



# Visiting Newport Roman Villa?

Our third century Roman villa has some of the best preserved domestic bathrooms in Britain.

An activity session led by museum staff includes:



## **Villa tour** (approx 30 mins)

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

## **Photo-hunt challenge** (approx 30 mins)

This allows students 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** (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 students. Activities available include:

- **Mosaic making**

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

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

Museum staff will give a short introduction about spinning and weaving, demonstrating how to use a spindle and the mini looms. Students 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. 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. Students can grind corn outside and create imaginative meals with our large variety of replica Roman foods.



## New for 2015!

**Roman and Iron Age armour talk:** We can offer a hands-on talk that contrasts Iron Age and Roman armour as part of the activity session.

**Roman Pottery:** For an extra £1 your students can use pottery moulds to create clay images of Roman animals, gods and goddesses using air drying clay.



## Free planning visits

Teachers are encouraged to make a planning visit. This is free of charge, and offers an opportunity to complete your own risk assessment. The villa is open to groups of 15 or more all year round.

## Cost

Type of visit	Length of visit required	Cost
<b>Enhanced activity session</b> (museum entry, tour, photo-hunt and activity room with museum staff to run the session)	1.5 - 2 hours	students £3.00; group leaders and helpers free
<b>Standard visit</b> (museum entry, tour, access to education room but activities to be led by yourselves)	1.5 hours	Students £2.20; 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](http://www.iow.gov.uk/council/departments/museums)
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