

Events 2020

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Christmas Market

11-13 December, 10.00-4.00

Find everything you need for a delicious, hand crafted Christmas. Enjoy hot food, take home local produce for your seasonal table and buy truly unique gifts from a selection of over 80 stalls. Live music from local bands and choirs, children's activities and Santa's grotto complete the magical atmosphere of this wonderful festive event in the grounds of The Bowes Museum.



Christmas Lunch

23 November 2020 - 3rd January 2021 (excluding 12 and 13 December)

Book to confirm availability 12.00-1.30 Celebrate Christmas with a delicious 3 course lunch washed down with a glass of mulled wine in the magnificent surroundings of the Jubilee Room while enjoying stunning panoramic views of Teesdale.



Festive Afternoon Tea

23 November 2020 - 3rd January 2021 (excluding 12 and 13 December)

Book to confirm availability 2.30-3.30 Celebrate Christmas with a selection of seasonal sandwiches, dainty desserts and Christmas scones, all washed down with a glass of mulled wine in the magnificent surroundings of the Jubilee Room with stunning panoramic views of Teesdale.



Café Bowes and Shopping

Enjoy the relaxed ambience and fabulous views whilst indulging in a choice from the locally produced seasonal menu, alongside our speciality teas, coffees and wines. After taking time out to dine, treat yourself to a little retail therapy with a browse around the excellent shop, which offers a wide range of gifts, stationery and confectionery.

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Opening Times

Open daily 10.00-5.00
Closed only 25 & 26 Dec & 1 Jan

Facilities Include

Café Bowes, shop, facilities for babies and visitors with access needs- there are a number of free wheelchairs (please book prior to visit), lightweight gallery stools, large print guides and visitor lift. Corporate functions, meetings, special events, wedding receptions and civil ceremony facilities are also available. Group facilities, special rates and exclusive benefits are available when booked in advance.

Contact

Please contact our friendly Group Bookings Coordinator for more information and to start planning your captivating day out.

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Group Visits 2020

Barnard Castle, County Durham



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Organise The Perfect Day Out for your Group

The breathtaking Grade 1 listed building that is The Bowes Museum was founded by John and Joséphine Bowes in the 19th Century to share their love of art with the world. Housing over 30,000 works of fine and decorative arts, there is a wealth of treasures for you to discover across 3 floors.



Free Guided Tours

The Bowes Museum houses a superb collection of fine art, textiles, dress, silver & metals, ceramics, furniture, toys, local history and much more in 20 impressive galleries. Your group can take advantage of a special tour to get the best from your visit.

View a masterpiece

Get up close and personal to some of the world's finest works of art, including paintings by great artists such as: Canaletto, Goya, El Greco and Turner; not forgetting the beautifully restored painting of Olivia Porter, revealed on the BBC Culture Show to be a work by the 17th Century court painter, Van Dyck. Don't miss the famous Silver Swan musical automaton performing daily at 2.00 or the only medieval polyptych that can be seen opening and closing in a European Museum at 12.00 and 4.45.

Explore Fashion & Textiles

This extensive collection can be seen in a stunning, specially created state-of-the-art gallery, which combines historic collections with contemporary design. The gallery has a growing reputation for the quality of its permanent collection and its superb exhibitions.



Park & Gardens

Experience the wonderfully tranquil surroundings by taking a relaxing stroll along the enchanting woodland walks – which are accessible by wheelchair or simply sit back and soak up the glorious views.

Acclaimed Private Dining

We can offer you free exclusive use of beautiful rooms so that you can enjoy dining together at your leisure and convenience. Choose in advance from a wide range of delicious homemade lunches or light refreshments to be ready when you are, for a relaxed experience. Groups enjoy our hearty soups, delicious sandwiches, scones and homemade cakes, which form the perfect accompaniment to your visit.

Exclusive Benefits

- Discounted admission rate of £10.00 per person, giving you a saving of 29%
- Dedicated Groups Coordinator to tailor your package
- Free admission for Driver and Group Organiser
- Free preview visit for Group Organiser
- Free Café Bowes voucher for Driver
- Free coach parking on hard standing

Highlights for 2020



Pre-Raphaelite Knights

1 February – 3 May 2020

Explore a world of medieval myths and legends, of tales of heroic deeds and chivalric honour; for the most part the knights depicted by the Pre-Raphaelites in the 19th century were lovers as well as fighters. Masterworks by Rossetti, Millais and Burne Jones bring these tales and myths to life.



The Adventures of Clara

22 May – 1 November 2020

In 1738 Clara was the most famous rhinoceros in Europe. She travelled the world inspiring people and creating a sensation; letters, poems, songs, paintings, books and sculptures like our very own were produced. This exhibition will tour the globe so you can see, hear, smell and learn how Clara lived and what she did. You can also find out how to help save rhinos for the future.



Regeneration Possibility. Choice. Change

20 November 2020 – 28 February 2021

A show of new oils by Martin Kinnear, inspired by the Museum, its collections, places and objects which define the human condition. Exploring themes of possibility, choice and change this exhibition will help you appreciate what we can all achieve.



Quilts

26 September – 11 April 2021

This exclusive show includes quilts never shown in public before from one of the most important collections in the UK. Discover rare early pieces and a range of unique 18th and 19th century printed textiles.