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Destination Chester! **Romans, Rhinos and Rivers!**

an all-inclusive residential visit for KS2.

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Who are we?

First Education and School Travel are one of the UK's leading providers of school trip packages, working in partnership with over 100 venues and activity providers.

Renowned school tour operator

We are a fully bonded school tour operator working to current UK Package Travel Regulations, meaning your payments are 100% safe with us.

We are members of the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom



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All-inclusive KS2 School Trip Packages

This great value school trip package covers multiple curricular subject areas and offers real learning outcomes for students. The package content is delivered through our delivery partners at Chester Zoo, YHA and Big Heritage. We include all **coach travel, accommodation, meals, plus your packed activity schedule.**



The Venue

YHA Chester Trafford Hall is situated in a spectacular location on the outskirts of the City of Chester. Built in 1756, the Hall is a fine building with fabulous historic character that reflects both the past, and today's modern facilities

Why choose Chester?

Trafford Hall offers a unique opportunity to explore a historic building and the 14 acres of organic gardens and woods. The venue offers bright and welcoming facilities and all bedrooms are en-suite for added comfort. The activities included in day 2 are all delivered on-site, within the fabulous grounds. This means we spend more time taking part and less time waiting around.



The Programme Outline

Includes return coach travel, accommodation, meals and these fabulous KS2 activities and attractions.

Day 1:



City Cruise

Your coach will pick you up from school and travel directly to Chester for your first adventure – a Riverboat Sightseeing Cruise. This half-hour City Cruise is the perfect way to take in the River Dee and historic Chester. Look out for local wildlife such as swans, moorhens, and even kingfishers if you're lucky.



Sick to Death Experience

Following a short walk from the river, next up is **Sick to Death**, a brand-new history of medicine attraction. A playground of plague with a smatter of splatter, and a chance to poke into our medical past. Sick to Death is a tactile and interactive experience, with plenty to read, touch, smell, try on and more. Take a stroll through diagnosis alley, filled with pestilence and plague and learn all about the Quack Doctors who deceived the world.



Deva Roman Experience

Next we visit the Deva Roman Discovery Centre, a fully immersive and interactive experience. Your group will be transported back to the time of the Romans, where they will travel across the sea to the North of Britannia, to the Roman Fortress of Deva! Voyage back 2000 years to when the Romans ruled the land, and become a proud member of the XX Legion Valeria Victrix!

At around 4pm your coach will collect you and head the short distance to YHA Chester Trafford Hall, your home for the next two nights.

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Day 2: Discovery Activities at Chester Trafford Hall

After a comfortable night's sleep and a fabulous breakfast you are then ready for a full day of Discovery Activities. Your morning activities will include 2 x 90 minutes activity sessions, breaking around noon for your packed lunch. The afternoon takes in a further 2 x 90 minutes activity sessions before we go back for the evening meal, followed by a campfire – a chance to share spooky stories and funny tales.

Activities to choose from:

Archery

Archery sessions offering a focused skill in accuracy, control and a steady hand.

Fencing

Fencing increases focus and concentration, as well as the powers of observation.

Night Line

An exploration of the senses and suitable for all ages. This is a great team activity or equally fun as an individual challenge.

Orienteering & Map Skills

Identifying and interpreting symbols used on an orienteering map with the aim to be able to use a compass to aid with map setting and directions.

Environmental Art

Design and present a piece of art to the group. Explore the grounds for materials to use in your artwork and show off your skills.

Fire Lighting

Work as a group in the outdoors to safely start a fire, learn about the fire triangle and practice creating a spark using a flint and steel.

Bush Craft, Den/Shelter Making

Bushcraft, used interchangeably with "wilderness skills," focuses on using resources available in the natural environment for survival to create a den or shelter.

Rockets

Design and build a water bottle rocket that flies straight and in the desired direction.

Evening Camp Fire

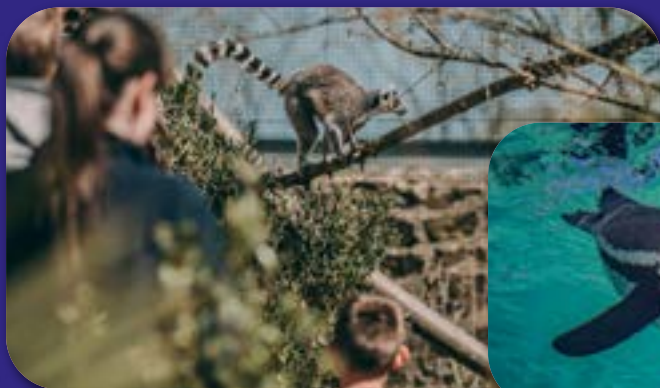
Campfires are a great opportunity to share memories and stories whilst also having fun with campfire songs and toasting marshmallows.



Day 3: Chester Zoo

Wake up! It's time for breakfast and then to pack your bag and load it on the coach. There's still lots of animal adventures ahead! Your coach will depart Trafford Hall around 09.30 ready to take the short journey into the City of Chester. You will then experience a truly memorable visit to **Chester Zoo**.

This world famous zoo and conservation project is home to over **37,000** animals from **520 species**, set in over **128 acres**. Explore over 10 indoor habitats including the UK's largest tropical biodome. Learn about the conservation breeding programmes the Zoo directly plays a key role in, and how this is vital to the survival of species.



Get a chance to experience some of the world's most incredible and often rare animals up close. Chester Zoo is the UK's favourite Zoo and this will be a day to remember for years to come!



Once you have exhausted the enclosures, the coach will then collect you around 13.30 and take you back to school in time for picking up at the end of the day. Phew!

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What's on the menu?

The residential package includes a full board meals service covering breakfast, packed lunch, and a two-course evening meal.

Breakfast is a buffet, with guests choosing items from a range of cooked food (sausage, bacon, hash brown, tomato, beans, scrambled eggs and vegetarian sausage), continental pastries, cereal, yoghurt, fruit juice, along with tea and coffee.

Packed lunches consist of a pre-ordered sandwich, a piece of fruit, a biscuit bar and a bag of crisps. As part of our efforts in reducing plastic waste, bottled drinks are not provided – we recommend that participants bring a re-fillable water bottle for use throughout the visit.

Evening meals vary on different days. We provide your menu in advance to allow you to make your individual choices in plenty of time. The team can cater for most allergies and other dietary requirements with advanced notice.

Group leaders are sent meal choice forms ahead of the visit to allow participants to make their choices and return them along with details of any dietary requirements.

Be more inclusive

We understand how the cost-of-living pressures will be affecting some children's opportunity to take part in a school trip. You can help parents to include their child by moving your trip to a lower season month, thus reducing the cost and encouraging more pupils to take part. Try travelling between October and March when costs are lower.



How to book

Simply let us have some details of your school location, age group and a close idea on the numbers of children and staff you envisage taking part in the visit.

We then just need an idea of your ideal dates to check availability and come back to you with an all-inclusive price.

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