

NEW IDEAS FOR SCHOOL TRIPS AT EXCURSIONSTM2011

Fresh ideas for days out and short breaks from a huge variety of attractions, destinations and tour operators will be available at ExcursionsTM 2011, the UK's premier one-day group travel show at Alexandra Palace, North London on Saturday, 15th January (10.30am-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.

Amongst the many exhibitors is Shakespeare's Globe theatre in London which will have information about its Lively Action workshops. These are run by Globe Education for key stages 2, 3 and 4 (GCSE), A level and special needs students and usually include an interactive session and guided tour. Dickens World, Kent will be promoting its extensive new education offer, which covers many areas of the curriculum and will enable schools to combine an educational trip with a great fun day out.

The Canterbury Tales attraction runs themed weeks throughout the year giving pupils hands-on experiences allowing them to better understand Chaucer's Tales and medieval life, while Delfont Mackintosh theatrical booking service offers special school rates. Their education department also runs lively, practical workshops for some popular West End shows such as Les Miserables and The Phantom of the opera plus backstage tours.

Other exhibitors which have educational resources include RSPB Rainham Marshes; Blenheim Palace; the Ironbridge Gorge Museums, a member of the Shropshire Star Attractions group and the Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth which boasts Europe's largest glass floor.

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 ExcursionsTM and book a coach transfer visit www.excursions.org.uk or call 023 8062 5472.

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