Muncaster Castle Heritage Experiences

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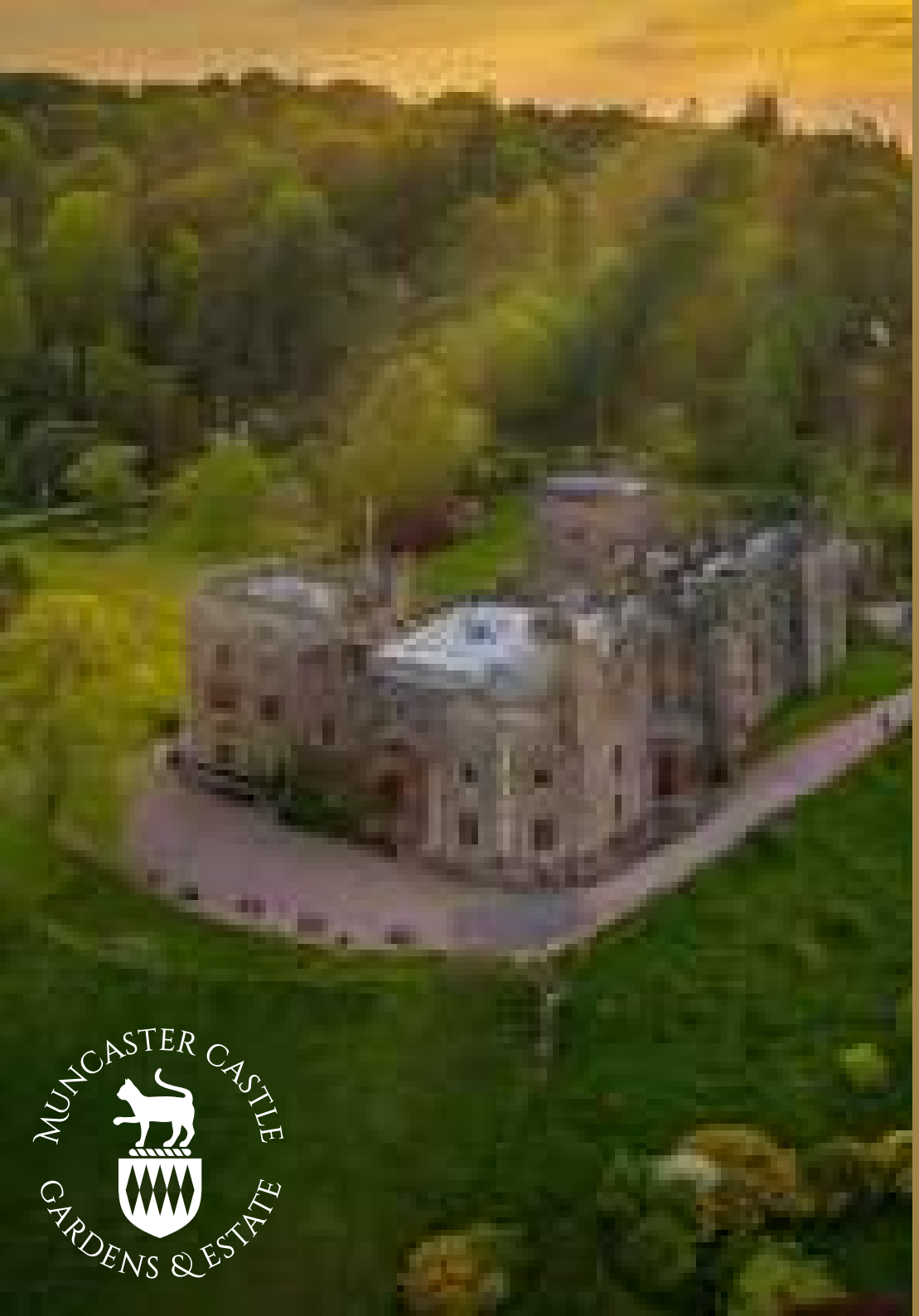
The Castle Lawns



Welcome

Discover the Hidden Treasure of Muncaster
At Muncaster, we know we have something special. We invite you to explore our unique heritage through a range of curated experiences that showcase the castle's charm and history.

Stay in Historic Surroundings
Stay overnight within the ancient walls of Muncaster Castle or one of our charming heritage properties. Wake up to the beauty of centuries-old history all around you.

Dine, Discover, and Delight
Dine in the grand state rooms with the Pennington family, get up close with our magnificent birds, and explore the breathtaking landscapes of the Eskdale Valley.

An Experience Like No Other
Immerse yourself in Muncaster and the Lake District like never before.

Ewan & Peter Frost-Pennington

Experience a Lifetime of Heritage

Muncaster Castle, the ancestral home of the Pennington family for over 800 years, is the gem of the Western Lake District. Still a family residence, the castle is steeped in history and tradition.

Join us for a heritage experience that brings our remarkable past to life. Explore the beautiful gardens, enjoy bird displays, and try interactive medieval skills workshops.

The following pages will help you create your own unique visit based on your interests. Whether you seek excitement, relaxation, or a journey through history, Muncaster has something for everyone.

Stay in the castle

Luxury Stays

Experience an unforgettable stay in the oldest tower of Muncaster Castle.

With three double rooms and one twin room available, this exclusive accommodation offers a truly unique and special experience.

Relax in Lady Muncaster's Room, featuring original wood panelling and a ceiling adorned with William Morris wallpaper, and enjoy the breathtaking views of the valley and gardens from the Tower Suite, furnished with heritage beds that blend comfort and history.

An extraordinary retreat steeped in elegance and charm, perfect for those seeking a tranquil escape in a remarkable setting. Up to 8 guests in 2 suites. For larger groups our sister hotels are just a short drive away.

Sella Park Hotel

Pennington Hotels

The Pennington Hotel in the picturesque village of Ravenglass is a 5 minute drive from Muncaster and has 22 bedrooms.

Sella Park Hotel is 15 minutes drive from Muncaster Castle and is another building steeped in history with 25 luxury bedrooms with quality fabrics, linens and furnishings in calm coordinates enhance the beautiful accommodation offered by this historic property..

Perfect for larger groups.

The Grand Dining Room

Castle Dining Experience

Dine as Lord and Lady Muncaster did in the grand dining room. There is nothing more special than a candle lit dinner in a striking room. You will be hosted by the Pennington family with their ancestors watching the spectacle.

The meal will be accompanied by wines specially selected for Muncaster to complement the dining experience. Our chef and team tailor the experience to your group with everything from a formal black tie meal to a more casual dinner.

The meal can be followed by nightcap drinks in the Library, the family's favourite room. The octagonal room is a masterpiece of architectural grandeur which is complemented by 6,000 books.

The Library

Castle Afternoon Tea

Indulge in a truly British tradition and enjoy a delightful afternoon tea experience in the castle.

Sit back and relax in the elegant surroundings of the castle's grand rooms and savour delicious sandwiches, homemade cakes, and freshly brewed tea.

With views of the stunning gardens and the castle's historic interior, this is an experience not to be missed. Experience the taste of tradition in a magical setting.

The Great Hall

Castle Tour

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. Learn of the Kings who have visited, the scandals and ghosts.

Who better to learn about the history than from members of the family who have inhabited the castle since 1208.

While we can not guarantee the tour guide will be Ewan or Peter Frost-Pennington they are often on hand to give the tour, still living in the castle to this day.

Flying Display

Owl Experiences

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

Many of our visitors complement our flying displays as being by far the best they have seen. We host three of these spectacular displays daily during our main season.

Take your experience to the next level by adding an Owl Experience session to your package. Get up close to these magnificent birds and learn even more about them from our bird team.

Axe Throwing

The Weapons Hall

Get Ready for an Epic Adventure!

Step into our purpose-built Weapons Hall and experience the thrill of precision axe throwing, the skill of archery and the excitement of crossbow.

After your epic battles, unwind in our tavern with refreshing drinks and lively entertainment.

With exclusive access and personalised training from our expert weapon masters, you're set for an extraordinary adventure.

Seize the moment and book your session at The Weapons Hall today!

Gardens & Views

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

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

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 Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway

Trains & Landscapes

The Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway is one of the oldest and longest narrow-gauge railways in England. The line was originally built in 1873 and boasts a fascinating history.

It will carry you up the picturesque valley inland from Muncaster towards the Lake District fells.

Experience all this in style aboard the luxury cabins.

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Wastwater

Lakes & Mountains

Muncaster works beautifully as a base for your wider Lake District itinerary.

Working with local tourism partners, including Mountain Goat, Muncaster can be incorporated into private touring, group excursions and multi-day itineraries.

Nearby Wastwater was voted the best view in Britain by the Brits themselves in a national television series. The lesser known valley of The Lake District has the highest mountain, smallest church and deepest lake in England.

Be enchanted by the surroundings with a walk that allows you to see the iconic views and enjoy a hamper in a unique setting.

Additional Activities

There's so much more to discover at Muncaster. Make your stay even more memorable by including one or more of the activities here...

- Owl Experiences
- Medieval Experience
- Castle Tour
- Murder Mystery
- Fine Dining
- Themed Dining Experiences
- Muncaster Challenges
- Castle Meeting Rooms
- Scafell tour guide
- Water Sports
- Croquet

2 day – Itinerary

Day 1 Morning	Day 1 Afternoon	Day 1 Afternoon	Day 1 Evening	Day 2 Morning	Day 2 Afternoon	Day 2 Evening	Day 3 Morning
Settle into your accommodation	Explore Muncaster	Bird of Prey Experience	Hosted by the Family – Castle Tour & Dinner	Breakfast. Explore Lakes & Mountains with Steam Train ride	Medieval skills activities at The Weapons Hall	Dinner in the castle or hotel restaurant	Breakfast. Departure from the Greatest Experience

We are committed to crafting a personalized itinerary tailored just for you.
Our dedicated Experiences Manager will work closely with you to explore all available options, ensuring your stay is perfectly aligned with your interests and preferences.

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Brampton
Carlisle
Silloth
Wigton
A6
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Alston
Maryport
A686
A594
Penrith
Workington
Cockermouth
A66
Keswick
A595
A66
Appleby
Whitehaven
Brough
A592
A591
A685
IRISH SEA
Egremont
A6
Grasmere
A595
A685
Kirkby Stephen
Ambleside
Hawkshead
Windermere
A683
Coniston
MUNCASTER
A591
M6
Ravenglass
Kendal
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A593
Sedbergh
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Broughton-in-Furness
Newby Bridge
A683
A590
Millom
A595
Cartmel
Grange-over-Sands
Kirkby Lonsdale
Dalton-in-Furness
Ulverston
A65
Barrow-in-Furness
MORECAMBE BAY
Glasgow
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Edinburgh
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Newcastle-upon-Tyne
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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.)