



## ▶ Three Days Around Keswick

Discover the bustling market town of Keswick and its surroundings, with this multi-day trip taking in interesting museums, scenic countryside walks, delicious food and drink, and plenty more. With excellent bus and train connections, it's easy to leave the car at home and explore car free.

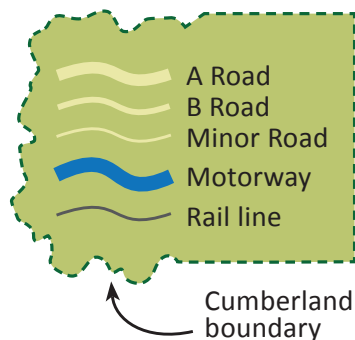
### ★ Highlights

- Countryside walks
- Literary connections
- England's only true mountain forest





## MAP & KEY



- 1 Points of interest
  - Open all year
  - On public transport route
  - P Parking
  - P Accessible Parking/ Drop off point
  - Wheelchair access
  - WC Accessible toilets
  - Hearing loop
  - Refreshments available
  - EV Charger
  - Wifi
  - Dog Friendly
- ACCOMMODATION ONLY:**
- ★ Star Rating
  - £ Price indicator
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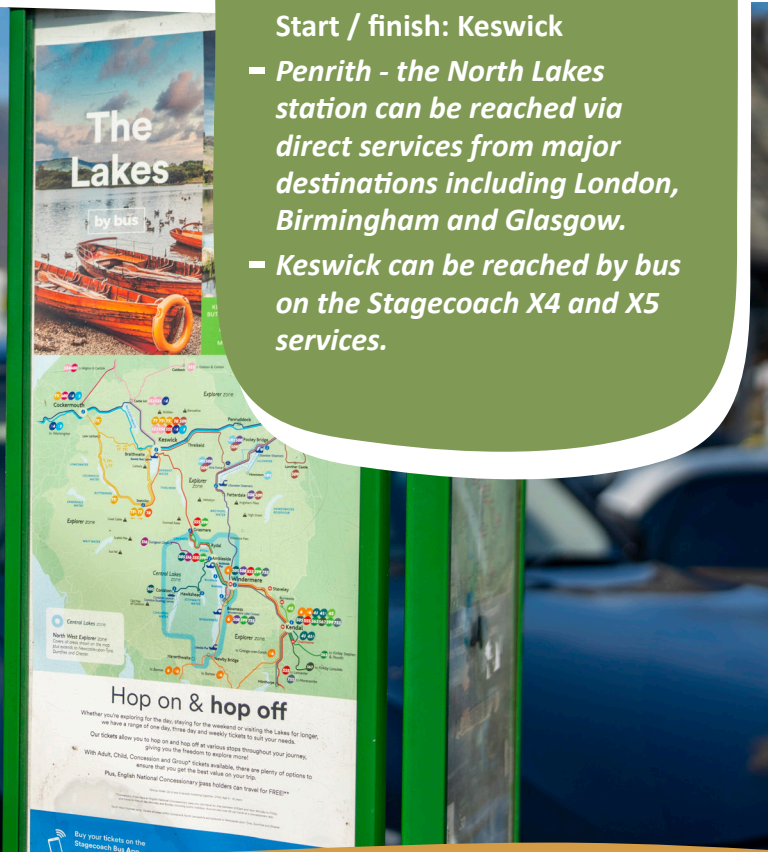
## Good to know

Train travel to Penrith is operated by Avanti West Coast, with tickets available online and via the Avanti West Coast app, as well as through third party operators.

Stagecoach bus tickets are available to purchase online, via the Stagecoach app, and on board the bus.

Start / finish: Keswick

- Penrith - the North Lakes station can be reached via direct services from major destinations including London, Birmingham and Glasgow.
- Keswick can be reached by bus on the Stagecoach X4 and X5 services.





## Where To Eat

### The Round

*21 Main St, Keswick CA12 5BL*  
Creative burgers and expertly crafted cocktails. Walk-ins only.

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### Star of Siam

*89 Main St, Keswick CA12 5DT*  
Authentic, freshly prepared Thai food, cooked to evoke a taste of Thailand.

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### The Square Orange

*20 St John's St, Keswick CA12 5AS*  
A quirky cafe-bar serving up stone-baked pizzas and tapas dishes. Walk-ins only.

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### The Pheasant Inn

*Crosthwaite Rd, Keswick CA12 5PP*

Delicious pub food and local real ales are on the menu at this traditional pub.

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## DAY 1

# Keswick

Lakeland market town of Keswick is known for its beautiful location and bustling charm. Popular with visitors looking to enjoy food and drink, culture, shopping and the great outdoors, it is a great place to base yourself.

### 1 Keswick Museum Station Rd, Keswick CA12 4NF

Learn more about Keswick and the local area at this award-winning museum, located in the picturesque Fitz Park. Explore ongoing and special exhibitions, visit the community gallery, and keep an eye out for talks and events. There are kids activity trails to keep younger visitors entertained.

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### 2 Theatre by the Lake Lakeside, Lake Rd, Keswick CA12 5DJ

With its waterfront location and packed programme, Theatre by the Lake is a great place to catch a show. It's home to two stages: the larger Main House, and the more intimate Studio Theatre. Visiting companies and touring works can be found on the calendar, alongside homegrown productions including classic, modern and new plays. If you're visiting at Christmas, don't miss the theatre's festive family show.

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### 3 Alhambra Cinema 36 St John's St, Keswick CA12 5AG

If film is more your thing, head to the centrally located Alhambra Cinema. One of the oldest cinemas in the UK to be in continuous operation, this beautifully refurbished venue is a great place to relax and enjoy a movie after a day spent exploring. Sit back, relax with a glass of wine or freshly ground coffee, and enjoy the show.

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**DON'T MISS:** The annual Keswick Film Festival takes place at venues including the Alhambra Cinema and Theatre by the Lake in early Spring.





## DAY 2

# Explore the local area, including summer bus connections to Whinlatter

### 4 Puzzling Place

9 Museum Square, Keswick CA12 5DZ

Filled with optical illusions, there's something to entertain all ages at the Puzzling Place World of Illusion. From an 'anti-gravity room' to a 'hologram gallery', prepare to be surprised.



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### Take a hike

Whether you're a beginner looking for an easy route, or an experienced hiker ticking off the Wainwrights, there's a walk for all to enjoy. Many can be reached by foot from Keswick, including Latrigg, Cat Bells and Walla Crag. The Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Trail is an accessible trail which can be enjoyed by a range of users, including trampers and pushchairs.

### 5 Keswick Launch

Various jetties around Derwentwater.

**Ticket office: Launch Co., Derwentwater  
Foreshore, Keswick CA12 5DJ**

Travelling by boat is a great way to see Derwentwater. The Keswick Launch offers boat trips which stop at eight jetties along the way including Ashness Gate (a short walk from the picturesque Ashness Bridge, and popular photo spot Surprise View), Hawes End (for the main walk to Catbells, or a 20-minute walk to the Lingholm Estate). If you're pushed for time, stay on board and take the 50-minute round boat trip.



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**TOP TIP:** Make sure to be prepared before going for a hike. The Adventure Smart website has some great safety tips and advice to help you enjoy your experience.







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## And in the Summer...

The seasonal Honister Rambler (77/77A) bus service runs along a scenic route, taking in lakes and mountains. Beginning and ending in Keswick, the circular route stops at popular sights and attractions including:



**TOP TIP:** Check the Stagecoach timetable before travelling, as route dates and times may vary.

### 6 Whinlatter Forest

Whinlatter Pass, Keswick CA12 5TW

England's only true mountain forest, Whinlatter is home to signposted hiking and biking trails (bike hire is available on site), with some paths accessible for trampers too. You'll also find a Go Ape treetop adventure course; Visitor Centre; Cafe Ambio and Gruffalo Sculptures in the forest.



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**TOP TIP:** Don't miss the panoramic viewpoint on the WOW (Wonders of Whinlatter) trail, with views across Bassenthwaite and Skiddaw.

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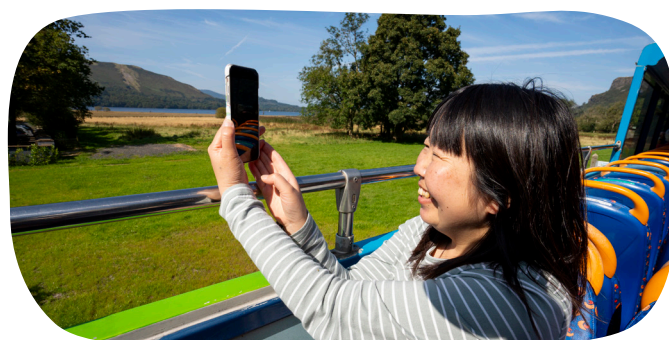
### Honister Slate Mine

Honister Pass, Keswick CA12 5XN

Set within England's last working slate mine, Honister offers a range of unmissable adventure activities - from family-friendly mine tours to the thrilling Via Ferrata. Don't miss the breathtaking infinity bridge: standing 1,000 above the Borrowdale Valley, it's not for the faint hearted!



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## DAY 3

# Cockermouth

Next stop is the pretty Georgian town of Cockermouth, which buzzes with independent shops and foodie treats. Along the way, you'll find attractions to suit all ages - from an award winning distillery to family friendly animal adventures.

## 8 Wordsworth House

Main St, Cockermouth CA13 9RX

One of the world's best-known poets and a pivotal figure in the global conservation movement, William Wordsworth was born in Cockermouth in 1770. His childhood home, Wordsworth House, is now managed by the National Trust and is open to visitors, who can step back in time and enjoy the world through his eyes.



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## Where to Eat

### The Moon & Sixpence

29 Main St, Cockermouth CA13 9LE

Popular coffeehouse known for its speciality coffee and home baked cakes, pastries and breads.

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### The Lane's Cafe & Bistro

1 old kings arms lane, Cockermouth CA13 9LS

Coffee shop serving breakfasts, lunches and home baked cakes, with a focus on local produce.

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### Fika

7A Station St, Cockermouth CA13 9QW

Independent cafe offering daytime and evening dining, with locally roasted coffee and freshly prepared dishes.

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### The Trout Hotel

3 Crown St, Cockermouth CA13 0EJ

From light bites to hearty pub lunches, there are plenty of daytime dining options. Located next to Wordsworth House.

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### Bassenthwaite Lake Station

Bassenthwaite CA13 9YL

Breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea served on the actual train used in the movie, Murder on the Orient Express.

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## Where to Stay

### The Inn on the Square

Market Square, Keswick CA12 5JF

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### Laurel Bank

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### Keswick Country House Hotel

Station Rd, Keswick CA12 4NQ

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### The Royal Oak, Keswick

Main St, Keswick CA12 5HZ

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### Sunnyside Guest House

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## 9 The Lakes Distillery

Setmurthy, Nr Bassenthwaite Lake, CA13 9SJ

Easily accessible by bus, go behind the scenes at this state-of-the-art distillery offering a range of experiences for lovers of gin, whisky and vodka. Tastings and distillery tours with expert guides are available to book, as well as a Single Malt Whisky Experience, Whisky and Chocolate Pairings, and more. The on-site Bistro is a great place to refuel.

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## 10 Lake District Wildlife Park

Bassenthwaite, Keswick CA12 4RD

Take a walk on the wild side: set across 24 acres of parkland, the Lake District Wildlife Park is home to over 100 species of animals including lemurs, zebra and otters. With the backdrop of the Skiddaw massif, it's a unique place to learn more about our planet's wildlife.

Get closer to some of the park's residents with bookable experiences like walking with alpacas, bird of prey experiences, and 'the ultimate animal experience'.

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