fri 2 Apr

You're off Fri 26 Mar – Sun 4 Apr

10 DAYS OFF

EARLY MAY

Book 4 days: Tue 4 – Fri 7 May

You're off Sat 1 – Sun 9 May

9 DAYS OFF

SPRING

Book 4 days: Tue 1 – Fri 4 Jun

You're off Sat 29 May – Sun 6 Jun

9 DAYS OFF

SUMMER

Book 4 days: Tue 31 Aug – Fri 3 Sep

You're off Sat 28 Aug – Sun 5 Sep

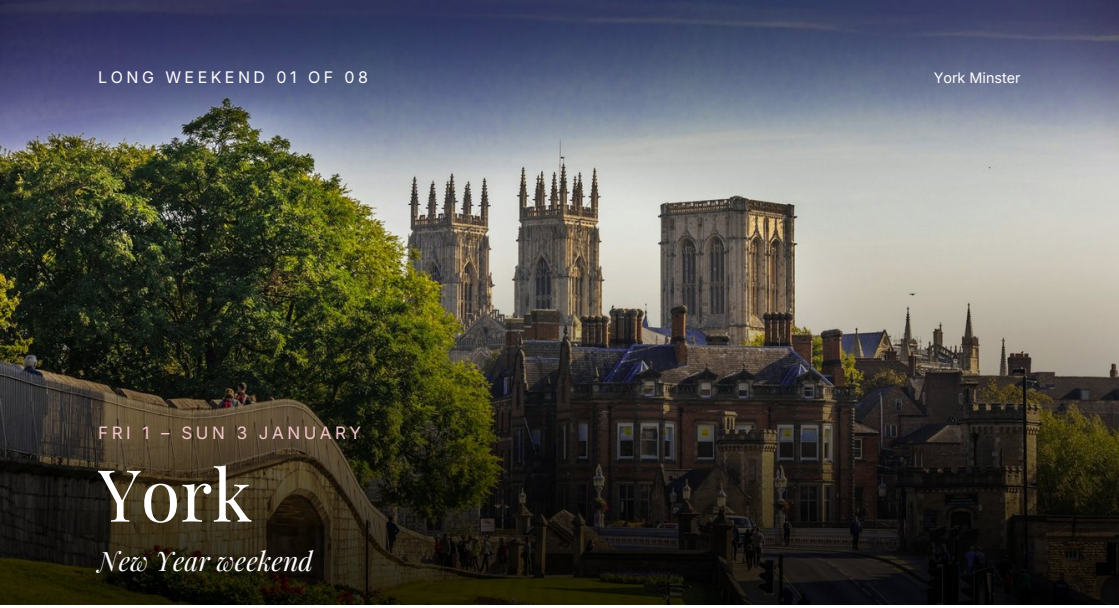
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CHRISTMAS

Book 3 days: Wed 29 – Fri 31 Dec

You're off Sat 25 Dec – Sun 2 Jan

9 DAYS OFF



York Minster

FRI 1 – SUN 3 JANUARY

York

New Year weekend

Start the year somewhere that looks its best in frost: medieval walls, narrow lanes and a cathedral you can see from every corner of the city.

WHO GETS IT — All of the UK (Scotland: to Mon 4 January)

THE PLAN

FRIDAY	A New Year's Day walk along the city walls, then a long lunch
SATURDAY	York Minster, the Shambles and the museums inside the walls
SUNDAY	A slow breakfast and one last loop of the walls before heading home

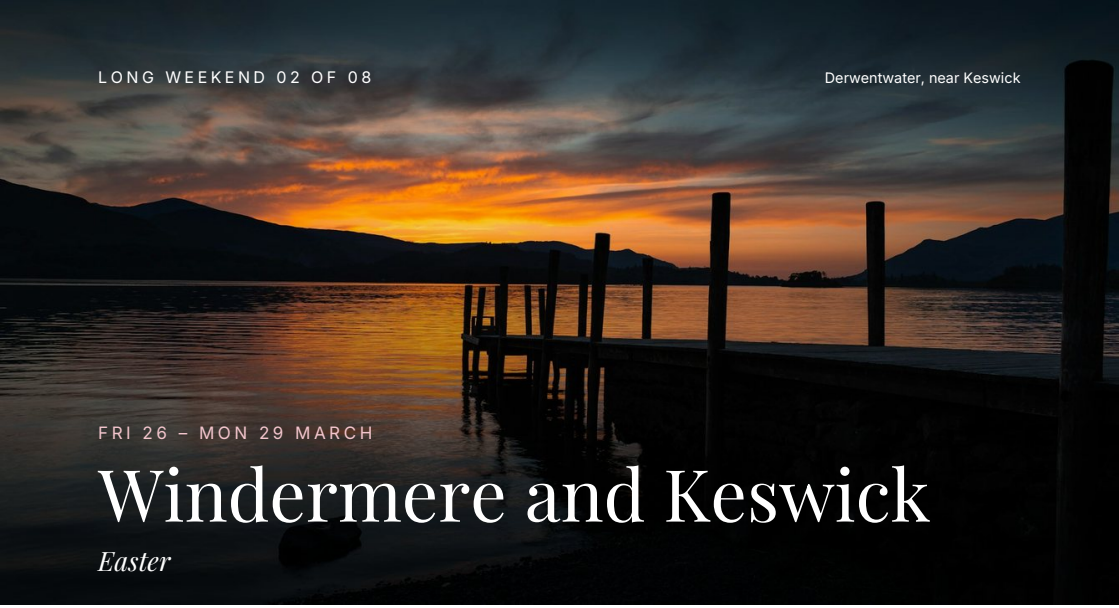
BOOK AHEAD

Check opening times over New Year, and book dinner for New Year's Day.

PENCIL IT IN

Our dates _____ ☐ Booked!

York is on the North East Bucket List in the Great British Trip Tracker.



Derwentwater, near Keswick

FRI 26 – MON 29 MARCH

Windermere and Keswick

Easter

Late March is daffodil time in the Lake District, the countryside Wordsworth wrote about, before the summer crowds arrive.

WHO GETS IT — England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Scotland: Good Friday only)

THE PLAN

FRIDAY	Up to Orrest Head above Windermere, then a lake cruise to Ambleside
SATURDAY	Over to Keswick, the launch across Derwentwater and up Catbells
SUNDAY	Castlerigg Stone Circle in the morning light
MONDAY	A lakeside walk at Grasmere before the drive home

BOOK AHEAD

Accommodation early: Easter is one of the busiest weekends in the Lakes.

MAKE IT LONGER

Book 4 days off (Tue 30 March – Fri 2 April) and you have 10 days: Fri 26 March to Sun 4 April.

Windermere is on the North West Bucket List in the Great British Trip Tracker.



SAT 1 – MON 3 MAY

The Northumberland coast

Early May bank holiday

Spring is the time to see the puffins back on the Farne Islands, with castles and empty beaches all along the coast.

WHO GETS IT — All of the UK

THE PLAN

SATURDAY	Alnwick Castle and the Alnwick Garden
SUNDAY	A boat trip from Seahouses to the Farne Islands, then Bamburgh Castle
MONDAY	Holy Island of Lindisfarne on a safe crossing time

BOOK AHEAD

Farne Islands boat, and check the Holy Island crossing times.

MAKE IT LONGER

Book 4 days off (Tue 4 – Fri 7 May) and you have 9 days: Sat 1 to Sun 9 May.

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Northumberland is on the North East Bucket List in the Great British Trip Tracker.



Tenby harbour

SAT 29 – MON 31 MAY

The Gower and Tenby

Spring bank holiday

Long, light evenings and some of Britain's best beaches, before the school summer holidays fill them.

WHO GETS IT — All of the UK

THE PLAN

SATURDAY	Three Cliffs Bay, then sunset at Rhossili
SUNDAY	Worm's Head on a safe tide and ice cream in Mumbles
MONDAY	West to Tenby for the harbour and a boat to Caldey Island

BOOK AHEAD

Check the Worm's Head tide times before you set out.

MAKE IT LONGER

Book 4 days off (Tue 1 – Fri 4 June) and you have 9 days: Sat 29 May to Sun 6 June.

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Our dates _____ ☐ Booked!

Swansea is on the Wales Bucket List in the Great British Trip Tracker.



The Giant's Causeway

SAT 10 – MON 12 JULY

Belfast and the Causeway Coast

Battle of the Boyne

Midsummer light on the north coast: basalt columns, a rope bridge and a ruined castle on the cliffs.

WHO GETS IT Northern Ireland

THE PLAN

SATURDAY	Titanic Belfast and the Cathedral Quarter
SUNDAY	The Causeway Coastal Route and Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge
MONDAY	The Giant's Causeway early, before the crowds, then Dunluce Castle

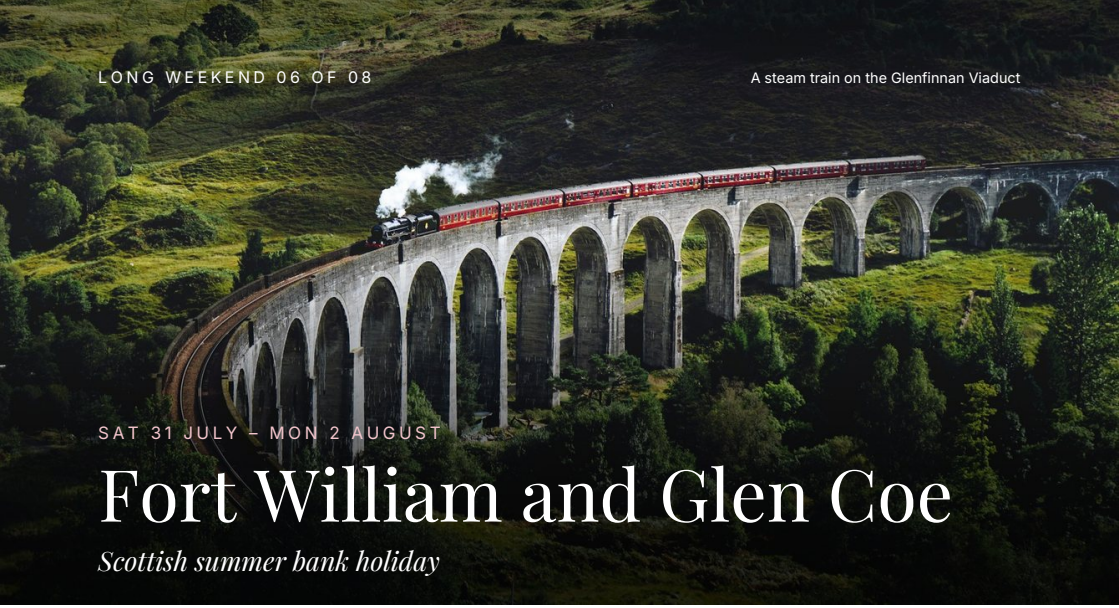
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Carrick-a-Rede timed tickets.

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Giant's Causeway is on the Northern Ireland Bucket List in the Great British Trip Tracker.



A steam train on the Glenfinnan Viaduct

SAT 31 JULY – MON 2 AUGUST

Fort William and Glen Coe

Scottish summer bank holiday

Glen Coe at its greenest, and the Jacobite steam train crossing the Glenfinnan Viaduct.

WHO GETS IT Scotland

THE PLAN

SATURDAY	Drive through Glen Coe, stopping at the Three Sisters
SUNDAY	Glenfinnan Viaduct for the steam train, then Neptune's Staircase
MONDAY	The Nevis Range gondola for views of Ben Nevis

BOOK AHEAD

Accommodation in Fort William, and the steam train if you want to ride it.

PENCIL IT IN

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Fort William is on the Scotland Bucket List in the Great British Trip Tracker.



Southwold lighthouse

SAT 28 – MON 30 AUGUST

Norwich and Southwold

Summer bank holiday

A Norman cathedral and medieval lanes, then beach huts, a pier and a lighthouse on the Suffolk coast.

WHO GETS IT England, Wales and Northern Ireland

THE PLAN

SATURDAY	Norwich Cathedral, Elm Hill and Norwich Market
SUNDAY	Southwold pier, the beach huts and the lighthouse
MONDAY	The rowing-boat ferry to Walberswick, if it is running

BOOK AHEAD

Dinner in Southwold: summer weekends get busy.

MAKE IT LONGER

Book 4 days off (Tue 31 August – Fri 3 September) and you have 9 days: Sat 28 August to Sun 5 September.

PENCIL IT IN

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Southwold is on the East Anglia Bucket List in the Great British Trip Tracker.



Calton Hill, Edinburgh

SAT 25 – TUE 28 DECEMBER

Edinburgh

Christmas and Hogmanay

Spend Christmas at home, then head north for the most famous New Year's Eve in Britain.

WHO GETS IT All of the UK

THE PLAN

WED 29 DEC	Edinburgh Castle and the Royal Mile
THU 30 DEC	Arthur's Seat in the morning, Dean Village in the afternoon
FRI 31 DEC	Hogmanay in the city

BOOK AHEAD

The Hogmanay street party is usually ticketed, and rooms go early.

MAKE IT LONGER

Book 3 days off (Wed 29 – Fri 31 December) and you have 9 days: Sat 25 December to Sun 2 January.

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Edinburgh is on the Scotland Bucket List in the Great British Trip Tracker.



The Old Man of Storr, Isle of Skye

AND A FEW MORE DATES

Bonus days

ST PATRICK'S DAY · NORTHERN IRELAND

Wednesday 17 March

A midweek holiday. Book Thursday and Friday off and you have five days, Wednesday to Sunday. Armagh, the city of St Patrick, has two cathedrals named after him.

ST ANDREW'S DAY · SCOTLAND

Tuesday 30 November

Book Monday 29 November off for a four-day weekend from Saturday 27th, just in time for Edinburgh's Christmas lights.

MOTHERING SUNDAY · ALL OF THE UK

Sunday 7 March

Not a bank holiday, but a lovely excuse for a weekend away together, or a journal for the mum who is always planning the next trip.



PLAN THEM ALL IN ONE BOOK

Tick off the whole *of Britain.*

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Happy planning, Karolína

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