

## **Discover New Ideas for School Visits at Excursions™ 2012 Exhibition: 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Come along to the Excursions™ 2012 exhibition on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January and you will discover a raft of fresh ideas for educational school visits from a huge variety of attractions, destinations and tour operators. The UK's premier, free entry, one-day group travel show, Excursions™ will be held at Alexandra Palace in North London from 10.30am to 4pm.

Many of the attractions produce education resource packs and run workshop sessions tying in with the national curriculum, while selected tour operators offer special trips for schools.

Exhibitors from in and around London include Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, a faithful reconstruction of the 1599 open-air playhouse where the Bard worked and for which he wrote many of his greatest plays; today it provides a unique resource dedicated to the exploration of his work. Other London exhibitors include the Royal Air Force Museum with its interactive gallery where children can discover the science of flight; the Household Cavalry Museum; the Wallace Collection and the capital's iconic Tower Bridge, hailed as a Victorian marvel.

Three exhibitors from Hampshire's south coast offer educational resources ensuring a worthwhile visit to the region, namely the Historic Dockyard at Portsmouth, which includes the Mary Rose Museum and HMS Victory; the 170m high Spinnaker Tower, also at Portsmouth and boasting Europe's largest glass floor and the Royal Navy Submarine Museum at nearby Gosport.

For schools planning trips around Kent, Britain's oldest brewery Shepherd Neame, offers tours for students aged over 14, while the Maidstone Museum and Bently Art Gallery run a vibrant programme of interactive workshops. Details of the extensive educational resources at Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire will also be available at Excursions™ as well as a chance to book a ride on the West Somerset Steam Railway and learn about 150 years of railway history with station and museum tours, talks and behind the scenes visits to engine sheds. Also offering school visits in the West Country is the Seaton Tramway, which will be exhibiting on the Exeter & the Heart of Devon stand.

Free coach travel with pick-ups from around 20 towns and selected London mainline stations is available for teachers travelling from outside the capital. Everyone who pre-registers and comes along on the day will also be entered into a free prize draw to win one of the many exciting prizes offered by exhibitors.

To pre-register for entry into Excursions™ and book a coach transfer visit [www.excursions.org.uk](http://www.excursions.org.uk) or call 023 8062 5472.

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