



Memories made at museums on the Lake District's X4/5



Step back in time to the bygone age of romantic poetry on this fabulous day out for literary lovers and those who love to devour the delights of Cumbrian life, history and whisky too! The X4/5 is an enchanted bus ride of captivating twists and turns, of mountain views and the paradisaical Lake Bassenthwaite, through the delightful market town of Keswick, to Wordsworth's home in Cockermouth and the industrious Workington.

08:15

Board the X4 bus just outside Penrith Railway Station, which has easy access by train from London, the Midlands, North and Scotland. Or you can join at Penrith Bus Station at 08:10

09:00

Step off the bus outside the Keswick Park Hotel in the centre of Keswick. Cross the road and turn back a few yards onto Station Road

Make your way up Station Road (on the left), over the River Greta and enjoy a visit to the fabulous, award-winning Keswick Museum, situated in the charming Fitz Park. This Museum lifts the lid on Lake District life with all its characters, heritage, folklore and idiosyncracies. There's a lovely exhibition celebrating the romantic poets from the region, and also a tribute to the early scientific experiments and discoveries in the Lakes.

11:02

Get back on board the X4 bus again at the stop outside the Keswick Park Hotel

11:28

Alight the bus in Pell Wyke Castle Inn, Dubwath and cross the road for the cultural sojourn to continue, this time to the famous Lakes Distillery

This wonderful place is a single malt whisky distillery, offering tours and experiences to learn about the distillation process of whisky, gin and vodka.

13:28

Re-join the X4 bus from where you previously alighted opposite the Distillery

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13:41

Alight the bus in Main Street, which is in the heart of Cockermouth. Cross the road and walk a few yards to the left to Wordsworth House and Gardens, the home of the renowned poet William Wordsworth

Built in the mid-18th century, this delightful Georgian townhouse provides a glimpse of the domestic life of the Wordsworth family in the 1770s. The tranquil gardens surrounding the house are delightful, providing a peaceful retreat from which to admire the views of the River Derwent.

14:41

Cross the road and return to the bus stop in the Main Street and get back on-board the X4 towards Workington.

15:00

Alight the bus in Stainburn Road, just after the turning on the left to Park End Road and walk back a few yards to the Helena Thompson Museum.

This Museum is a collection of 18th and 19th century local history bequeathed by former resident Miss Helena Thompson and is run by a charity, The Workington Heritage Group. It's an elegant grade II listed building and there are great insights into Workington's industrial prowess, which has been so integral to the town's development, as well as exhibits of local trades, crafts and daily life throughout the centuries.

16:22

Cross the road and join the X5 bus back to Penrith, arriving back at the Railway Station at 18:06 or staying onto the Bus Station, 6 minutes later

Also worth checking out in Keswick if you are staying longer:



There's some fabulous walks, including manageable mountains such as Latrigg or Catballs or flat walks like the Derwenter circular or Keswick to Threlkeld Railway trail (close to the Keswick Museum).



Located in Keswick, the home of the first pencil, visitors can enjoy the Derwent Pencil Museum!



There's an invigorating range of independent boutique retailers, traditional coffee shops and an eclectic twice-weekly market.

For further details, be sure to go to:

<https://www.greatscenicjourneys.co.uk/journey/x4-x5-penrith-workington/>

Buses run aprox every 30 minutes

The above timings relate to Mondays to Saturday services

