

# EXAMPLE SCHOOL TOUR

Summer 2022

## CONCERT VENUES, ACTIVITIES and EXCURSIONS

Information Booklet

# Jersey Zoo

Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust  
Les Augrès Manor  
La Profonde Rue  
Trinity JE3 5BP  
Tel: 01534 860071



Coach drop-off: Is in the main front car park

## Useful Info

- Your admission to the zoo has been pre-arranged under Jersey Academy of Music.
- Take note of the animal feeding time talks, as this is always very interesting.
- The gorillas, orangutans, amphibians, bats, and butterflies are all not-to-be-missed!
- There are educational hand-out sheets with questions and challenges for the children as they explore the zoo.
- Performing at Jersey Zoo: On arrival, make your way to the courtyard of Augres Manor, so take the path to the immediate right once you are through reception, and follow it round the right-hand corner and through the archway to get to the courtyard. There is a room available in the manor house for storing instrument cases, bags etc (enter through the main front door in the centre up the steps, the room is on the right). You can set up and rehearse if required, and then the children can go off to explore the zoo before returning for the concert. In the event of bad weather, the Princess Diana Theatre

# Mont Orgueil Castle

Gorey

Contact: Nicky Lucas Phone: 01534 853292



Coach drop-off: Is on the road-side, so you need to follow the path to the castle entrance

Coach pick-up: The coach is not able to wait at the drop-off point, and so pick-up needs to be from the designated coach area on the harbour. Follow the stairs opposite the castle's reception hut down to the harbour, and the coaches are based near the main road at the entrance to the harbour.

## Useful Info

Your admission to the castle has been pre-arranged under Jersey Academy of Music, via Nicky Lucas and Gina Walsh (Jersey Heritage).

If you are performing at the castle, then there are three good performance locations which you can choose according to weather/wind etc:

- Lower Ward – the large open area as you enter the castle after reception (there is also an excellent 'fanfare' location up above the portcullis!), with the musicians set up with their backs to the wall overlooking the sea.
- Middle Ward – follow the first long set of steps up and around until you reach a large enclosed garden area, musicians can be set up with their backs to the sea, and audience on the lawn. A better acoustic here compared to the Lower Ward because of the more enclosed nature of the area.
- Medieval Great Hall (and also Tudor Great Chamber) – follow the next long path up to the main castle, and then within the castle building you will find the Medieval Great Hall on the left hand side off the corridor up the steps (it has white walls and a brass sculpture of medieval faces which can provide the backdrop to the performance area). The Tudor Great Chamber is further up the corridor then up the steps to the right (and has a hologram image of the Queen on the far wall).

You can decide according to the weather which area(s) to use for performances, and you can even hold performances in more than one area and have the audience walk with you from performance to performance.

Complimentary Activities: If you have spare time, then there is a staircase directly opposite the reception hut which leads directly down to the pretty harbour. There is also a nice seafront promenade walk which leads from the harbour to a nice area of the beach (shown on the map), allow 15 to 20 mins each way.

# Kayaking/Inflatable Rides/Speedboat Rides with Absolute Adventures

St Brelade's Bay

At the water's edge on the beach opposite the Crab Shack

Contact: Sean Kinsella (Operations Manager) Mobile: 07829 881113



**Coach Drop-Off:** Is above the Crab Shack café, so turn right as you exit the coach and then follow the nearby steps down to the promenade. Make your way down to the beach, and look out for the Absolute Adventures vehicles and kayaks further down near the water.

## Useful Info

What to bring:

- For kayaking - shoes that can go in the water (and a bag to put them in for the return coach trip)
- Hat/sunblock/sunglasses
- Water bottle/snacks
- Swimming gear/towels
- Football/Cricket Set/games etc (fun on the beach whilst waiting before or after the session)

Before leaving Chateau Vermont, we would recommend giving children the opportunity to put on their swimming costumes under their clothes to save time at the beach (there are no changing facilities at the beach), and apply sun block.

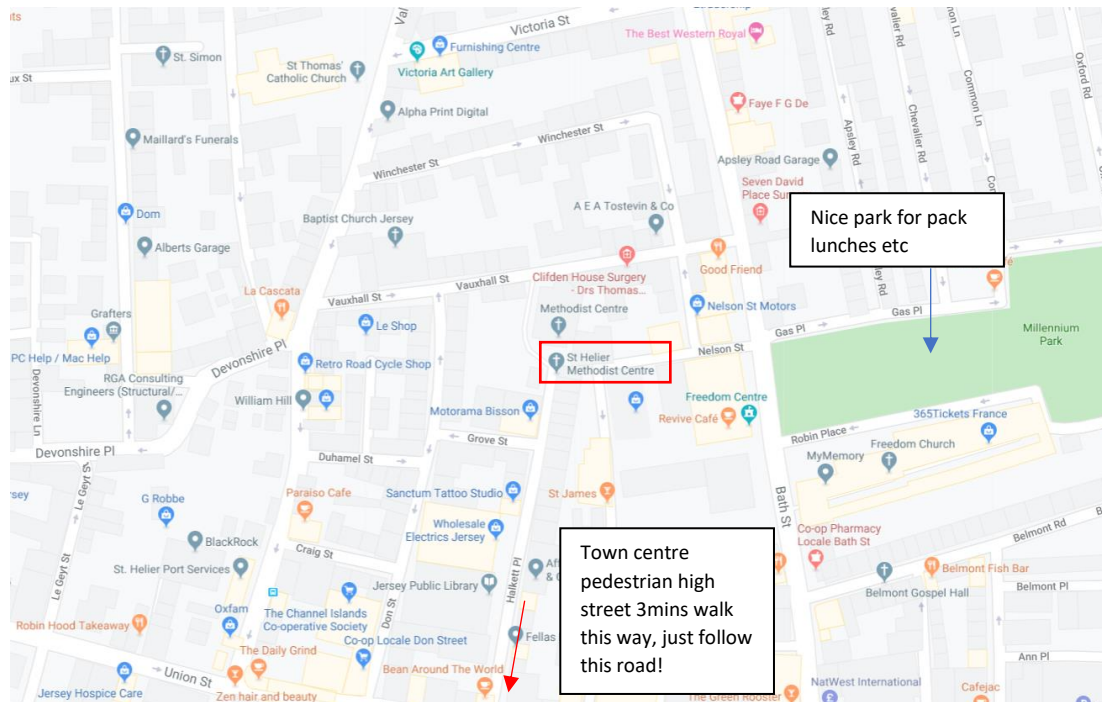
**Format:** We would recommend creating a 'base' for everyone's bags and a supervising member of staff up on the dry sand within striking distance of the Absolute Adventures vehicles (which are near the sea – at low tide this can be a fair walk away!). From here the children can go down in supervised groups to Absolute Adventures to sign in for their activity at the set time (arrive 10mins before the activity time as they will need to put on wetsuits, helmets, life jackets etc, which takes a bit of time), and the remaining children can play games (beach football, cricket, sand castles etc!) near where your base is. You can therefore supervise everything from a central location.

Public toilets are located next to the Crab Shack.

# St Helier Methodist Centre

Halkett Place  
St Helier JE2 4WH

Contact: Sarah Keenan-Fox (Church Administrator) Office: 01534 877517 Mobile (emergencies): 07797779725



## Useful info

- On arrival at the church, sometimes the main front doors are shut so you have to enter through the café area on the right hand side as you face the building.
- There is a passenger lift for taking heavy instruments up to the church, this is accessed through the café turning left as you enter and go round the corner.
- There is a 'greenroom' area at the back of the church, behind the stage area, where instrument cases and bags can be left, and performers can enter the stage area from here for the concert itself. It consists of three separate areas, a large central room, and then a room to the left corner (as you face the stage) which, importantly, contains all the light switches for the main church, and a room to the right (called Chapel).
- The grand piano can be used, and with four people helping it can be moved across to the central area as required. The wheels are a little stiff, and the floor is a little uneven in place so it needs a bit of TLC to get it across! (advice is 'lift and push'!)
- The church organ can probably be used if required, we will need to check with the church in advance.
- There is an audio and visual projector set-up available, please notify us if you would like to use this. You will probably need to supply an operator.
- The stage will most likely have some tables and chairs from the services, these can be pushed carefully to the back, under the raised area. The wooden railings can be lifted out and stored also.
- The church can install some extra staging to make the performance area wider, but we will need to notify them in advance if this is required.
- The two corridor spaces at either side of the stage area must be kept completely clear for fire escape purposes.
- Retiring Collection – please remember to announce the fact that there is a retiring collection, and ask four children to hold baskets, standing at the outside doors so that it also catches any audience that are upstairs and come down the rear stairs.
- The church hall is downstairs near the café, and this area can often be used for a post-concert reception if required. We need to provide squash and biscuits (no alcohol allowed), and can use the churches' jugs and glasses, but please remember to wash everything up and tidy up at the end.

# COACH TRANSPORT - TANTIVY

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## Useful Info

- Chateau Vermont pick-ups: The coach will be waiting outside the main front gate on the road. Please ensure that the group is ready-to-go as soon as the coach arrives as it is a public road. We would recommend having one member of staff situated next to the coach, and another member of staff at the front door of the house.
- All other pick-ups: Please ensure that your group is ready at the designated location at the designated time, as for some pick-ups the coach will be waiting on a public road (and potentially blocking that road). This is specified on the descriptions above in this document if this is the case.
- In the event of non-attendance, or should the coach not appear for any reason, then please contact the main phone number above. If after-hours, there will be a message on this phone number to give details of the mobile number to call for emergency contact.
- Beach visits: It is very important that everyone is fully dry and wearing dry clothes (no damp swimming shorts!). Please note that it is not acceptable either for children to wrap 'dry' towels around damp clothes underneath, they need to be fully changed. Shoes need to be worn, and everyone needs to do their best to remove excess sand from their shoes before entering the coach (in reality the shoes do not need to be pristine, as in practice it is almost impossible! But the drivers will appreciate all the support you can give to keep the coach free from too much sand).
- Leaving the coach: Please note that your coach is part of a fleet of vehicles, and you are unlikely to have the same coach for each journey, therefore ensure that on leaving the vehicle you take absolutely everything with you.
- Some of the coaches have a tannoy system/microphone, so you just need to ask the driver if you need to use this during your trip to talk to your group.
- Should the times need to be changed for whatever reason please give as much notification as possible.