



# Osmington Bay Excursion Guide

## Planning your Itinerary

We want to make organising your trip as simple as possible. This guide contains information to help you plan your trip, but if you have any questions, please contact your Tour Organiser who will be happy to help.

When completing your itinerary planner, please consider the travel time to and from the venue, especially in or around cities, particularly during rush hour or on public holidays. Public holidays can also mean longer queues at attractions and some attractions may be closed.

Coach drivers' hours are regulated by law. The rules are complex but there are a few basic principles you can use to help ensure the smooth running of your trip;

- Drivers can drive for up to nine hours per day
- Drivers must have a 45-minute break after 4½ hours' driving
- Drivers can work for 13 hours per day (this includes time spent stationary whilst the group are visiting an attraction)

If your plans conflict with drivers' hours regulations, we will let you know so that we can agree a suitable alternative.

## Risk Assessments

In line with the recommendations of the School Travel Forum and BAPA, and in order to identify potential hazards, PGL monitors feedback from PGL staff and groups regarding the attractions included in this guide. We would stress that risk assessments can only be undertaken by the party leader who is familiar with the specific requirements of the participants and we encourage you to make preview visits for this reason. The majority of attractions/sites visited by schools on PGL tours are open to the public. They are responsible for the health and safety of all their visitors including groups travelling with PGL. We have no liability for the standard of their provision, and schools visit these attractions/sites at their own risk.

## Excursions

This guide contains details of the most popular visits and excursions near Osmington Bay. Many attractions offer educational programmes or curriculum-based activities, so speak to your PGL Tour Organiser for further information or visit the attraction's website. Individual venues will be able to advise you on what is most relevant to your particular needs and we will forward details of their educational material to you in your final information pack.

Unless otherwise stated, guides and entrance fees to museums, galleries and places of interest etc. are not included in the cost of your tour. All entrance fees must be paid locally by the group.

### **Brownsea Island**

Brownsea Island is located in the centre of Poole harbour and is reached by a 20-minute ferry boat ride from Poole quay. The island boasts 500 acres of woodland, 200 of which is a nature reserve where peacocks, red squirrel and deer roam wild. There is also a nature trail, numerous safe sandy beaches, superb harbour views and good picnicking areas.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brownsea-island](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brownsea-island)

**Duration:** 2 hours – Half Day



### **Buckler's Hard Maritime Museum, Beaulieu**

Nelson's fleet was built here and today the historic buildings recreate village life in the 1790s.

[www.bucklershard.co.uk](http://www.bucklershard.co.uk)

**Duration:** 2 – 3 hours

### **Corfe Castle, Wareham**

This is one of the most impressive ruins in England and an important medieval royal fortification commanding a cleft in the Purbeck Hills. Corfe Castle is a National Trust property.

[www.corfe-castle.co.uk](http://www.corfe-castle.co.uk)

**Duration:** 1½ hours

### **Dinosaur Museum, Dorchester**

The museum combines life-sized reconstructions of dinosaurs with fossils and dinosaur skeletons to create an exciting hands-on experience.

**Website:** [www.thedinosaurmuseum.com](http://www.thedinosaurmuseum.com)

**Duration:** 1½ hours

**Liberty's Owl, Raptor and Reptile Centre, Ringwood** - A large collection of birds of prey, including owls, hawks, falcons and vultures, as well as a collection of reptiles and other creepy crawlies in the reptile house.

[www.libertyscentre.com](http://www.libertyscentre.com)

**Duration:** Half Day

### **Lulworth Cove Heritage Centre**

Includes various informative exhibitions and displays showing the history of Lulworth, from its famous geology to wildlife and local history.

[www.lulworthonline.co.uk](http://www.lulworthonline.co.uk)

**Duration:** 1 hour

### **Monkey World, Wareham**

Monkey World assists governments around the world to stop the smuggling of primates from the wild. At the centre, refugees of this illegal trade as well as those that have suffered abuse and neglect are rehabilitated into natural living groups.

[www.monkeyworld.org](http://www.monkeyworld.org)

**Duration:** All Day

### **New Forest Museum and Visitor Centre, Lyndhurst**

The New Forest Museum is packed full of displays and activities about the New Forest National Park. The Impressions of the New Forest National Park film show welcomes you to the New Forest Museum and sets the scene for your visit.

[www.newforestcentre.org.uk](http://www.newforestcentre.org.uk)

**Duration:** 1 – 2 hours

### **Nothe Fort, Weymouth**

A labyrinth of underground passageways and outdoor areas with stunning views of the Jurassic Coast. The Fort is filled with displays, mammoth guns and cinema areas that chart the history of this large and magnificent Victorian structure.

[www.nothefort.org.uk](http://www.nothefort.org.uk)

**Duration:** 2 - 3 hours

### **Portland Castle, Castledown**

One of Henry VIII's finest coastal forts, built in the early 1540s to protect against French and Spanish invasion. Today its audio tour tells of the castle's 450-year history and the part it played in the First and Second World Wars.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/portland-castle/>

**Duration:** 2 hours



### **Stonehenge, near Salisbury**

A unique and powerful pre-historic monument started over 5,000 years ago. The largest stones weigh over 50 tonnes each and some of the smaller ones were transported to the site from over 100 miles away.

[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

**Duration:** Minimum 1 hour

### **Tank Museum, Bovington**

The tank was a British invention that changed warfare for ever when it was introduced in World War One. This unique collection of over 300 vehicles is regarded as the best in the world and includes the world's first ever tank, the feared German Tiger tank and the modern Challenger 2.

[www.tankmuseum.org](http://www.tankmuseum.org)

**Duration:** 2-4 hours

### **Tutankhamun Exhibition, Dorchester**

A spectacular recreation of Tutankhamun's tomb and treasures.

[www.tutankhamun-exhibition.co.uk](http://www.tutankhamun-exhibition.co.uk)

**Duration:** 1-2 hours

### **Weymouth Sea Life Park**

This sea life park houses over 1,000 creatures, including penguins, seals, otters, sea turtles and crocodiles. Attractions include feeding demonstrations all day, an interactive rockpool, walkthrough ocean tank, rainforest and shark reef.

[www.visitsealife.com/Weymouth](http://www.visitsealife.com/Weymouth)

**Duration:** 2-3 hours

### **Wimborne Minster Model Village**

Recreating the historic market town of Wimborne Minster exactly how it was during the 1950s.

[www.wimborne-modeltown.com](http://www.wimborne-modeltown.com)

**Duration:** 1 hour

## **Pricing Information**

Contact your PGL Tour Organiser for the most up-to-date prices. Admission costs may vary depending on the size and type of group and the type of visit required. Some venues require a non-refundable payment at the time of booking. Due to restrictions at some attractions, PGL may not be able to book all of your visits on your behalf and your Tour Organiser will advise you if this is the case.