

THE
ROMAN
BATHS
BATH

**STUDENTS OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE:
GUIDANCE FOR GROUP ORGANISERS**

This leaflet offers assistance to the leaders of groups visiting the Roman Baths in Bath. Please pass it to the person in charge of the group during their visit.

The Roman Baths is a key cultural visit during your students' stay in Britain. It offers history, culture and exposure to English within a buzzing small city. This leaflet will help you to have a smooth trip and give them an enjoyable time.



All groups must be booked in advance, tel. 01225 477785. You will be given a specific time and may arrive ½ hour before or after that time. If you are later than this, your booking will be invalid. You will be put on 'standby' and the group will be given entry as soon as space is available. You may phone 01225 477785 if you are delayed, but we cannot guarantee that another time will be available for you, especially at peak times such as Saturdays in July and August.



The Roman Baths is directly in front of Bath Abbey (West door) and there are drop-off points on the north side of the Abbey. To reach the drop-off points by coach, cross the Avon River on Grand Parade bridge. There is a map for coach drivers on our website www.romanbaths.co.uk. Look under How to find us, By bus or coach.

Payment is requested upon arrival. Visa and Mastercard are accepted for payment, also Travellers' Cheques with ID. Cheques should be made payable to "Bath & North East Somerset Council".

You are responsible for the behaviour of your group while in the Roman Baths. Supervision of young people at a ratio of 1-15 is required and we expect the group organiser to be present in the Roman Baths during the visit and take responsibility for the group's behaviour.

We offer hand-held audioguides at no extra charge to all visitors in a choice of the following languages: English, Dutch, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin and Japanese. Unless your students are fluent speakers of English, we recommend that they take an audioguide in their native language.

In addition to the audioguides, we offer leaflets in the following upon request:

Arabic ~ Chinese ~ Czech ~ Danish ~ Finnish ~ Greek ~ Hebrew ~ Japanese ~ Norwegian ~ Polish ~ Portuguese ~ Russian ~ Slovakian ~ Spanish ~ Swedish ~ Turkish ~ Welsh.

Before you enter the Roman Baths, you will need to choose a meeting point and time to regroup. The exit and shop are not suitable places as they are too congested and groups congregating there will be moved on. The best approach is to show your students how to return from the exit to an area near the entrance. In wet weather, the Colonnades in Bath Street (opposite the exit) offer shelter.

A visit to the Roman Baths takes most people 1¾ hours. Visitors travel at their own pace using the audioguides. Every hour, on the hour, there is a guided tour in English by a member of Roman Baths staff, starting next to the Great Bath. This is about half way round a standard visit, so if your group arrives at about 11.00am they will be in good time to take the 12.00 noon tour, which starts under the clock next to the Great Bath. A good standard of English is required to benefit from this tour. Guided tours by group organisers are not permitted on-site.

Students with a basic level of English will benefit more from the explorer trail, which can be downloaded from our website www.romanbaths.co.uk. Look under Language Student Visits on the Education pages.

There are toilets just before the entrance and the exit to the Roman Baths.

There are two shops on-site, one in the centre of the museum and one at the exit. We expect you to indulge your group while visiting the shops. The shops are covered by security guards and video surveillance and Language Schools will be held accountable for the behaviour of their students while visiting the shops.

While in Bath, your coach driver can park in the coach park, Avon Street, Bath. This is five minutes' walk from the Roman Baths and is well signposted, but the layout of the streets is confusing and students will need guidance in order to find it. Alternatively, you can arrange to be picked up again at the coach drop-off point. In addition to the three points next to the Abbey, there is one on North Parade which is quieter and more likely to be vacant.

We are happy to provide further details, tel. 01225 477785, look on our website www.romanbaths.co.uk or email romanbaths_bookings@bathnes.gov.uk.

Enjoy your visit and we look forward to seeing you.