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Go North East launches magical Santa bus tour across the region

Go North East has launched its magical open-top Santa bus which will be touring the region right up until Christmas Eve.

The region's largest bus operator is hoping to spread some Christmas cheer in a time where a lot of things are unable to go ahead, and children will not be able to visit Santa as they usually would.

The bus has been decorated with Christmas lighting that has been kindly donated by Parkside Community Centre, and of course features Santa too.

The non-stopping Santa bus tour, which will not stop at any of the locations but will be moving slow enough, is already under way and will be covering as much of Go North East's operating area as it can over the next week.

A timed schedule will not be published to avoid any crowding, but a summary is available so people can keep their eyes peeled each evening as it passes through the region's villages, towns and cities.

The company is also encouraging people to share their photos on social media using **#GNESantaBus** and will soon be launching a competition.

Go North East Santa bus tour schedule

- **Tuesday 15 December** – Washington, Wardley Estate, Leam Lane, Heworth, Sunderland Road, Gateshead Interchange, Bensham, Whickham, Fellside Park, Swalwell, Metrocentre, Dunston, Blaydon and Winlaton Bus Station.
- **Wednesday 16 December** – Chester Road in Sunderland, Penshaw, Shiney Row, Bournmoor, Woodstone Village, Chester-le-Street, Pelaw Estate, Pelton, Beamish, Stanley Bus Station, Annfield Plain, Leadgate, Consett Bus Station, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert, Aykley Heads and Durham Bus Station.
- **Thursday 17 December** – Houghton-le-Spring, Hetton-le-Hole, Low Moorsley, Easington Lane, South Hetton, Easington Village, Peterlee, Hordon, Easington Colliery, Dalton Park, Murton, Dawdon, Parkside, Seaham Harbour, Deneside, Seaham Grange and Ryhope.
- **Friday 18 December** – Sunderland Park Lane, Roker, Whitburn, East Boldon, West Boldon, Hebburn, Lukes Lane, Heworth, Gateshead Interchange and Low Fell.
- **Saturday 19 December** – route to be confirmed soon – get the latest updates and information on Go North East's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.
- **Sunday 20 December** – South Shields, Marsden, Westoe, West Harton, Simonside, Jarrow, Chirton, North Shields, Tynemouth, Preston Grange, Wallsend, Byker, Newcastle Quayside, Newcastle and Sage Gateshead.
- **Monday 21 December** – Concord Bus Station, Donwell, Blackfell, Oxclose, Lambton, Vigo Lane, Harraton, Fatfield, Washington Galleries, Town End Farm, Downhill, Hylton Red House and Witherwack.
- **Tuesday 22 December** – Newcastle, Coast Road, Battle Hill, New

York, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Earsdon, Shiremoor, Palmersville, Longbenton, Gosforth and Jesmond.

- **Wednesday 23 December** – route to be confirmed soon – get the latest updates and information on Go North East’s [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.
- **Christmas Eve** – rather than on an evening, the tour will run during the day visiting Sunderland, Chester-le-Street, Pelton, Ouston, Birtley, Team Valley, Gateshead Interchange and Low Fell.

Please note that the schedule is subject to change – follow Go North East’s [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates.

Commenting on the tour, Go North East’s managing director Martijn Gilbert, said: “We’re delighted to be spreading some festive cheer this Christmas, especially at a time when a lot of events can’t go ahead as they usually would.

“The Santa bus will be touring the region and although we can’t advertise exact times and attract crowds, we’re asking you all to keep your eyes peeled as it passes through your area.”

The company also published details of its [Christmas and New Year buses](#) earlier this month, so whether you are commuting to and from work, looking for that special Christmas gift, or visiting friends and family as part of your bubble, Go North East has your festive travel needs wrapped up.

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