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Low season
special offers
for visits taken
between
November 2026-
March 2027

Our school residentials with 5 new venues to choose from

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discuss your requirements.



We are thrilled to announce an extension to our partnership with



PGL where we will be providing a range of all-inclusive school trip packages at 5 of their spectacular venues.

As with ALL our school residential visit packages we will provide:

return coach travel, accommodation, meals and a superb programme of activities

All included in one straightforward price.

Introducing our partners – PGL

PGL is one of the UK's leading outdoor education providers, unlocking potential in young people through adventure. For decades, they've created residential experiences that foster confidence, independence, resilience and lifelong memories for young people, teachers, group leaders and parents.

With centres across the UK and France — and new sites designed to the highest modern standards — they deliver transformational experiences that inspire young people to try new things, discover their strengths and thrive beyond the classroom.

All PGL centres hold the **Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC)** Quality Badge, providing schools with a trusted benchmark of high-quality learning and robust risk management.



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 through our membership of the British Coach Holidays Financial Protection Scheme. This means your deposit payments are 100% safe with us. See our website for details: www.firsttravelsolutions.com/fest

We are members of the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom

The all-inclusive package

These great value, all-inclusive curricular linked residential visits are delivered in partnership with PGL at **5 incredible venues** – each package is renowned for delivering high quality accommodation, nutritious meals and a superb activity programme – all of which offer great value for money and are delivered all year round. Why not take advantage of the lower costs for visits delivered between November and March.

2 nights / 3 days – Arriving at lunchtime on Day 1 – departing at lunchtime on Day 3 – activities are delivered during the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Starting with the afternoon on Day 1.

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Every package includes:

- **Return Coach Travel** – door to door safe and reliable coach transport
- **Three nutritious meals a day** with full dietary support
- **All daytime activities**, tailored to age, ability and learning outcomes
- **Supervised evening entertainment**, from campfires to pool sessions and team games
- **All specialist equipment** and instruction, delivered by trained instructors
- **Dedicated support**, including a group coordinator (“Groupie”) for your stay
- **Pre-visit planning**, risk assessment guidance and full trip preparation support

The Venues

PGL Overstrand Hall – Norfolk

As you drive through the gates, a breathtaking sight awaits – the stunning Lutyens Manor House, home for schools and groups during their unforgettable adventure.

But beyond this stately retreat lies an electrifying world of adventure! Nestled within stunning landscapes, and lush wooded gardens, on the Norfolk coast, this thrilling activity centre is home to activities that will challenge our guests to push their limits and make incredible breakthroughs. From soaring through the sky on the Giant Swing to working together to conquer the vertical challenge. We look forward to welcoming you to Overstrand Hall.

PGL Overstrand Hall, 48 Cromer Rd, Overstrand, Cromer NR27 0JJ

Total Beds: 250

Activities Available: Abseiling, All Aboard, Archery, Archery Tag, Climbing, Disc Golf, Eco Explorer, Fencing, High Ropes Course, Jacob’s Ladder, Sensory trail, Survivor, Trapeze, Tunnel Trail, Vertical Challenge.



PGL Dearne Valley – South Yorkshire

Formerly the Earth Centre, one of the Millennium Commission projects, Dearne Valley was transformed into a state-of-the-art activity centre in 2012. Dearne Valley is an environmentally sustainable centre, featuring an on-site water treatment plant.

With fantastic indoor and outdoor activity facilities surrounded by the beautiful countryside of South Yorkshire, a purpose-built water sports lake and access to the adjacent River Don, Dearne Valley is the perfect location for an outdoor adventure.

PGL Dearne Valley, South Yorkshire DN12 4EA

Total Beds: 777

Activities Available: Abseiling, Aeroball / Airball, All Aboard, Archery, Archery Tag, Buggy Build, Canoeing, Climbing, Disc Golf, Fencing, High Ropes Course, Jacob’s Ladder, Kayaking, Laser Tag, Orienteering, Problem Solving, Raft Building, Sensory trail, Survivor, Trapeze, Vertical Challenge, Zip wire Walking Finish



PGL Grosvenor Hall – Kent

Set in the beautiful grounds of a former manor house in Ashford, Kent, Grosvenor Hall offers a huge range of activities as well as fantastic facilities and learning spaces.

From the moment our guests enter the gates, they are immersed in the high-adrenaline excitement of the centre as they pass a mix of activities and breathtaking lake! As they explore the centre our guests continue to discover everything Grosvenor Hall has to offer including a sports hall that caters for a wide range of indoor activities.

PGL Grosvenor Hall, Kent TN25 4AJ

Total Beds: 806

Activities Available: Abseiling, Aeroball / Airball, All Aboard, Archery, Archery Tag, Buggy Build, Canoeing, Climbing, Disc Golf, Fencing, Giant Swing, High Ropes Course, Jacob's Ladder, Laser Tag, Orienteering, Problem Solving, Raft Building, Sensory trail, Survivor, Trapeze, Zip wire Walking Finish

PGL Little Canada – Isle of Wight

Little Canada is the perfect location for an all-round outdoor experience. This beautiful location enjoys private access to a creek for watersports including dragon boating and keelboat sailing.

Back on dry land, there are zip wires, giant swings, a tunnel trail and lots more to engage, motivate and inspire. Little Canada is a big centre, with a big personality to match!

PGL Little Canada, Isle of Wight PO33 4JP

Total Beds: 700

Activities Available: Abseiling, Aeroball / Airball, Archery, Archery Tag, Axe throwing, Buggy Build, Canoeing, Climbing, Dragon boat, Fencing, Giant Swing, Jacob's Ladder, Kayaking, Keelboat, Laser Tag, Orienteering, Problem Solving, Sensory trail, Survivor, Trapeze, Vertical Challenge



PGL Winmarleigh Hall – Lancashire

Located near the Forest of Bowland, Winmarleigh is a popular choice with visitors from the north-west of England. Watch your group build confidence as they leap for the trapeze bar, discover the natural leaders in a raft building challenge and see quieter characters come out of their shell as they brave the giant swing!

There are some fantastic adventure activities to enjoy on land and water and some great facilities including floodlit activity areas, sports pitches, games rooms and plenty of classroom space.

Winmarleigh Hall, Church Lane, Preston PR3 0LA

Total Beds: 360

Activities Available: Abseiling, Aeroball / Airball, Archery, Archery Tag, Buggy Build, Canoeing, Climbing, Fencing, Giant SUP, Giant Swing, Jacob's Ladder, Survivor, Trapeze, Vertical Challenge



What's on the menu?

The on-site catering teams uphold high standards of inclusivity. Each venue provides **fully catered stays**, offering hot meals, salad bars, packed lunches and specialist provision for dietary needs – including **Coeliac UK-accredited catering**, allergen-safe processes and tailored alternatives for different cultural, medical and lifestyle requirements.



Be more inclusive Reducing the cost for parents

We understand the current impact of cost-of-living increases on household budgets. We recognise how this will be affecting some children's opportunity to take part in a school trip.

You can help parents to include their child in a visit by moving your trip to a **low season month**, reducing the cost burden significantly and thus encouraging more opportunities for more children.

We can beat the squeeze on budgets with our low season residential packages, delivered between November and March when significant savings can be made.

These special prices are only available when booked directly with us as an all-inclusive package.

How to book

Simply let us have some details of your school, age and year group, your proposed group numbers and your ideal dates & venue. We will then check availability and come back to you with one all-inclusive price.

Simple as that!

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