

SIGHTSEEING TOURS OF THE Lake District

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2016-2017

**Covering the Lake District,
Yorkshire Dales and
Hadrian's Wall**

**THE MOUNTAIN
GOAT**



Introduction



Welcome to The Mountain Goat, and thank you for picking up our new style 2016 brochure.

We are the original 'Lake District Mini-Bus Company'. Established in 1972, our name was changed after a customer commented that our buses climbed the Lakeland Fells like a 'Mountain Goat'.

All of our day tours are conducted by knowledgeable driver/guides and in small groups. We use smaller vehicles meaning we can take you to "off the beaten track" locations, which the larger buses can't access! Vehicles are also available for you to design your own adventure on a private hire basis.

Last year Visit England bestowed the coveted Hidden Gem accolade on us, one that very few receive, adding to our Visit England Quality Attraction status and Green Tourism Silver Award. 2015 also saw the fourth year in a row we received a Certificate of Excellence from Tripadvisor.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

Happy Travelling,

The Mountain Goat Team



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The famous Lake District Herdwick Sheep.

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Best of the Lakes

Do you have only one day in the Lake District? Then let us show you the best of the National Park.



Tour Highlights - to tick off your list!

- > The Langdales, picturesque valleys surrounded by mountains.*
- > Hardknott and Wrynose mountain passes, the steepest in England with stunning views.*
- > Wastwater, once voted 'Britain's favourite view' England's deepest lake with the highest mountain, Scafell Pike.*
- > Ennerdale, Loweswater, Crummock Water and Buttermere - untouched and unspoilt lakes with more sheep than people.*
- > Enjoy the view at Ullswater, the 'most beautiful lake in England'.*

Tour Description

Combining the best parts of both our classic High Adventure tour and our best-selling Ten Lakes Spectacular tour, this is an excellent way of seeing the area for those with limited time in the Lake District.

The day starts in the Southern Lake District as we drive through the dramatic Great Langdale Valley. After spending the morning on the infamous Hardknott and Wrynose passes, we reach the Western and more remote parts of the Lake District, with time to take in 'Britain's Favourite View' at Wastwater, the deepest lake in England.

After lunch we visit the 4000 year old Castlerigg Stone Circle, believed to be older than Stonehenge. Before returning back to Windermere, there is chance to view "Ullswater, the most beautiful lake in England", and travel over the famous Kirkstone Pass.

FULL DAY TOUR



'Brilliant Tour of the Lake District'

*19 June 2015, Sharon H, Northampton,
United Kingdom*

Tour Details

All Seats.....£50.00

Available Daily from 19th March to 30th October 2016.
09:30 – 17:45 (approximately)

Start Point: Windermere Information Centre, Victoria Street,
LA23 1AD. Only 200 metres from Windermere Bus & Rail Station.

Complimentary tour collection service is available from hotels
and guest houses in Bowness-on-Windermere & Windermere.
Pickups from Ambleside also available.



The High Adventure

Journey to the remote and beautiful part of the Lake District. Available daily, this tour gets you 'off the beaten track'.



Tour Highlights - to tick off your list!

- > The Langdales, picturesque valleys surrounded by mountains.*
- > Hardknott and Wrynose mountain passes, the steepest in England with stunning views.*
- > A ride on the Ravenglass and Eskdale narrow gauge railway, included in your tour price.*
- > Wastwater, once voted 'Britain's favourite view' England's deepest lake and see the highest mountain, Scafell Pike.*
- > Muncaster Castle Gardens, entry included in your tour price to visit the extensive beautiful grounds.*

Tour Description

This classic adventure tour of the Western Lakes uses a route pioneered by the Romans!

The tour focuses around the Western Lake District travelling over the Lake District's famous mountain passes; Hardknott and Wrynose, which are two of the steepest in Great Britain.

During your day you will have time to enjoy a narrow gauge heritage train ride, see England's deepest lake and visit the grounds of 14th Century Muncaster Castle.

This tour is a chance to see the real Lake District!

FULL DAY TOUR



'A fantastic day out'

*20 October 2015, Donna A, Merseyside,
United Kingdom*

Tour Details

Adult (17 – 59).....£42.00

Seniors (60+) & Students (NUS)£40.00

Children (5 – 16)£34.00

Every day from 19 March 2016 – 30 October 2016.

09:45 – 17:30 (approximately)

Start Point: Windermere Information Centre, Victoria Street, LA23 1AD. Only 200 metres from Windermere Bus & Rail Station.

Complimentary tour collection service is available from hotels in Bowness-on-Windermere & Windermere. Pickups from Ambleside and Grasmere also available.

Tour collections are also available from Grange (Wednesday) & Kendal (Monday to Saturday). A supplementary charge of £5.00 per person return.

Collections from Keswick (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) will recommence on the opening of the A591 (June 2016). Supplementary charge payable, £5.00 per person return.



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Ten Lakes Spectacular Tour

Providing a great introduction to the Lake District, this tour is our most popular and available daily.



Tour Highlights - to tick off your list!

- > Lake Cruise, included in your tour price. Sit back and enjoy uninterrupted views of the Lakeland fells from one of the famous lakes.*
- > Buttermere, a picturesque lake and peaceful area of the National Park.*
- > Grasmere, visit the village famous for William Wordsworth and Gingerbread.*
- > Castlerigg Stone Circle, at around 4000 years old it is one of the area's historic gems.*
- > Keswick, where you will have time to have lunch whilst exploring the traditional Lakeland market town.*

Tour Description

The Lake District is renowned for being the “most beautiful corner of England” and this full day tour introduces you to just that.

During your day, the ten lakes you will see are Bassenthwaite, Brothers Water, Buttermere, Crummock Water, Derwentwater, Grasmere, Ullswater, Rydal Water, Thirlmere and Windermere.

You will travel over the famous Kirkstone and Honister passes, through beautiful valleys, see waterfalls and traditional Lakeland villages. You have plenty of stops for admiring the views and taking photographs.

Please note, suitable scenic routes will be planned around any road closures due to localised flood damage.



'The Ten Lakes Tour is a great way to get an overview of the English Lake District'

15 September 2015. Icopeland614, Columbus, Ohio

Tour Details

Adult (17 – 59).....	£42.00
Seniors (60+) & Students (NUS)	£40.00
Children (5 – 16)	£34.00

Available Daily from 19 March to 30 October 2016.

09:45 – 17:30 (approximately). A Winter version of this tour runs until 18 March 2016 and then from 31 October 2016, please see page 22.

Start Point: Windermere Information Centre, Victoria Street, LA23 1AD. Only 200 metres from Windermere Bus & Rail Station.

Complimentary tour collection service is available from hotels in Bowness-on-Windermere & Windermere. Pickups from Ambleside and Grasmere are also available.

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Supplementary charge payable, £5.00 per person return.



Beatrix Potter's Favourite Countryside

HALF DAY TOUR

This half day afternoon tour is ideal for fans of Miss Potter!



Tour Highlights - to tick off your list!

- < Hill Top Farm, you will have chance to visit the Gardens, Shop & House*
- < Hawkshead, a picturesque medieval village and where Wordsworth once studied.
- < Tarn Hows, a tranquil Lake District beauty spot.
- < Lake Windermere, cruise on the largest Lake in England. Included in the tour price.

Tour Description

Taking in many places associated with the famous children's author, Beatrix Potter, this tour is an ideal opportunity to see some of the scenery which inspired her.

This afternoon tour takes in a lake cruise on Windermere, Hawkshead, Tarn Hows and Hill Top House Gardens. *Hill Top House is a National Trust property, entry admission extra, not open every Friday. Please see our website for details.

Tour Details

Adult (17 – 59) £34.00

Seniors (60+) & Students (NUS) £33.00

Children (5 – 16) £30.00

Operating: Every day from 13 February 2016 – 30 October 2016.

Times: 12:00 – 16:30 approximately, from Windermere Information Centre, LA23 1AD. Only 200m from Windermere Bus & Rail Station.

Hotel collections available from Bowness-on-Windermere & Windermere, and selected locations in Ambleside. Pick-ups also available from Oxenholme Train Station.



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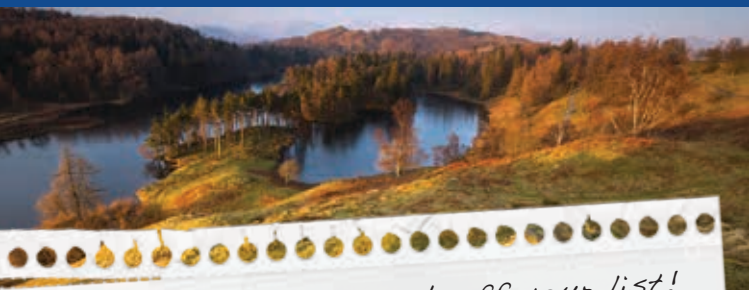
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Highlights of the Lake District

HALF DAY TOUR

Short on time? We have got the ideal scenic tour for you!



Tour Highlights - to tick off your list!

- < Coniston Water, famous for World Water Speed Records.*
- < A lake cruise on Coniston, the third largest Lake.*
- < Tarn Hows, a tranquil Lake District beauty spot.*
- < Travel through the Langdales, stunning picturesque valleys.*

Tour Description

On leaving Windermere the tour heads to scenic Tarn Hows, where you will have chance to admire the peaceful tarn with the Lake District Fells in the background.

After enjoying a lake cruise on Coniston Water, you will have time for lunch in the Coniston area. The afternoon is spent touring through the Yewdale and Langdale valleys, taking in some of the best scenery in the National Park.

Tour Details

Adult (17 – 59)	£30.00
Seniors (60+) & Students (NUS)	£29.00
Children (5 – 16)	£26.00

Operating: Every day from 19 March 2016 – 30 October 2016.

Times: 10:15 – 14:45 approximately, from Windermere Information Centre, LA23 1AD. Only 200m from Windermere Bus & Rail Station.

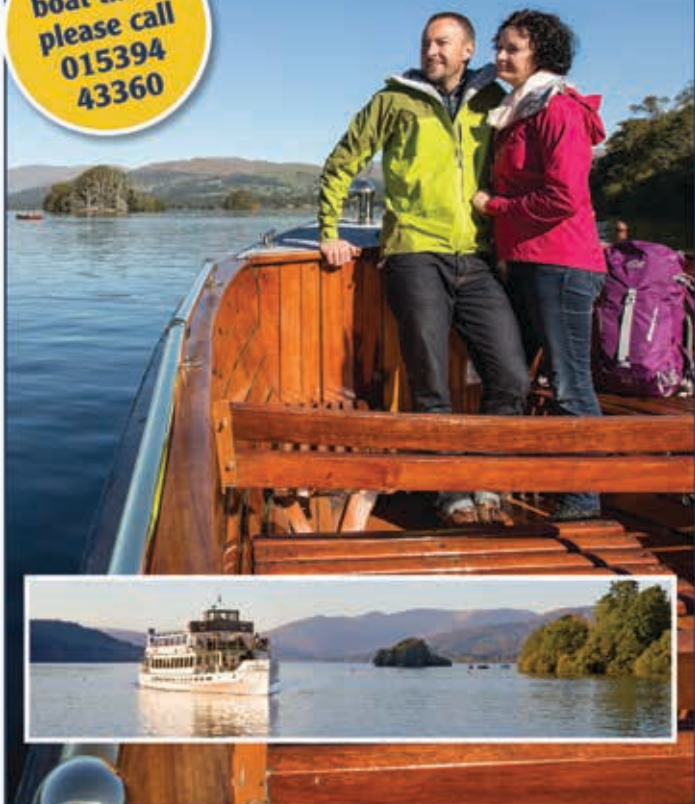
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- Ten Lakes Spectacular
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- Highlights of the Lake District
- Winter Southern Lake Highlights
- Yorkshire Dales
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Guided Walking Tours – on Wednesday

*A series of guided walks from April
to October, 10:00 – 16:00.*



Blea Tarn & Elterwater

(7.5miles / 12km with 1290ft / 393m ascent)

Loughrigg Terrace & Grasmere

(7.5miles / 12km with 1190ft / 363m ascent)

Tarn Hows

(8miles / 12.8km with 900ft / 274m ascent)

Great Langdale Valley Walk

(7.6miles / 12.2km with 679ft / 207m ascent)

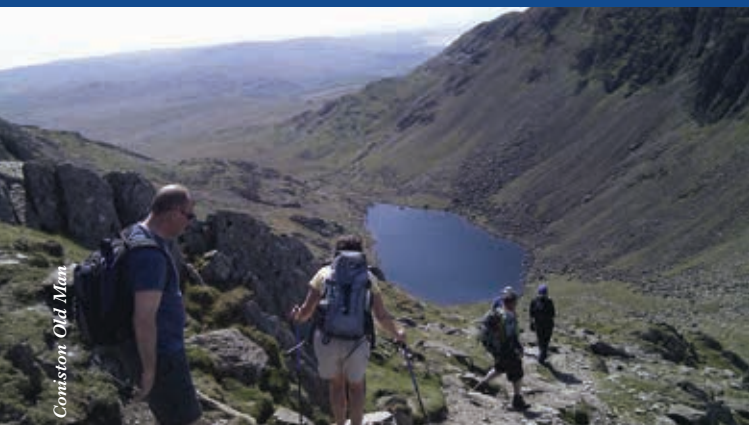
Walks are fully guided with a qualified leader, with return transport from Windermere & Ambleside included.

£40.00 per person

Please visit www.mountain-goat.com for dates of the walks and full details. Guided walks will alternate between weeks, and are subject to minimum numbers.

Guided Walking Tours – on Saturday

*Guided walks over some of the
classic Lake District routes.*



2 April - Helvellyn

8.4miles / 13.5km with 3014ft / 919m ascent. 6-7 hours with stops.

7 May - Coniston Old Man

6.5miles / 10.4km with 2627ft / 801m ascent. 5-6 hours with stops.

4 June - Langdale Pikes

8.4miles / 13.4km with 2866ft / 874m ascent. 6-7 hours with stops.

2 July - Fairfield Horseshoe

9.3miles / 14.9km with 3260ft / 994m ascent. 6.5-7 hours with stops.

6 August - Scafell Pike from the Langdale Valley

11miles / 17.6km with 3400ft / 1037m of ascent. 7-8 hours with stops.

3 September - Kentmere Horseshoe & High Street

11.6miles / 18.6km with 3381ft / 1031m ascent. 6-7 hours with stops.

1 October - High Raise & Steel Fell

8.7miles / 13.9km with 2810ft / 857m ascent. 6-7 hours with stops.

Walks are fully guided with a qualified leader, with return transport from Windermere & Ambleside included.

£45.00 per person

Please visit www.mountain-goat.com for dates of the walks and full details. Guided walks are subject to minimum numbers.

Ullswater and Inspired Landscapes

FULL DAY TOUR

Travel through the tranquil lands and inspiring scenery of the Eastern Lakes.



Tour Highlights - to tick off your list!

- < Ullswater, cruise on the 'most beautiful' lake in England.
- < Kirkstone Pass, travel over the Lake District's highest mountain pass.
- < Martindale, see this remote and 'off the beaten track' valley.

Tour Description

This full day tour explores some of the remote but beautiful, parts of the Lake District, focusing on the Eastern Lakes.

Travel over the famous Kirkstone Pass to Ullswater, where you will have chance to enjoy a lake cruise and see the area that inspired Wordsworth's Daffodil poem. Later you will explore Martindale a picturesque and remote valley and take in beautiful Haweswater.

Tour Details

Adult (17 – 59)	£42.00
Seniors (60+) & Students (NUS)	£40.00
Children (5 – 16)	£34.00

Operating: Every Thursday from 24 March 2016 – 27 October 2016.

Times: 09:45– 17:30 approximately, from Windermere Information Centre, LA23 1AD. Only 200m from Windermere Bus & Rail Station.

Hotel collections available from Bowness-on-Windermere & Windermere, and selected locations in Ambleside.



A very modern historic house Bowness overlooking Windermere

You are invited into this stunning house, one of the best examples of the Arts & Crafts movement in the world, to relax, soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the magnificent lake views.

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Dove Cottage and the Wordsworth Museum



- Explore the house where Wordsworth lived, loved and worked
- See his own possessions and original writings
- Discover his tragic childhood and rebellious youth
- Stroll in the gardens and enjoy special exhibitions

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The Yorkshire Dales

FULL DAY TOUR

See the best of the Yorkshire Dales National Park in a day.



Tour Highlights - to tick off your list!

- < Aysgarth Falls, view the spectacular falls made famous by Hollywood.*
- < Hawes, we stop at the famous Wensleydale Creamery.*
- < Reeth, you will have time to have lunch whilst exploring this small market town*

Tour Description

The tour covers many famous Dales locations including the Buttertubs, a picturesque route used in the 2014 Tour de France.

During your day you will also see Bolton Castle, where Mary, Queen of Scots was once imprisoned. The tour also takes in some of the Settle to Carlisle Railway viaducts.

Tour Details

Adult (17 – 59) £42.00

Seniors (60+) & Students (NUS) £40.00

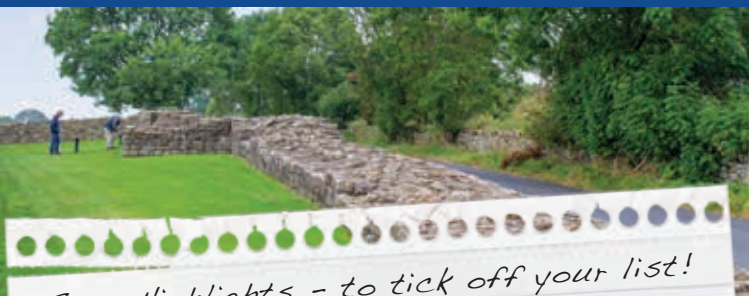
Children (5 – 16) £34.00

Operating: Every Wednesday from 23 March 2016 – 26 October 2016.

Times: 09:45– 17:30 approximately, from Windermere Information Centre, LA23 1AD. Only 200m from Windermere Bus & Rail Station.

Hotel collections available from Bowness-on-Windermere & Windermere, and selected locations in Ambleside.

Journey along the UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Tour Highlights - to tick off your list!

- < Roman Army Museum, entry included, step into the life of a Roman soldier.
- < Lanercost Priory, established nearly 850 years ago.
- < Sycamore Gap, the famous location of the 'Robin Hood Tree'.
- < Hartside Pass, with views overlooking the Lake District.

Tour Description

The Hadrian's Wall tour travels out of the Lake District for the day and up towards the border region with Scotland. The main focus of the day is the 'Wall' of which we travel alongside the many 'Mile Castles' and 'Towers'.

During your day you will have time to enjoy the Roman Army Museum, exploring the history of the Romans and learning what it was like to work on the 'Wall'.

Tour Details

Adult (17 – 59) £42.00

Seniors (60+) & Students (NUS) £40.00

Children (5 – 16) £34.00

Operating: Every Friday from 25 March 2016 – 28 October 2016.

Times: 09:15– 18:00 approximately, from Windermere Information Centre, LA23 1AD. Only 200m from Windermere Bus & Rail Station.

Hotel collections available from Bowness-on-Windermere & Windermere, and selected locations in Ambleside.

Winter Ten Lakes Spectacular Tour

FULL DAY TOUR

Providing a great introduction to the Lake District, this tour is our most popular and available daily.



Tour Highlights - to tick off your list!

- < Grasmere, visit the village famous for William Wordsworth and Gingerbread.*
- < Castlerigg Stone Circle, at around 4000 years old it is one of the area's historic gems.*
- < Keswick, you will have time to have lunch whilst exploring this traditional Lakeland market town.*

Tour Description

The Lake District is renowned for being the “most beautiful corner of England” and this full day tour introduces you to just that.

During your day, the ten lakes you will see are Bassenthwaite, Brothers Water, Buttermere, Crummock Water, Derwentwater, Grasmere, Ullswater, Rydal Water, Thirlmere and Windermere.

Tour Details

Adult (17 – 59)	£30.00
Seniors (60+) & Students (NUS)	£30.00
Children (5 – 16)	£25.00

Operating: Every day from 31 October 2016 until March 2017.

Times: 09:30– 16:15 approximately, from Windermere Information Centre, LA23 1AD. Only 200m from Windermere Bus & Rail Station.

Hotel collections available from Bowness-on-Windermere & Windermere, and selected locations in Ambleside and Grasmere.

Winter Southern Lakes Highlights

HALF DAY TOUR

Short on time? We have got the ideal scenic tour for you!



Tour Highlights - to tick off your list!

- < Windermere, cruise on the largest lake in England, included in the price.*
- < Hawkshead, time to explore this village, dating back to the 14th Century.*
- < Tarn Hows, a tranquil Lake District beauty spot.*
- < Travel through the Langdales, famous picturesque valleys.*

Tour Description

On leaving Windermere the tour heads to the picturesque village of Hawkshead, followed by peaceful Tarn Hows, with the Lake District Fells in the background.

The tour makes its way through the Yewdale and Langdale valleys, taking in some of the best scenery in the National Park. The afternoon concludes with a lake cruise on Windermere.

Tour Details

Adult (17 – 59)	£30.00
Seniors (60+) & Students (NUS)	£30.00
Children (5 – 16)	£25.00

Operating: Every day from 31 October 2016 until mid February 2017.

Times: 12:00 – 16:30 approximately, from Windermere Information Centre, LA23 1AD.

Hotel collections available from Bowness-on-Windermere & Windermere, and selected locations in Ambleside.

Short Breaks in the Lakes

Why not make the most out of your Lake District visit and book the perfect tour and short break with us.



We have a range of accommodation to suit all tastes. Book it all with us, sit back and relax. All our breaks include transfers from Windermere Rail Station, one or more of our famous day tours and accommodation in either Windermere or Bowness-on-Windermere.

You have the choice of a Traditional Lakeland Guest House or stay in one of the Lake District's finest 4* hotels, The Lindeth Howe County House Hotel, with fine 2 AA Rosette Dining.

We have a range of packages including:

Two Night Stay

Two nights bed & breakfast, return transfers from Windermere rail station and our Ten Lakes Spectacular tour.

£220.00 per person – Traditional Guest House

£330.00 per person – 4* Country House Hotel (including dinner on both evenings)

Short Breaks in the Lakes



Three Night Stay

Three nights bed & breakfast, return transfers from Windermere rail station, our Ten Lakes Spectacular and High Adventure tours.

£310.00 per person – Traditional Guest House

£460.00 per person – 4* Country House Hotel (including dinner on all evenings)

Beatrix Potter Experience – Mountain Goat Exclusive

Staying two nights at the four star Lindeth Howe Country House Hotel on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis. You will receive return transfers from Windermere Rail Station, admission to the World of Beatrix Potter, entry to Hill Top whilst on our Beatrix Potter's Favourite Countryside Tour and a cream tea at Lindeth Howe.

£328.00 per person – Arrival day Sunday to Thursday

£348.00 per person – Arrival day Friday & Saturday

Other packages are available online!

Single supplements and transfers from Oxenholme and airports are available.

To book or for further details please call 015394 45161 or visit our website.

Please note 2016 season prices are stated on these pages.

525 PUBLIC BUS TO HILL TOP & HAWKSHEAD

Mountain Goat operates the 525 Cross Lakes Experience bus service on the West side of Lake Windermere linking Bowness-on-Windermere to Hill Top and Hawkshead. Services are run in conjunction with Windermere Lake Cruises. Please check locally for our stand alone timetable, which is also available on our website.

2016 **FREEDOM TO
EXPLORE**
CROSS LAKES EXPERIENCE

Looking for something more in depth about Beatrix Potter? Why not try our Beatrix Potter tour, leaving Windermere daily at 12:00 noon, please see page 10 for more details

Private Hire & VIP Services



We offer a range of services for groups wishing to enjoy their own day in the Lake District. Our 16 & 8 seater minibuses are available for full and half day hire, including bespoke tours. We also offer UK wide airport and rail transfers.

Mountain Goat's sister company is Park Tours & Travel, who specialise in luxury and premium travel. Our Mercedes Viano is available for those extra special travel arrangements. Call direct on +44 (0)15394 48600 or visit parktours.co.uk.

Terms & Booking Conditions

All tours must be paid in full and prior to departure by either credit/debit card (via the phone/website) or cash by calling in to our office. Please note full payment is required to confirm your booking.

Prices and routes are subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to alter or cancel tours in the event of severe inclement weather, traffic congestion, road closures or for operational reasons.

We regret our tours are unsuitable for children under 5 years of age.

Lunch and refreshments are not included in our tour prices.

If you cancel your tour up to 48 hours prior to your tour start time you will receive a full refund.

If you cancel with less than 48 hours prior to your tour start time no refund will be given.

If we cancel your tour as a result of lack of bookings or unsafe weather conditions you will be entitled to a full tour refund. Please be aware that tours are run to subject to a minimum of 4 or 6 passengers dependent on the tour.

We include a number of attractions in our tours, however these are operated by third parties. Therefore, we are not liable for any damages, losses or closures to do with these third parties.

Full terms and conditions of our services are available on our website.

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HOW TO BOOK

- 1** Come in and speak to one of our friendly members of staff. Why not plan your tour over coffee and cake at our Windermere Information booking office? Only 200 metres from Windermere Rail Station.
- 2** Through your hotel or guest house.
- 3** Visit our new mobile & tablet friendly website with instant booking confirmation www.mountain-goat.com
- 4** Call our booking office direct on +44 (0)15394 45161. Phone lines are open 08:30-20:00.

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