

Minibus Trips

St Matthews Church, New Hall Lane, Preston

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Here are a few ideas and suggestions for you, it is not a complete list, and you probably have additional favourite trips of your own . All trips can be tailored to your requirements. Nearly all of the trips can be arranged so that there is little or no walking involved.

As well as day trips, the minibus is available for lots of different things – taking groups to events, both local and long distance (Dorset is the furthest currently), family gatherings, shopping, holidays, Scout camps etc.

The minibus normally comes with a volunteer, unpaid driver, often myself, Colin Addison. However, by arrangement, you may be able to use your own driver.

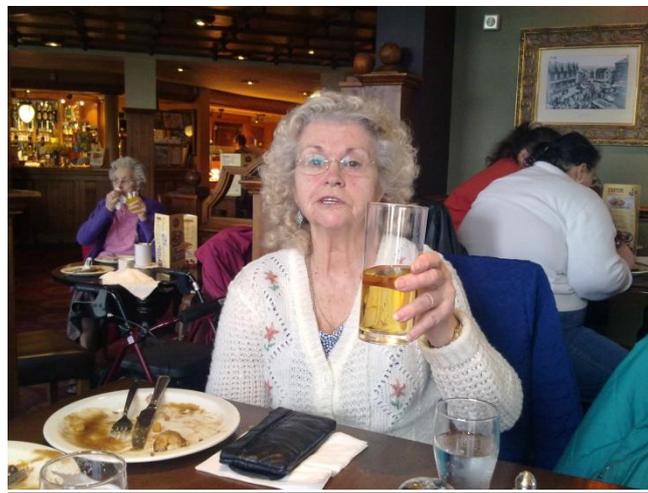
By law the minibus accommodates a maximum of 16 passengers, plus the driver (17 in total) and is restricted to a maximum of 60mph. However, safety, comfort and our environmental policy mean that we drive with respect to other road users and to minimise fuel usage.

Town and Market Trips

TOWN	PRICE BAND
Bury	B
Cleveleys	A
Fleetwood	A
Hawes	E
Llandudno	K
Morecambe	B
Sedberg	C
Skipton	B
Southport	A
Liverpool	C
Whitehaven	K
York	K

The Price band conversion to £ is near the end of this document

Short(ish) day Trips Examples– all Price Band ‘A’



Trough of Bowland (with / without Dunsop Bridge lunch) and afternoon tea at Hornby

Beacon fell with Slaidburn (lunch at ‘Hark to Bounty’)

Knott End with Glasson Dock

Longridge with Chipping, Longridge fell (Jeffrey hill) and Ribchester

Lunch venues – Carvery, pub meals, restaurants - a variety of prices, starting at ‘A’

Full Day Trips - Examples



Pendle Hill & Boundary Mill (optional) – via Longridge Fell, Clitheroe, Sabden, over Pendle Hill & Lunch at surprising Barnoldswick. With an optional stop at Boundary Mill – or Huntley’s farm shop for an ice-cream and a browse. **Price band D**

Settle and Skipton a two centre trip **Price band D**

Settle –(plus settle to Carlisle rail trip can be arranged) **Price band C**

Blackpool Lights including an afternoon in Cleveleys & a stop for a fish & chip tea.

Cinema trip

Theatre outings

Shopping trips

Xmas shopping markets

Weekend to Northumberland

+ other weekend / midweek destinations

Museums

Especially Scenic Trips

Some full day, some a slightly fuller day – but worth it for the scenery!



Ulverston and the Furness Peninsular - Price B

Travel to Ulverston for lunch (we can take you to a fish & chip Restaurant if you wish) & some free time, then travel past the Conishead Priory Buddhist centre to the coast road and wonderful views across Morecambe Bay. Continuing down the coast road, we travel to Rampside where we can see Piel Island (weather permitting).

Turning inland, we drive through the small undulating roads of Furness, with it's moorland and sheep - a hidden gem of South Lakeland. We then pass through the outskirts of Ulverston and on to Newby Bridge for a welcome cup of tea at the Steam Railway café. Finally we head to the M6 and home.

Bowness/ Windermere – or Grasmere

Long Stay – Travel directly to Windermere. Optional drop off & later pick up here. Continue to Bowness for the day. Then return via Windermere and directly to the M6, drive down the side of the lake to Newby Bridge and to the M6. **Price band C**

Scenic Drive – Travel via Newby Bridge beside Windermere to Bowness for lunch & free time. Then we drive along the lakeside, skirt Ambleside and Skelwith Bridge to Coniston Water. We stop for a cup of tea in a café right on the water's edge. The drive back takes us down Coniston Water and through Newby Bridge. Home via the M6. **Price band D**

Note:- Grasmere can be substituted for Bowness in the above trip at a small additional cost. **Price band E**



Buttertubs - Yorkshire dales as you may not have previously experienced. Through Settle, following the famous railway line, a great view of the Ribbleshead viaduct and on to Hawes for lunch. (lots of cafes & chip shops). Then we climb out of the valley & through the 'Buttertubs' – just skirting Kirby Stephen and on to Sedbergh for a cup of tea. **Price band K**

Honister Pass -We set off up the M6 and stop at Lakeland (plastics) & Booths at Windermere for a tea break & a brief shopping opportunity. Then it's via Ambleside, Rydal Water, Grasmere and Thirlmere to Keswick, our lunch stop. There should be time for a brief look at the shops. Then the main event! We travel down Borrowdale, skirting Derwent Water and climb to the summit of Honister pass. The descent takes us to Buttermere and on to Crummock Water. We're now heading towards Cockermouth, but turn off to the right and up Winlatter Pass! Through Winlatter Forest with views of Bassenthwaite Lake to our left, we drop back down to Keswick. We stop at Keswick for a welcome cup of tea. Then to Penrith and the M6. **Price band K**

Kirkstone Pass / Pooley Bridge / Penrith and return via A6 over Shap. **Price band K**

Wast Water – a beautiful hidden gem! Lunch in a pub near Eskdale & through some stunning scenery. **Price band K**

Langdale valley – yet another scenic delight in the Lake District, with lunch in a ramblers pub. **Price band K**

Table of Charges

Code	Cost For the Minibus £	Price Per Head
A	£112	£7.00
B	£120	£7.50
C	£128	£8.00
D	£136	£8.50
E	£144	£9.00
F	£152	£9.50
G	£160	£10.00
H	£168	£10.50
I	£176	£11.00
J	£184	£11.50
K	£192	£12.00

Charging method

St Matthew's church is a registered charity, through the Church of England. By law we are able to recover the cost of running the minibus, but are legally forbidden from making a profit from the minibus fees.

The Payment required is the 'Cost for the Minibus', regardless of the actual number of passengers (max 16). The 'cost per head' is shown to indicate how much each person would pay based on a full bus of 16 people. Additionally, please remember that the driver/host is an unpaid volunteer, giving his/her time freely for your group, and is not a taxi driver. We expect his/her meals to be paid for and him/her to be included in your group where possible.

Payment is required before the trip, however this can also be discussed & varied group by group.

Contact me I'll be pleased to discuss & tailor any of the trips to your individual requirements. **Nothing** is set in stone, we try to accommodate all sectors of the community, including people with limited incomes.

Cancellation Charges – we don't want to do this if possible!



If the minibus is booked for a specific date and then the trip is cancelled, the income is 'lost', our ability to pay our 'fixed' costs is reduced and another group has lost the opportunity to benefit from the minibus for that day.

We wish to be fair and understanding of any circumstances which may result in the cancellation of a booking, so please discuss the issue with us as soon as possible. We're here to help.

Time Before Trip	Cancellation Charge
1 Month	No Charge
2 Weeks	50% of Full Fee
1 Week	100% of Full Fee

Special Features Of The Minibus



The minibus is wheelchair, electric scooter & mobility impaired accessible.

It has a wheelchair / scooter lift (which can also be used to aid those who find steps difficult). Up to 2 electric scooters can be carried inside the minibus – with the owners in the normal minibus seats (with seatbelts). Wheelchair users can either be accommodated in a normal seat (preferred), or stay in their wheelchair. Please contact me if you wish to discuss mobility issues, we can bring the minibus to you for viewing (no charge normally).

We're pleased to offer both group pickup and home pickup.

The minibus has it's own 'Blue Badge', enabling it to access areas other busses can't.

It's large picture windows give unhindered views of the scenery – it thinks it is a little coach, not a minibus!

The bus has a large storage area so is ideally suited for shopping trips, youth groups and holidays etc.

Finally

Please phone me about anything in this document, or just to have a general chat about trips & minibuses. Do some of your group need to be picked up from home? Start times? What dates are available? Who can drive the minibus? How much for a trip you're organising?



The cold winter months? – the minibus has a dedicated passenger area heater, trips can go literally to the door of some pubs/cafes/restaurants, so people can get out of the house without being cold!

I have a MIDAS minibus driver's certificate and I am also a member of the Group Travel Organisers Association.

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