



Visiting Newport Roman Villa?

Our third century Roman villa has some of the best preserved domestic bathrooms in Britain! We can create a tailor made visit to suit the needs of your group from EYFS to A-levels and beyond. We are open to groups during term time all year round.

A museum led visit could include a:



Villa tour (approx. 30 mins)

Museum staff will help your group to explore the bathrooms and learn about life in a Romano-British villa.

Photo-hunt challenge (approx. 30 mins)

This allows groups to work in pairs to have a better look at the villa remains, handle replica artefacts and hunt for items pointed out in the tour.

Activity room workshop (approx. 60 mins)

We will introduce the activities and be on hand to give support and answer any questions. The room can accommodate up to 30 people. Activities available to all include:

- **What did the villa owners wear?**

Museum staff will give a short introduction about clothing and weaving, demonstrating how to use the mini looms. Groups can then try on replica Roman clothing and have a go at weaving.

- **Kitchen archaeology**

What did the villa owners eat? All will be revealed by looking at original archaeological material found at the villa.

- **Be an archaeologist**

They can also be an archaeologist and reconstruct a replica pot.



- **What's cooking?**

The room includes a reconstructed kitchen, with a raised hearth and replica food and cooking equipment. Grind corn outside (weather dependent) and create imaginative meals with our large variety of replica Roman foods.



- **Mosaic making**

Design the missing middle panel of our changing room mosaic using inspiration from pictures of designs found in other British villas.

- **Roman Engineering**

Learn how the Roman's built their arches or try and build a tall tower.

Roman and Iron Age

armour talk: For an extra £1 we can offer a hands-on talk that contrasts Iron Age and Roman armour as part of the activity session.

Roman Pottery: Your group can also use pottery molds to create clay images of Roman animals, gods and goddesses using air drying clay, for an additional £1.



Free planning visits

Teachers are encouraged to make a planning visit. This is free of charge and offers an opportunity for us to create a bespoke visit for you. The villa is open to groups of 15 or more all year round.

Cost

Type of visit	Length of visit required	Cost
Enhanced activity workshop (museum entry, tour, photo-hunt and activity room with museum staff to run the session)	1.5 - 2 hours	students £3.50; group leaders and helpers free
Standard visit (museum entry, tour, access to education room but activities to be led by yourselves)	1.5 hours	Students £2.50; group leaders and helpers free

- We have limited indoor facilities for lunch but the activity room can be made available for groups of 30 or less if it is not being used by other groups. Grassed areas are available outside weather permitting.
- For more information about Newport Roman villa log onto: www.iow.gov.uk/council/departments/museums
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