



# Why schools should visit LEGOLAND®

Whether it's new workshops, thrilling rides or offering a personal service for every booking, the Resort continues to be a fabulous option for educational visits.

**M**ulti School Travel Awards winner, the LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort, continues to inspire pupils of all ages outside the classroom through a range of awesome rides, themed attractions and creative workshops.

The Resort, which is a LOTC Quality Badge Holder, is an exciting venue for school trips and most suitable for Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 4 pupils – although there are also experiences available for pre-school and younger school children.

There are plenty of exciting things going on at the 150-acre site, and the Education team are always coming up with new ideas to bring learning to life through informative and engaging workshops.

## What's new for school groups?

Just in time for the new school year, LEGOLAND has unveiled two new educational workshops which take place

in its exclusive on-site Learning Academy: Gears & Pulleys and Animals & Habitats.

In Gears & Pulleys, students are challenged to explore the functions of basic mechanisms and discover how they are used in everyday life using the new LEGO® Education BricQ Motion Essential Set. Inventiveness, creativity and teamwork combine to inspire a design technology and science-based learning experience.

Animals & Habitats links with biology units for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and engages children to think about where various animals and plants live across the globe and how they can survive there.

Using LEGO® to share and explore their ideas, pupils can discover seven different habitats and the specific requirements needed for life to survive in each of them. The workshop also encourages the use of more complex scientific vocabulary such as predator, prey, camouflage, adaptation, diversity, taxonomy and classification.

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Of course, no visit is complete without a ride on the Minifigure Speedway which is the world's first LEGO themed duelling rollercoaster, providing a unique experience which uses state-of-the-art technology to immerse riders in a giant speedway circuit.

Riders are put into two rival teams, the Legends and the Allstars, to race against each other at high octane speeds of up to 56 km/h, and if that wasn't enough the thrilling chase then continues in reverse. The £10m Minifigure Speedway is sure to race into pole position on pupils' hitlists when visiting the park.

- Pupils can explore themed worlds and create memories on a visit.



## Benefits of a school trip to LEGOLAND...

- There's a separate schools entrance to make the experience as smooth as possible.
- Meal deals for pupils and teachers.
- Risk assessment tickets for teachers to visit in advance and meet the team.
- Information packs to help with planning on the day.
- Resource guides with learning objectives.
- A dedicated schools' team to help with every step of your trip.
- Teacher map with specific routes to follow.
- A very experienced workshop facilitator team including former and practising teachers.

## What rides should schools try?

There are so many fantastic rides for pupils to squeeze into a visit that it can be tough to know what to prioritise. Whatever teachers suggest to their pupils can be dependent on what the class is studying and what year group they are in.

A handy Teacher's Map highlights two specific routes around the Resort to make planning and running the day so much easier. The Time Traveller Journey takes pupils on a special walk which links to history and English studies. Historical themed attractions such as Pirate Shore, Knight's Kingdom and Kingdom of the Pharaohs along this route provide a strong visual and creative stimulus for a number of historical topics studied in school.

The Globetrotter Journey takes students on a geography and maths-themed pathway, taking in the likes of Miniland, which acts as a journey around the world to discover different landmarks. Or children can use the models on show to estimate how many bricks are used to understand the ratio and scale to produce such models. They can also record data on the number of people entering the zone throughout different times of the day to build maths skills.

The Dragon rollercoaster is great for the keen scientists among your group, especially if taking part in the Science of Rollercoasters workshop where pupils investigate how gravity, friction and weight can affect the speed and distance of a ride. Pupils will then work in groups to design and build their own LEGO model rollercoaster. Coastguard HQ, Fire Academy and LEGO City Driving School are also great examples of modes of transport that can be explored.







## Offering that personal touch...

LEGOLAND is committed to offering all school bookers a unique service, from start to finish. We spoke to James Chapman, Education Operations Coordinator and former teacher, to find out more...



### How can you make a school visit as memorable as possible?

A classroom should, in my mind, always be a place where children feel comfortable to express their thoughts and ideas in an environment where they can explore freely and have fun at the same time. We have three classrooms in the middle of the Resort, and when you couple that with the engaging activities we offer, from designing and building rollercoasters, programming robots, creating movies and building creative and imaginative LEGO constructions, the memories become stronger and stronger. Fun is at the heart of our workshops.

### Why is LEGOLAND a good option for schools?

We offer a unique learning experience, delivered by trained teaching professionals, using world class resources created by The LEGO Group in one of the country's top attractions for young people. The team strive to make this journey as seamless



- The Resort has a number of fun attractions for all ages, including LEGO City Driving School.

Read the full interview with James, which includes more about what schools can expect from specific workshops, at [schooltravelorganiser.com](https://schooltravelorganiser.com) or by scanning this QR code.



- Enjoy a fun-filled experience on a visit to the Resort.

and smooth as possible, all the way through from the booking process to the day of the visit and we understand that different schools have different requirements. We all try to make a connection with the schools that visit and we feel this is partly why we have so many that return to see us year on year.

### When is the best time for schools to visit?

We are open for school visits in all three terms of the academic year offering school trips from March – October. I would recommend visiting the Resort any time across all three terms, the Resort has a great variety of resources to benefit your school trip whatever time of the year that you are visiting. We also offer an awesome range of events throughout the year including our annual Halloween Party, Brick or Treat, it's definitely worth considering this when booking a trip to us. Keep an eye on the website for more details on our events coming up in 2025!

### Why is it important for children to learn through play?

The name LEGO comes from an abbreviation of the Danish words 'leg godt', which literally means 'play well'. Learning through play is a philosophy that many practitioners of Early Years teaching will be familiar with but it can be just as powerful with children in Key Stage 2 and beyond. The act of 'doing' rather than just sitting and listening allows children and adults to create new neural pathways in their heads, thus skills are learnt and stored more deeply, leading to a greater ability for recall in the future and the fact that we can use LEGO bricks in all of our workshops, means there is always a practical element at the heart of our learning. ●



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