

## Christmas Past Experience (2 hours) School Visit Information

Please read the following information carefully.

Locations: Wilberforce House Museum (Georgian Houses) and Streelife Museum

Duration: 2 hours

EYFS, Key Stage 1 and 2

Cross-curricular links: History, Communication, Design and Technology

### Experience timings

The table below lists timings for our Christmas Past Experience, whether you are bringing one or two groups, and then timings for lunches and self-directed time if you booked these via Eventbrite.

If you are bringing two groups, we strongly advise you to book lunches and self-directed time unless your groups are arriving and departing from the site separately.

Due to the nature of Wilberforce House Museum, we have allocated self-directed time at Streetlife Museum (next door to Wilberforce House Museum) instead.

Session timings cannot be changed. There is a fixed 30-minute break between sessions if you are bringing two groups - this allows us to reset the room and resources.

If bringing two groups, lunches will be staggered in the Wilberforce House Education Room.

Bringing 1 group/class	Bringing 2 groups/classes	
Arrive at Wilberforce House Museum - 10am	Both groups arrive at Wilberforce House Museum - 10am	
Christmas Past Experience at Wilberforce House Museum (10am - 12pm)	Group 1	Group 2
If you have opted for lunch and self-directed time via your Eventbrite booking:	Christmas Past Experience at Wilberforce House Museum (10am - 12pm)	Self-directed time at Streetlife Museum (10am - 12pm)
Lunch at Wilberforce House Museum (12 - 12.30pm)	Self-directed time at Streetlife Museum (12 - 12.30pm)	Lunch at Wilberforce House Museum (12 - 12.30pm)
Self-directed time at Streetlife Museum (12.30 - 2.30pm*)	Lunch at Wilberforce House Museum (12.30 - 1pm)	Christmas Past Experience at Wilberforce House Museum (12.30 - 2.30pm)
*Depart from Wilberforce House Museum - 2.30pm	Self-directed time at Streetlife Museum (1 - 2.30pm)	
	Both groups depart from Wilberforce House Museum - 2.30pm	

\*Departure times for single groups is not fixed, so if you wish to leave our sites earlier, please liaise with a member of our Front of House team who will be able to support you with accessing your belongings.

### Early Learning Goals links

Communication and Language:

- Listening, Attention and Understanding
- Speaking

Understanding the World

- Past and Present

### National Curriculum links

History – KS1:

- Changes within living memory

History – KS2

- A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066

### Christmas Past Experience outline:

- Introduction to the site and setting the scene to the session and historical period.
- This session is delivered in character. Your group will be guided to the front door of Georgian Houses (accessed from High Street through the front door of Wilberforce House Museum) and will be greeted by Mrs Miggins, the Victorian Housekeeper.
- Children will help Mrs Miggins prepare the house for Christmas by taking part in a range of activities, including decorating the Christmas tree and hallway, laying the table and listening to a story.
- Back in the Education Room at Wilberforce House Museum, the group will make their own pomander to take back to school.
- Plenary and evaluation.

### Important information to help you prepare:

- Gallery activities – your class will be split into three groups. We recommend that you bring a minimum of three adults per class with you to ensure each group is supported.

### Key Vocabulary

Christmas, tradition, housekeeper, pomander, cloves, Victorian, housekeeper, servant, carols, mistletoe, stocking, evergreen.

### Post Visit Activity Suggestions

- Look at a range of Victorian Christmas cards and then create your own using a range of craft materials.
- Gather around your Christmas tree at school and sing traditional Christmas carols.
- Take inspiration from a range of Christmas stories and have a go at writing their own based on their visit to Georgian Houses.