

# Mountain Goat Information Sheet



## Overview

Established in 1972, Mountain Goat Tours offers exceptional tours across North England. Our small group tours take passengers away from the crowds to visit inspirational landscapes. Complimented by on-board commentary from Mountain Goat's highly experienced local driver-guides, all of whom have a passion for the stunning scenery and fascinating histories of the region.

## History

Established in 1972, our name was changed after a customer commented that our buses climbed the Lakeland fells like a 'Mountain Goat'. With already a firm recognition as the award winning No.1 Lake District Tour specialist, Mountain Goat have become local and national stars on the 12 week ITV series 'The Lakes' which in turn has created a remarkable influx of interest and admiration for the company.

Our first Minibus in 1972 plied its way from Bowness on Windermere to Glenridding on Ullswater, re-establishing a bus connection between Lakeland Villages. Travelers using the service completed the return journey, more often than not, listening to the area's stories and information from the local driver. Over time more and more visitors wanted to explore the area's spectacular scenery and history associations therefore we took this opportunity to set up daily sightseeing tours covering all four corners of the Lake District.

Today, our brand new fleet of luxury Mercedes Sprinters Mountain Goat are renowned for their exciting and inspiring choice of guided sightseeing tours across Northern England. Now across Northern England, Yorkshire and North Wales.

## Facts

- Established in 1972
- Scheduled tours
- Private tours

- Private hires, transfers
- Multiday touring,
- DMC – attraction bookings, lunch, transfers
- Open daily, except 25th December
- All commentary is in English only
- Japanese guide available on request
- Unfortunately, we don't allow children under 5 years old on our scheduled tours, but you can book a [private tour](#) instead

## Products

Scheduled tours departing from:

- South Lakes (Kendal, Windermere, Bowness, Ambleside)
- North Lakes (Keswick, Portinscale, Braithwaite)
- York
- Manchester
- Liverpool
- Chester

Private tours (departing from all locations above)

Private transfers from all international airports, ports, and railway station

Multi-day tours departing UK wide.

Destination management organisation services including booking accommodation, attractions and lunches.

## Services

- Detailed itineraries
- Customized itineraries
- Passenger reviews and testimonials
- Dedicated office support, 7 days a week
- Agent booking portal with live availability
- Commissionable or net rates

Discounted rates are available for groups of 16 or more that have pre-booked in advance.

## Payments & Invoicing

- Prepayment is required for all our scheduled tours. We accept all major credit and debit cards.
- If you booked our 'flexible' tour you may cancel 24 hours prior to departure and receive a full refund. After 24 hours no refund will be issued.

- If you booked our 'saver' tour, this is non-refundable and cannot be transferred or exchange. This product can only be purchased online, 7days or more before the activity date.
- For full terms and conditions please [see here](#). Please call the office as soon as you know you wish to cancel.
- We can also set up a credit account, after completing a credit check.

## Booking

The Mountain Goat Tours sales team can set up a agent portal with live availability for booking scheduled and private tours. For bespoke and multiday tours please contact our office directly and they will provide a quotation on [tours@mountain-goat.com](mailto:tours@mountain-goat.com)

## Accessibility

Our tours include 50 - 100 metres to any viewpoint but no not include strenuous walks. Walking is optional and you can choose to wait on or nearby the minibus. We can cater for foldable wheelchairs and/or walkers, with advance notice. There are 3large steps onto our minibuses. Our full accessibility statement can be found [here](#).

## Hours of operation

Please note we are closed on Christmas Day (December 25) and Boxing Day (December 26).

## Media & Images

Please ensure all photos are up to date and accurate showing our newest vehicles. Download our photos & logo for publications and marketing purposes [here](#).

## Billing Address

Mountain Goat Ltd, Chestnut Road, Windermere, LA23 2AL

## Commercial Address

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## Social Media

[Facebook.com/MountainGoatTours](https://www.facebook.com/MountainGoatTours)

[Twitter.com/mgoattours](https://twitter.com/mgoattours)

[Instagram.com/mgoattours](https://www.instagram.com/mgoattours)

[linkedin.com/company/mountain-goat-tours-and-holidays](https://www.linkedin.com/company/mountain-goat-tours-and-holidays)

[youtube.com/@MountainGoatTours](https://www.youtube.com/@MountainGoatTours)

Please contact our office on [tours@mountain-goat.com](mailto:tours@mountain-goat.com) for any additional information.

## Lake District Tours



## Itinerary

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The Lake District is renowned for being the most beautiful corner of England, and this full-day Ten Lakes Spectacular tour gives you access to the Lake District's most prominent treasures. Sit back and enjoy the magnificent scenery of mountains, valleys, and lakes from the south to the north. See ten lakes including Windermere, Brotherswater, Ullswater, Derwentwater, Bassenthwaite, Buttermere, Crummockwater, Thirlmere, Grasmere, and Rydal.

On this Ten Lakes Spectacular, you will also travel over majestic mountain passes, through beautiful valleys, experience many waterfalls and stroll through traditional Lakeland villages. There will be plenty of stops for admiring the views and taking photographs. It provides a great introduction to the Lake District, and a taster for just what the National Park has to offer. Along the way, you will pass some of the region's most spectacular sights, such as

Borrowdale Valley, Newlands Valley, Thirlmere, and Grasmere. One of our Favourite scenes to experience is the Castlerigg stone circle, one of the most famous and most visited stone circles in the country.

## Points of interest:

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- Grasmere.
- Keswick.
- Honister Slate Mine.
- Ullswater.
- Castlerigg Stone Circle.

## What's included:

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Full day tour in a 16-seater Mercedes Sprinter Minibus

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Knowledgeable driver-guide with commentary, snippets of history and knowledge.

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Plenty of stops for photo opportunities as well as comfort breaks.

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## Pick up Points:

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Our Ten Lakes Spectacular tour begins at either Keswick or Windermere and completes a full circle and drops you off at the same place our bus picked you up from.

Our main pick up points are listed below:

09:15	Oxenholme Railway Station	What 3 Words - ///casino.swift.enable
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09:40	Windermere Information Centre	What 3 Words - ///treatment.overlaid.hides
09:55	Ambleside Kelsick Road	What 3 Words - ///mime.proposals.cavalier
09:25	Keswick Central Car Park	What 3 Words - ///reporters.couriers.strong
09:15	Portinscale, Derwentwater Hotel, Keswick,	

This tour also stops in Keswick for approximately 1 hour for lunch, where there is a selection of pubs, cafes, restaurants, and sandwich shops to choose from.

## Product URL:

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<https://www.mountain-goat.com/Lake-District/Scheduled-Tours/Summer-Ten-Lakes-Spectacular>

## Marketing Material:

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## Itinerary

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Our High Adventure Tour focuses on the western part of the Lake District!

This tour is full to the brim of awe-inspiring landscapes, we drive through the dramatic Langdale Valley and then over the steep and winding roads of Wrynose and Hardknott Passes. You can look out on to some of the most spectacular views in the National Park. Take in the spectacular beauty of Wastwater, England's deepest lake as well as a trip to the historic Muncaster Castle. There you can explore the idyllic gardens and discover Muncaster's fascinating history.

Plenty of stops to take photographs and of course lunch, you'll stop for lunch at a delightful country pub, Brook House Inn. They have a varied menu so there is plenty to choose from or there is a tearoom at Muncaster Castle.

Our High Adventure Tour has something for everyone. Sit back, relax, and take in the beauty of the Lake District on this tour.

## Points of interest:

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- Great Langdale Valley

- Blea Tarn
- Wrynose & Hardknott Mountain Pass
- Wastwater
- Muncaster Castle Gardens

## What's included:

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Full day tour in a 16-seater Mercedes Sprinter Minibus

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Knowledgeable driver-guide with commentary, snippets of history and knowledge.

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Plenty of stops for photo opportunities as well as comfort breaks.

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## Dates of operation:

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All operational dates are on our website. Please note we do not operate on Christmas Day (25 Dec).

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09:15	Portinscale, Derwentwater Hotel, Keswick, CA12 5RE	

This tour also stops in the hamlet of Boot for approximately 1 hour for lunch, where there is the Brook House Inn, a traditional Lakeland pub or Dalegarth cafe.

## Product URL:

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<https://www.mountain-goat.com/Lake-District/Scheduled-Tours/The-High-Adventure>

## Marketing Material:

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## Itinerary

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This half day tour gives you a fantastic overview of the Southern Lake District in a short amount of time. It introduces the culture and history of The Lake District, which created the landscapes you see today.

The first stop will be the beauty spot Tarn Hows, this man-made tarn provides some of the most incredible views in the Lake District. It has been the inspiration for many artists and writers and once you visit, you will understand why. On a clear day you can see the Langdale Pikes, a favoured adventure for walkers. The 1 ¾ mile route around the tarn is level and well maintained making it accessible for wheelchairs and prams.

Next stop, Coniston, is a beautiful village which is well known for Coniston Water and Donald Campbell CBE, who broke the world water speed record of 276mph. Admiring the views, the tour will then take you to the final stop which is a trip to Hawkshead. A picturesque medieval village full of narrow alleys and characterful squares. With local shops and cafes there is plenty to see in the village.

End your tour with a cruise on Lake Windermere where you can enjoy more of the spectacular views the Lake District has to offer.

## Points of interest:

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- Lake Cruise on Windermere
- Hawkshead
- Coniston
- Tarn Hows

## What's included:

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Half day tour in a 16-seater Mercedes Sprinter Minibus

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Knowledgeable driver-guide

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Plenty of stops for photo opportunities as well as comfort breaks.

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Lake Cruise

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## Dates of operation:

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This tour operates on the below dates. Please note we do not operate on Christmas Day (25 Dec)

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## Product URL:

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<https://www.mountain-goat.com/Lake-District/Scheduled-Tours/Best-of-the-Lake-District>

## Booking:

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Bookings can be made via our website or by our agent portal to receive net or commissionable rates. Please contact us on enquiries@mountain-goat.com to arrange a login.

## Marketing Material:

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## Itinerary

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Taking in many places associated with the famous children's author, Beatrix Potter, this tour is an ideal opportunity to see the scenery which inspired her. This half day tour gives you a fantastic overview of the Southern Lake District in a short amount of time. It introduces the culture and history of The Lake District, which created the landscapes you see today.

Visiting Hill Top Farm, the first Lakeland home of Beatrix Potter which she purchased in 1905. The charming 17th century farmhouse is full of character, you can see why it inspired her and features in several of her little books.

Onward to the beauty spot Tarn Hows, this man-made tarn provides some of the most incredible views in the Lake District. It has been the inspiration for many artists and writers



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## Product URL:

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<https://www.mountain-goat.com/Lake-District/Scheduled-Tours/Beatrix-Potters-Favourite-Countryside>

## Marketing Material:

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# Itinerary

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Escape the hustle and bustle to go off and explore the best of the Yorkshire Dales, taking in the rolling hills and picturesque villages. This tour offers an insight into some of the most beautiful scenery and hidden history of Yorkshire.

We transport you to the quaint village of Sedbergh and head up to see from the famous Settle to Carlisle Railway and the spectacular viaduct, a remarkable piece of Victorian architecture and construction.

We venture down into Wensleydale and Hardraw before descending into Swaledale through the valley to the small market town of Reeth for lunch. Here you can explore what the traditional Yorkshire village has to offer, with a selection of pubs and cafes there is plenty of options for lunch.

Our next stop is the impressive Bolton Castle the imposing fortress was once a temporary home to Mary, Queen of Scots after her escape into England . We then Journey up the valley to the spectacular Aysgarth Waterfalls, which is famous for an appearance in the film Robin Hood Prince of Theives.

From here we make our way to Hawes and make a stop at the Wensleydale Creamery, here you can enjoy some cheese tasting and stop for a cup of the famous Yorkshire Tea. The creamery is home to Wensleydale Cheese the personal favourite of Wallace and Gromit, plenty of opportunity to sample it yourself. We complete our journey back to Windermere via Kirkby Lonsdale.

## Points of interest:

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- Sedbergh.
- Ribbleshead Viaduct.
- Bolton Castle.
- Aysgarth Waterfalls.
- Wensleydale Creamery

## What's included:

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Full day tour in a 16-seater Mercedes Sprinter Minibus

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Knowledgeable driver-guide with commentary, snippets of history and knowledge.

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Plenty of stops for photo opportunities as well as comfort breaks.

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## Pick up Points:

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Below is our main pick up points but we also pick up from other accommodation locations which will appear on our website when booking.

Our main pick up points are listed below:

09:15	Ings Bus Stop LA8 9PZ	
09:35	Kendal College, Milnthorpe Road, Kendal, LA9 5AY	
09:20	Bowness Bay Pier	What 3 Words - ///begins.regard.hiring
09:40	Windermere Information Centre	What 3 Words - ///treatment.overlaid.hides
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Our Yorkshire Dales tour includes a lunch stop in the small market town of Reeth with various food and beverage options.

## Product URL:

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<https://www.mountain-goat.com/Lake-District/Scheduled-Tours/The-Yorkshire-Dales>

## Marketing Material:

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# York Tours



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Head into the North York Moors National Park where you will explore the beautiful landscapes and historical sites before heading to the coast, this tour is a day to make memories you will never forget.

Our first stop of the tour is Pickering, an ancient market-town on the border of the North York Moors national park. Here you can enjoy tea or coffee while meandering around the quaint town, there will also be an option to visit the church, famous for having the oldest wall paintings in England inside. From Pickering we travel into the national park itself, famed for the stunning views of heather moorland which, on a clear day, can extend for 50 miles in every direction. When the heather blooms the landscape is painted deep purple, showcasing the natural beauty of the rolling hills!

We stop next in Goathland, famous for its role in the TV series Heartbeat. Here you will have a brief stop where you can see Goathland Station, which featured in the world-renowned Harry Potter movies as Hogsmead. Next we arrive in Whitby for lunch, a traditional seaside town, where there is a wide choice of places to eat with fish and chips being the local favourite. There are a number of things to see and do such as visiting the dramatic ruins of Whitby Abbey, which was the inspiration for the novel 'Dracula' or even taking a stroll along the harbour with its quaint shops. Please note, Whitby Abbey is closed Mondays & Tuesdays throughout the winter from November – February.

After our lunch stop it is time to travel through the heart of the moors, following roads through the stunning expanse of heather moorland you will be treated to the wealth of knowledge our local driver guides possess. Learn about the ancient traditions, folklores and legends which have been passed down through generations. Listen to tall tales and stories from the national parks past and learn about the natural history of the beautiful landscapes.

There will be a short stop in Helmsley where you can explore the village and you will have the option to visit castle ruins for an additional charge. We will then make our way back towards York whilst enjoying the views over the Vale of York. Sit back and enjoy more scenic Yorkshire countryside as your memorable tour draws to a close.

## Points of interest:

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- Whitby
- Goathland
- Pickering
- North York Moors National Park

## What's included:

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Full day tour in a 16-seater Mercedes Sprinter Minibus

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Knowledgeable driver-guide with commentary, snippets of history and knowledge.

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Plenty of stops for photo opportunities as well as comfort breaks.

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## Pick up Points:

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Our main pick up point is listed below:

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This tour also stops in Whitby for approximately 1.5 hour for lunch, where there is a selection of pubs, cafes, restaurants, and sandwich shops to choose from.

## Product URL:

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<https://www.mountain-goat.com/Yorkshire/Scheduled-Tours/North-York-Moors-and-Whitby>

## Marketing Material:

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## Itinerary

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Escape the crowded streets of York for a full-day sightseeing tour of the Yorkshire Dales and discover one of England's most dramatic landscapes. Departing York at 09:15 the tour heads to the Yorkshire Dales national park, well known for its beautiful rolling hills and lazy rivers which flow down the dales (or valleys). Enjoy a day touring "God's own country", which Yorkshire is often called because of its natural beauty and unspoilt countryside but don't just take our word for it – come and see for yourself.

First stop will be in the market town of Masham in Lower Wensleydale. Famous for its family-run breweries, steam engines, and annual sheep fair, it's thriving market (Wednesdays and Saturdays) is still going strong 762 years since the 1st charter. Continue towards Middleham, nestled between 2 rivers. Travel through the gently sloping Dales towards Castle Bolton, where you will see some of the best scenery Yorkshire has to offer. Pause to look at its magnificent castle with the largest castle keep in the North of England.



Admire one of Britain's best-preserved medieval castles at Castle Bolton, built by Sir Richard Le Scrope to rival the most luxurious homes in the land. See the scars of its 600-year history, including its involvement in the Pilgrimage of Grace, Mary Queen of Scots's imprisonment, and a Civil War siege. Afterwards we continue the journey through the stunning landscapes of Yorkshire traveling towards Aysgarth Falls on the River Ure. Here you will have the chance to view the famous waterfalls, which drops over three major falls in less than one mile. An amazingly scenic stop, the falls are a showcase of the beauty of nature and were also the setting for a famous scene in the Hollywood film Robin Hood Prince of Thieves. The three stepped waterfall has been a firm favourite with tourists for over 200 years. It's said that William Wordsworth and his sister Dorothy visited the falls while they waited for their coach horses.

For lunch we head to the charming market-town of Hawes. Nestled in Upper Wensleydale in North Yorkshire this beautiful place is surrounded with scenery the Yorkshire Dales is famous for. It is simple beautiful. Travel over the Buttertubs pass which connects Hawes and the hamlet of Thwaite with spectacular views over the surrounding valleys and fells. In recent days, the pass was featured as the second King of the Mountains climb of the 2014 Grand Depart of the Tour de France.

Hawes is also home to the Wensleydale Creamery, famous for its array of cheeses which are much loved by fictional, animated characters, Wallace, and Gromit. Hawes marketplace was first recorded in 1307 and still has a lively market every Tuesday. Enjoy the delights of Wensleydale Creamery including the visitors centre and cheese tasting room. Explore the creamery and have a taste of the real Dales in their sample room. There is plenty of time to shop for your favourite cheeses and marvel at the beautiful surroundings the creamery sits within.

Finally, we will follow the Dales scenic route back to the medieval city of York, driving through picturesque villages and classic Dales villages, with stops along the way so you can photograph the memorable landscapes which you will treasure forever.

## Points of interest:

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- Aysgarth Falls
- Wensleydale Creamery
- Hawes
- Castle Bolton

## What's included:

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## Product URL:

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# Manchester, Liverpool & Chester Tours



## Itinerary

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This tour gives you a day in North Wales including the Snowdonia National Park, from Manchester. It's an ideal way to see the amazing landscape associated with this stunning part of Wales and the National Park.

The first stop is Conwy, famous for its medieval castle, Conwy Castle, which was built by Edward I in the 13th century. The castle is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is considered one of the finest examples of medieval military architecture in Europe. It offers visitors a glimpse into the past with its well-preserved walls, towers, and views of the town and surrounding area. In addition to the castle, Conwy is also home to other historical landmarks such as the Conwy Town Walls, which encircle the town and provide a scenic walkway for visitors. The town itself features narrow streets lined with traditional buildings, including the iconic Plas Mawr, a beautifully restored Elizabethan townhouse. Conwy is also known for its vibrant cultural scene, with various festivals and events taking place throughout the year. The town offers a range of attractions, including art galleries, museums, and a bustling harbour where visitors can enjoy boat trips and water sports. With its

combination of history, natural beauty, and cultural offerings, Conwy attracts tourists from around the world who come to explore its heritage and enjoy its charming atmosphere.

The next stop is to the heart of the Welsh industry, at the [National Slate Museum](#), the museum is located in a Victorian workshop built at the base of Elidir mountain. Enjoy the talk and demonstration on offer at the museum, which show the skills of the quarryman. View a slate-splitting demonstration from craftsman's and quarry workers. From here you will join the [Llanberis Lake Railway](#) which is a steam engine train which travels a five mile return journey along Lake Padarn, in the heart of Snowdonia. *Please note the train ride is only included March – November.*

Betws-y-coed is one of the main honeypot locations in the Snowdonia national park. Snowdonia National Park was the third national park in Britain, after the Peak and Lake district parks. It covers 827 square miles and has 37 miles of coastline. There are plenty of arts and crafts shops, places for lunch. Give them an hour here. Betws-y-coed is sometimes referred to as the gateway to Snowdonia, and is a popular base for climbers, walkers, and cyclists. Originally, the village served as a resting place for travelers and pilgrims on their way to the nearby monastery of Ynys Enlli (Bardsey Island). The name "Betws-y-Coed" translates to "Prayer House in the Wood" in English, reflecting its historical connection to religious pilgrimage.

During the 19th century, Betws-y-Coed experienced significant growth and development due to the rise of tourism. The opening of the railway in 1868 played a crucial role in attracting visitors to the area, as it provided easier access for tourists from major cities. The village became a popular destination for artists and writers, who were drawn to its natural beauty and tranquillity. Many notable painters, including Richard Wilson and David Cox, found inspiration in the surrounding landscapes. Today, Betws-y-Coed continues to be a thriving tourist destination, offering a range of outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain biking, and fishing. The village retains its charm with traditional stone buildings, quaint shops, and welcoming accommodations. The Horseshoe Pass is a scenic road located in North Wales, United Kingdom. It is named after its horseshoe-shaped bend and offers breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. The pass has a rich history dating back centuries. It was originally a drovers' road, used by farmers to move their livestock from the lowlands to the higher pastures during the summer months. During the 18th and 19th centuries, the Horseshoe Pass became an important route for transporting goods and materials. It played a significant role in the industrial development of the region, particularly in the transportation of slate from the quarries in the area. In more recent times, the Horseshoe Pass has become a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors who come to admire the stunning scenery and enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking and cycling. The road itself is known for its challenging bends and is often used by motoring enthusiasts.

## Points of interest:

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- Llanberis Lake Railway
- Snowdonia National Park
- National Slate Museum
- Conwy

## What's included:

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Full day tour in a 16-seater Mercedes Sprinter Minibus

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Knowledgeable driver-guide with commentary, snippets of history and knowledge.

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Plenty of stops for photo opportunities as well as comfort breaks.

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## Dates of operation:

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All operational dates are on our website. Please note we do not operate on Christmas Day (25 Dec).

18th August 2023 - 30th November 2023	Llanberis Steam Railway Included
1st December 2023 - 31st March 2024	Llanberis Steam Railway <b>CLOSED</b>
1st April 2024 - 30th November 2024	Llanberis Steam Railway Included

## Pick up Points:

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Our main pick up point is listed below:

09:00	Outside Yates Bar 49, Portland Street, Manchester, M1 3LD	What 3 Words - ///proof.apron.equal
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This tour also stops in a village in Snowdonia for approximately 1 hour for lunch, where there is a selection of pubs, cafes, restaurants, and sandwich shops to choose from.

## Product URL:

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## Marketing Material:

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