

Muncaster Castle Group Packages





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Welcome

Muncaster Castle, with a history dating back to prehistoric times, is the jewel in the crown of the Western Lake District. Accessed via mountain passes, steam train and 4x4, the journey to Muncaster is all part of the experience.

Pass through the front door of the castle into the ancient setting of the Great Hall. The medieval fortified Pele Tower is reputedly built on Roman foundations. Experience the ornate state rooms, beautiful furniture, treasures and artworks spanning over 800 years of the Pennington family living at Muncaster.

As a Muncaster visitor you will also enjoy 77 acres of stunning gardens. These are a perfect mix of trimmed lawns, towering shrubs and miles of paths winding through wildlife rich woodland with breath-taking views of England's highest mountains. A joy to explore at any time of year.

Muncaster's conservation based Hawk & Owl Centre is home to a diverse range of birds from around the world with two spectacular daily flying displays. Learn why vultures should be loved, not loathed!

The famous Victorian art critic John Ruskin described the views from Muncaster as "Gateway to Paradise". Why not visit and enjoy these heavenly delights?





The Castle

With over 800 years of history Muncaster Castle has accumulated much heritage, with a richness in stories and contents that will impress the most cultured of travellers.

Since 1208, the castle has been the family home of the Pennington's, and even today, you're warmly invited to be a part of its ongoing story.

Discover the castle at your own pace through a self-guided tour, and get swept away by its stunning beauty and fascinating history.

Optional Extra - Guided Tour:

Join a member of the castle team at Muncaster and tour around the castle state rooms. Hear tales of kings, fools, ghosts and of course the Pennington Family, who still live in the castle today.





The Library



Hawk & Owl Centre Flying Displays

Be inspired to love birds of prey and the wild places they call home.

Muncaster is at the forefront of bird conservation, working to educate and fundraise for efforts to save some of the most endangered birds.

Our bird of prey displays are truly world-class, delivering an awe-inspiring experience that captivates and amazes all who witness their breathtaking majesty.

Flying displays during the main season:

11.30am	World of Owls
2.00pm	Sky Hunters
4.00pm	Falcon at Four

Visit the birds in the centre from 10:30am - 5pm daily and chat to our bird team about their wonderful feathered colleagues.





Flying Display



The Gardens

Explore 77 acres of the most tranquil historic gardens in Cumbria with a blend of cultivated areas, lawns and woodlands.

The gardens are wonderful to explore at any time of year. Spring and the month of May is the peak of the flowering season with camellias, magnolias, bluebells and native wild daffodils abound in March and the rhododendrons and azaleas are a riot of colour throughout the gardens in May.

This wild, woodland garden will surprise and delight with panoramic views around every corner.

Visiting with younger explorers? The gardens are the best adventure playground with designated play areas, an enchanted trail, Yeti Adventure Quarry and giant swing!







The Weapons Hall

Get Ready for an Epic Adventure!

From the precision of axe throwing to the finesse of archery, to the intensity of swordplay and crossbow, there's something for every daring soul.

Have-a-go sessions are included in group rate tickets.

Enjoy unlimited tries at the have-a-go sessions with an Unlimited Day Pass upgrade.

For more in-depth Knight Training opt for a 45minute masterclass to truly hone your skills.

Seize the moment and join us in The Weapons Hall.

Exclusive access to the hall also available for private parties - get in touch for more information.





The Weapons Hall



Catering Options

Muncaster is passionate about high quality local food. Join our chefs in celebrating the produce of local farmers.

We have many different catering options for groups all prepared by Muncaster's Head Chef and team. This ranges from homemade pizzas, soup and sandwiches, afternoon tea, more formal two and three course lunches and anything bespoke in between.

The Stables Cafe

Located in the central Stable Yard and serving a varied menu of hot and cold food, cakes, hot & cold drinks, ice creams and other snacks. Invite your guests to prebook or pay individually on the day.

Old Laundry Function Room

Pre order lunch to be served to your group in our centrally located function room. Varied menu options available.

To discuss requirements and prices please get in touch.





Muncaster Castle



Castle Dining

A real treat.

Delight your guests with an exquisite dining experience within one of the castle's elegant state rooms.

Whether you're savoring a traditional afternoon tea, enjoying a sumptuous lunch, or indulging in a refined dinner, each meal is served with a touch of historical grandeur.

This exclusive setting offers a unique and memorable treat for your group, combining exquisite cuisine with the timeless charm of the castle's opulent surroundings.





Castle Dining



Gift Shops

Muncaster Castle offers a delightful shopping experience with its unique gift shops.

The Bird Box Shop is a haven for nature enthusiasts, featuring an array of nature-inspired products that capture the beauty of the outdoors. Whether you're looking for bird-themed gifts, wildlife books, or handcrafted items, this shop celebrates the splendor of nature.

Our main gift shop provides an extensive selection of souvenirs, local crafts, and exclusive Muncaster Castle memorabilia, ensuring that visitors can take a piece of their magical visit home with them.





Accommodation

There are lots of options for accommodation with us:

10 cosy rooms in the Muncaster Gardens, providing comfortable self catering accommodation for up to 30 people.

22 bedrooms at The Pennington Hotel in Ravenglass, just five minutes drive from Muncaster.

Sella Park Luxury Hotel is 15 minutes away and had 25 bedrooms.

Stay in the Castle - up to 8 people.

Self catering holiday cottages.

Bell Tent Glamping in the Muncaster Gardens.





Facilities

We have plenty of toilets in The Stable Yard and also by the Coach Park. There are accessible loos in both locations too.

Free Coach Parking

Wide variety of catering options

Our gardens have tarmac, grass and gravel pathways some of which are suitable for wheelchair and mobility scooter users.

Adventure play areas - for younger explorers.

2x Gift Shops

Accessibility Information at
www.muncaster.co.uk/accessibility





The Great Hall



Suggested Itinerary

11am	11:30am	12noon	12.45pm	2pm	3pm	4pm
Arrive with a warm welcome by Team Muncaster	World of Owls Flying Display	Lunch - catering options available	Free time to explore the gardens and castle	Sky Hunters Flying Display	Castle Guided Tour	Falcon at Four Flying Display and Departure

Group Pricing

All admission options include access to the Hawk & Owl Centre, flying displays, The Weapons Hall and gardens. Group rates apply to pre booked groups only.

General Admission as outlined above

Main Season:
£16.00 Adult
£9.00 Children 4 - 15years
Under 3 years - free of charge

Winter Season:
£12.00 Adult
£7.00 Children 4 - 15years
Under 3 years - free of charge

Castle Admission including general admission

Main Season:
£21.50 Adult
£11.80 Children 4 - 15years
Under 3 years - free of charge

Winter Season:
£17.00 Adult
£9.50 Children 4 - 15years
Under 3 years - free of charge

Steam on the Wild Side

This ticket includes everything that Muncaster has to offer plus a journey on the nearby Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway
£29.50 per Adult
£19.50 Children 4 - 15years
Under 3 years - free of charge

Private Tours & Experiences

if you would like to arrange a bespoke group visit and we can put together some options for you. This could include: private Castle Tour, an up close and personal Owl Experience or specialist interest topic tour.





Useful Information

Gardens, Hawk & Owl Center, The Weapons Hall
Open 10.30am - 5pm daily

Castle State Rooms

Open 12-4pm daily
Closed some days for private functions - you
will be notified of any restrictions on enquiry.

Flying Displays Daily:

World of Owls - 11.30am in the Hawk & Owl Centre.
Sky Hunters - 2pm on the Flying Meadow.
Falcon at Four - 4pm on the Flying Meadow

Cafes and gift shops open daily.

Please discuss timings when enquiring so we can plan your itinerary for you.

ARRIVING BY COACH?

Please ask your driver to enter via the church gate entrance which is $\frac{1}{3}$ mile south of our main car park on the A595 and sign posted for coach, disabled and accommodation parking. Coach parking is free.

Sat Nav's use CA18 1RQ.

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by a member of Muncaster staff who will answer any question you may have. Your coach driver will be given a voucher to use in our café.

Note to coach drivers arriving from the south - the turning into the church gate entrance is on a bend near the top of a hill and is very tight so please approach slowly.

For larger coaches travelling from the south, proceed past this entrance to our main car park and turn around there. Reapproach the entrance from the north.





To find out more and make a booking

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(We reserve the right to adjust or alter the programme within reason depending on weather conditions and any particular requirements or interests of participants. We recommend good outdoor clothing suitable for possibly wet, cold and windy conditions. It does rain frequently in the Lake District! We will do our best to discuss your interests during the booking process and adapt the programme accordingly.)

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