

# Enjoy Chester



## Have a Fantastic Day Out!



Every visit to Chester Zoo is a unique and exciting experience! The UK's number one Zoo, close to the historic city of Chester, is set in 110 acres of award-winning gardens. In this spectacular setting are over 7000 animals – more than 400 species of rare, exotic and endangered wildlife. There's so much to do and see, with lots of great activities. With more than one million visitors every year, the Zoo is an all-year round favourite attraction for kids of all ages!

Chester Zoo's gardens are deservedly famous with different garden areas representing different regions and type of plants, many of which are rare or extinct. They provide a glorious backdrop to the animals and reflect the natural habitats of some of our most exotic species.



When it's play time for the children, then the Fun Ark is the place to be. Lively children can enjoy running, jumping and climbing - whilst mums and dads have a well deserved rest.

[Eating In, Eating Out](#) Whatever the weather, your options for food and drink are endless. Dine at your leisure in the elegant surroundings of Oakfield Manor. The Acorn Bar serves a selection of light lunches. To experience a real African atmosphere go to our eco friendly Cafe Tsavo, or for a quick hot or cold meal try the Ark Restaurant plus there are numerous take-away kiosks, we have something to suit every taste and budget. Those in search of a tea or coffee break can relax in the Jaguar Coffee house which serves Costa coffee and a selection of tempting cakes and snacks.

There are lots of places for picnics, inside and outdoors, including the Arara Picnic Lodge. And if the sun is shining you can enjoy your lunch in the award winning gardens throughout the Zoo.

Plus for gifts and souvenirs, our shops stock an excellent range of goods.

For more information and prices

<http://www.chesterzoo.org/>



## An exciting introduction to Romans in Britain.

We have been conducting educational tours since 1993. We take great pride in the fact that many of our groups are repeat visitors or groups visiting as a result of a recommendation.

Dewa Roman Experience offers two activities, both of which are led by experienced members of staff. We welcome groups of all ages, sizes and abilities.

**The museum** visit takes approximately 1½ hours to complete which allows time for the use of the gift shop if applicable. During this time your guide will take you step by step through your visit at Dewa.

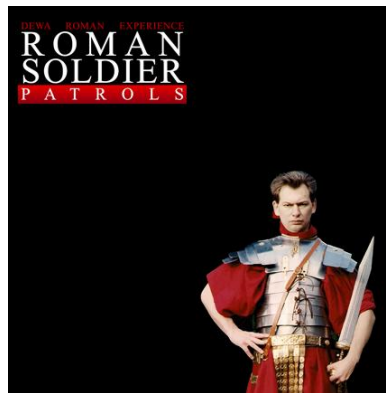
Visitors should bring only what is essential through the museum and items such as bags, pads and pens etc are not considered necessary.



Should you want to include a specific topic during your visit please let us know prior to your starting date and we will happily adjust our tour to suit.

**Dewa Roman Soldier Patrols** take 1 hour to complete. We take groups of up to 30 per patrol and it is an ideal activity to complement a visit to our museum. Our tours run all year, so it is very important to come prepared for adverse weather conditions.

The march includes the major archaeological sites such as Chester's Roman Ampitheatre, sections of the defensive walls and the Roman Gardens.



For more information and booking details

<http://www.dewaromanexperience.co.uk/index.html>



## **Schools and Colleges Information**

The Crocky Trail is rapidly becoming recognised by teachers for its value in team building and collaborative challenges.

A local education enterprise based in Liverpool now sends groups of students from schools around the North West to the Crocky Trail as part of a BTEc and GCSE Sports qualification.



In addition, hundreds of young people (from age 6 up to college students) come to the Crocky Trail every year on organised trips. Several members of our own team are CRB checked and are experienced youth workers or teachers.

For further information and booking

<http://www.crockytrail.co.uk/schools.php>



## HAVE FUN LEARNING AT THE BLUE PLANET AQUARIUM!

With over **40 exhibits** housing over **220 different species** from around the world, Blue Planet Aquarium offers a fun-filled educational venue for both primary and secondary school groups.



Children learn about the importance of water. They discover water is used for many everyday things. They can recognise differences between themselves and water dwellers. We look at plastic sea creatures and explore ways in which they have adapted to their watery environment. Children have the opportunity to move like aquatic animals in the fantastic "Rockpool Races" finale.



### Two New Arrivals - Curvier Dwarf Caiman

Despite their diminutive sounding name the Curvier's dwarf caiman are both around 1.5 metres in length and have to be handled with extreme caution.

Blue Planet Aquarium herpetologist Joe Chattell said: "The Curvier's dwarf caiman is actually the smallest surviving member of the crocodylian family in the Americas.

"They are found throughout South America and live in freshwater habitats like rivers, including the Amazon, flooded forests and larger lakes.

"In the wild their diet includes fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and small mammals," he added.

The caimans are covered with extremely tough, bony armour plates. This may be to make up for their relatively small size and protect them from attacks by larger predators.

Among other unusual characteristics are the facts that, unlike most crocodylians, they do not have webbed feet and they also have brown, as opposed to the more common, yellow eyes.

For more information and booking

<http://education.blueplanetaquarium.com/>