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Manchester & The Lake District

(5 nights/6 days)

Shared travel

Self-guided & shared touring combination exploring Manchester & The Lake District



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

A captivating journey through Manchester and the enchanting Lake District.

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Day One – Welcome to Manchester!

Begin your Manchester adventure with a comfortable private transfer from the airport to your hotel, ensuring a smooth start to your stay. After checking in, it's time to make the most of your one day Visit Manchester Pass. Jump on board the Sightseeing Manchester open-top bus as you explore the city. Your first stop will be world famous Manchester City Football Club, where you will participate in a shared guided tour of the stadium. Immerse yourself in the City Story as you walk out of the glass players' tunnel, sit in the seats in the dug outs and soak up the views of the stadium from pitchside! There is a surprise at every turn! There is just enough time left in the day for you to visit The Spirit of Manchester Distillery for a tasting tour before retiring back to your hotel.



Day Two – Discover the city's food & shopping culture.

This morning take a leisurely walk-through Manchester city centre, immersing yourself in the vibrant atmosphere. Discover the historic Victoria Baths, wander through the culturally rich China Town, Manchester has such a wide



variety of neighbourhood's there is shopping on every corner to suit all tastes and budgets. This afternoon join a small group shared food tour for a gastronomic adventure. Sample some of the best food and drink the city has to offer and learn how the food and drink offers an insight into the city's past, present and future. Manchester's food and drink scene is booming. Let them show you why! For your final evening in Manchester head to the dynamic and eclectic Northern Quarter. This lively district is known for its independent shops, street art, and vibrant nightlife. Immerse yourself in the unique atmosphere of the Northern Quarter before heading back to your hotel.

Day Three – From City to Countryside.

Bid farewell to Manchester and make your own way to Manchester Piccadilly train station to board your train that will take you to the Lake District. On arrival in the Lake District there will be a private transfer to take you to your hotel in comfort. On arrival into Bowness on Windermere, your home for the next few days, you will have the afternoon to enjoy at your leisure. Located on the shore of Lake Windermere, this beautiful but compact town has plenty to offer. Spend time wandering around the independent shops, stop for tasty homemade cake in on of the many coffee shops, or enjoy fish and chips as you watch the world go by on Lake Windermere. Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and soak in the beauty of this picturesque town.



Day Four – Lake District Discovery Day

After a hearty breakfast, you will be picked up to join your shared tour spending the full day exploring the Lake District.



The Lake District is renowned for being the most beautiful corner of England, and this full-day Ten Lakes Spectacular tour introduces you to just that. 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 Lake District tour, you will also travel over mountain passes, through beautiful valleys, see waterfalls, and 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 exploring further. Along the

way, you will pass some of the region's most spectacular sights, such as Borrowdale Valley, Newlands Valley, Thirlmere, and Grasmere. A highlight is the Castlerigg Stone Circle, one of the most famous and most visited stone circles in the country. At the end of the tour you will be dropped of at your hotel.

Day Five – Tales of Beatrix Potter & Friends

Starting the day slower today with your morning at leisure, take things at your own pace and enjoy the fantastic countryside surrounding you before enjoying your afternoon shared tour. 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. One of the highlights of the tour is Hill Top Farm. Beatrix Potter purchased the farm in 1905 with the royalties from her first book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. When Beatrix Potter bought Hill Top Farm it was a working farm and remained that way throughout her lifetime and still is today. When Beatrix Potter died in 1943, Hill Top Farm was left to the National Trust with the provision in place that the house was left exactly as she had left it, and it stays that way to date. On this tour you will get a true glimpse in to the life, nature & wildlife that inspired Beatrix Potter's writing.



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Day Six – Time to say goodbye!

It's time to take your last few photographs this morning before saying your final farewells and take your private transfer from the Lake District to Manchester Airport.

INCLUSIONS

- Private transfer from Manchester airport to the hotel (MPV)
- 2 nights accommodation at Doubletree by Hilton Manchester (4*) or similar
- 3 nights accommodation at Macdonald Old England (4*) or similar
- Visit Manchester 1 Day Pass.
- Scrancheater shared Food Walking Tour
- Manchester – Oxenholme Standard Train Ticket
- Private transfer from Oxenholme Station to the hotel (MPV)
- Mountain Goat 10 Lakes Spectacular Shared Tour
- Mountain Goat Half Day Beatrix Potter Shared Tour
- Private transfer from Lake District to Manchester Airport (MPV)
- Breakfast Daily

Pricing

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14 day cancellation policy applies, thereafter full cancellation charges (100%) will apply.

Prices are subject to availability, nett per person based on sharing a Twin / Double, excluding meals unless mentioned & gratuities.

This itinerary can be fully customized.