

Travel to Keswick



NOTES FOR INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

1. For International Air Travellers

The nearest major airports are **Manchester**, **Glasgow**, and **Edinburgh**. International flights coming into one of the London airports can be cheaper, and so it is also worth checking flights to **London Heathrow** in particular.

Although London is much further from Keswick, the train connections are good, and can be as fast as travelling from Glasgow, for example. There are also some international flights into **Newcastle airport**.

2. How to Travel from Airports to Keswick

The nearest train station to Keswick is called Penrith. (More information about how to get to Keswick from Penrith is below.)

For all train information from airports or any other city in the UK, go to www.thetrainline.com (For information on using a bus rather than a train, see section 4 below.)

Train fares are much cheaper when booked in advance. You can do this online at www.thetrainline.com, and an electronic ticket is sent to you.

FROM LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT:

- Take the Heathrow Underground train from the airport into central London.
- Your destination underground station is Euston (a mainline train station in London). Note: there is also a train called the Heathrow Express, but it is best to use the Underground.
- You then travel by fast train from London Euston Station to Penrith – it is a 3-hour train journey.

FROM MANCHESTER AIRPORT:

- Type in Manchester Airport (From) and Penrith (To).
- There will be one or two changes, and the journey to Penrith takes about 90 minutes.

FROM GLASGOW AIRPORT:

- From Glasgow Airport it is necessary to use the bus into the city and then connect with the train. The details are on the website mentioned, and the journey can take 2 hours 30 minutes or more, depending on the times of connections.

FROM EDINBURGH AIRPORT:

- Type in Edinburgh Waverley (From) and Penrith (To).
- The train is direct, and the journey to Penrith takes about 90 minutes.

3. From Penrith to Keswick

Penrith is the nearest train station to Keswick.

From Penrith station there is a bus to Keswick which takes about 40 minutes. The timetable for the **X4/X5/X50** is available to download, but here are the details:

- Go to www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables
- On the right of the screen, for 'Personalised journey timetable', enter the name Penrith in the 'from' box, and the name 'Keswick' in the 'To' box.
- Then enter the date of travel and the range of times you would like to see.
- Then click 'Create your timetable'. A personalised timetable of bus times will then be created on screen.
- Bus timetables might not be available online until Spring, but the buses run frequently in the Summer.

4. Travel by Coach Rather Than Trains

Coaches in the UK are operated by National Express. They are often much cheaper than the trains but are slower! Here is the web site to consult: www.nationalexpress.com

When selecting From and To, you might need to scroll down to select your airport (for example, for London Heathrow, you will need to select London Heathrow Marriott Hotel). Or you might need to use Edinburgh rather than Edinburgh Airport, since the bus goes from the Edinburgh bus station.

Then for destination select KESWICK. If no results appear, type in PENRITH. Then you will need to use the local bus from Penrith to Keswick, as outlined in section 3, above.

The National Express website does give you maps of how to find the bus stations in each location.



5. Plan Your Journey

For general travel information, here is another good website for travel throughout the UK: www.traveline.info

On this site, type in your arrival city or airport, and then type in Keswick as your destination. It will then give you a planned journey.

6. Travelling by Car

There are some advantages in renting a car from the airport, and so it is worth checking prices. This will give you greater mobility, especially if you wish to look around the Lake District whilst in Keswick.

By car: travel on the M6 to junction 40 at Penrith, taking the A66 to Keswick.

A useful road guide is provided by the AA. Type in where you are travelling from and to, and it will provide you with a route map and journey time. It is here: www.theaa.com/route-planner.

7. Accommodation

You will receive news of your accommodation in advance of arrival.

On arrival, please visit our office on the Pencil Factory site to pick up your speaker pack and badge.

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