



Variety Great Days Out



WINTER 2017

There is so much on offer for your youngsters, we do hope you will take full advantage of some of the many and varied days out which are intended to provide **entertainment, fun, stimulation and, of course, Variety!**

October Special Events

Gullivers Family Day

 Gullivers, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DT



Saturday 7th October, 10.30am to 5.00pm
OR Sunday 8th October, 10.30am to 5.00pm



www.gulliversfun.co.uk

Tickets are available for a day of family fun at Gullivers. Max of 20 tickets per day



Christmas Events

Winter Cruise

 River Thames, London



Thursday 16th November, 10.30am to 1.30pm

Recommended: Children 3 to 7 years of age

The cruise will consist of a traditional party as we sail along the Thames. There will be lunch for everyone and an appearance from Santa who will present the children with a gift! Please note arrival punctuality is a must.

Christmas Party

 London Marriot West India Quay Hotel



Monday 4th December, 10.30am to 1.30pm

Recommended: Children 4 to 11 years of age

Traditional Christmas party with entertainment and lunch.

Living Nativity

 ZSL London Zoo, London



Thursday 7th December OR Friday 8th December

www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo

Recommended: Children 4 to 7 years of age

Take your 4-7 year old pupils on a magical living journey through the scenes of the Nativity at ZSL London Zoo. Speak to the Shepherds tending their flock and join Santa Claus for exciting tales of his travels around the world on Christmas Eve! All children will get a small gift from Santa to take home with them.

Please register your interest if you are available on Thursday 7th December 2017 or Friday 8th December 2017.

Christmas at Gullivers

 Milton Keynes, MK15 0DT



Friday 15th December, 9.30am to 4pm

Recommended: Children 3 to 12 years of age

A wonderful day out for our young guests! Variety will pay for the children's entrance fee, lunch and make sure that they come away with a present. They are free to tour the site, have a go on the fairground rides, watch a pantomime and enjoy a Christmas Show!



Winter Wonderland

 Hyde Park, London



Tuesday 28th November, 10.30am onwards

Saturday 2nd December 2017 (Youth Groups/family groups that operate on weekend will be prioritised for this date)

www.hydeparkwinterwonderland.com

Christmas fun aplenty with a circus, a giant observation wheel and the Magical Ice Kingdom. Indulge in the annual gathering of the traditional Christmas Market with wooden chalets.

Kidzania - An indoor city run by kids

 Westfield London, London



Tuesday 21st November

www.kidzania.co.uk

Designed for children aged 4-14, KidZania blends learning and reality with entertainment. During your 4-hour experience, children can independently explore over 60 real-life activities and test their skills in a variety of professions.

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Educational



Golden Tours' Open-Top Bus Tour of London (64)

Victoria www.hoponhopoffplus.com

See the very best of London, up close and personal on the Golden Tours' open-top tour bus. With live English commentary, some of the world's most famous sights, truly stunning buildings and two thousand years of history to enjoy, a fabulous, fun time is always on offer in London.

Bekonscot Model Village

Beaconsfield www.bekonscot.co.uk

Bekonscot Model Village actually comprises six little towns stuck in a 1930s timewarp set in 1.5 acres of gardens. There are more than 200 buildings, 3,000 inhabitants, 1,000 animals, hundreds of vehicles and many models move right before your eyes.

Duxford Imperial War Museum

Cambridgeshire www.iwm.org.uk

Duxford is Britain's best-preserved Second World War airfield, with a fascinating history that dates back to the First World War.

Pantomimes

Sleeping Beauty

Windsor, matinee **Tuesday 5th December, 1.30pm**

'Was it an amazing panto? Oh yes it was!' Windsor Express

The enchanting tale is a traditional family favourite and Windsor pantomime has a magnificent reputation as one of the best in all the land. Last year's panto, Jack and the Beanstalk was the biggest and fastest-selling ever so get your tickets now to this dazzling production.

Jack and the Beanstalk

Oxford, matinee **Thursday 14th December, 2pm**

In this fun-filled panto: a hilarious, slosy, slapstick routine in Dame Trott's dairy, a delightful Daisy, the cow, lots of jokes.



Short Notice Events

Disney/Theatre/Cinema tickets

These are often offered at short notice throughout the year! Please register your interest by email for more information or to attend when these tickets are on offer. They can be offered to schools and organisations, registered through Variety Great Days Out.

In Addition Events



Circus Starr (50)

www.circus-starr.org.uk

Some venues on offer from January 2018:

Crawley
Brighton
Croydon
Cambridge
Harrow
Colchester
Dartford
Norwich
Peterborough



Circus offers a naturally relaxed performance environment where children are actively encouraged to interact with the acts, cheer, applaud, move about. Circus Starr works closely with a wide range of specialist and special schools so they understand the issues some children with additional needs have to manage. Please view their website and if they have a tour near you contact Miranda who can enquire on your behalf re tickets.



**Bookings call Miranda: 020 7428 8100 or
email: vgdo@variety.org.uk**

**Please note: there will be no Christmas Toy
Appeal or Toys R Us vouchers on offer in 2017.**

**Events with the blue wheelchair sign are
wheelchair accessible.**

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Weekly Venues



These events occur throughout the year on an ongoing basis.

Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (34)

Barnes

Tuesday to Friday, 11am

www.wildfowlwetlands.org.uk

105 acres of open space alive with wildlife – including a couple of cheeky otters. Open space alive with wildlife – including a couple of cheeky otters. Get up close to ducks and water birds from around the world! Term time only. One visit per week.

Paradise Wildlife Park (34)

Broxbourne

Monday to Friday, 11am

www.pwpark.com

A great chance to get hands on with the animals. Go into their undercover farmyard and meet their farmyard friends. Explore their amazing, undercover walk-through Tropical Rainforest exhibit, teaming with one of the widest varieties of small primates in the UK! Term time only. One visit per week.

London CityCruises (10)

Monday to Friday

www.citycruises.com

Big Ben, The London Eye, Tower Bridge and more. See the best views in London. Cruise up and down the River Thames from four piers in the heart of London: Westminster, London Eye, Tower of London and Greenwich. Term time only. One visit per week.

Tower Bridge Experience (17)

Monday to Friday, 11am

www.towerbridge.org.uk

This attraction invites you to step inside the most famous bridge in the world to explore its iconic structure, spectacular views and glass floor, modern exhibitions and magnificent Victorian Engine Rooms! Term time only. One visit per month

Monthly Venues



Hampton Court Palace (34)

Monday to Friday, 11am

www.hrp.org.uk

Immerse yourself in the stories of the palace and the people who have inhabited it through a series of up-close encounters with real characters from Hampton Court's past. Term time only. One visit per month.

Tower of London (17)

Monday to Friday, 11am

www.hrp.org.uk

From the Crown Jewels to the infamous Tower Ravens, experience the history first hand. For anyone interested in learning about this intriguing landmark and its colourful history. Term time only. One visit per month.

Speakers House Tours (20)

www.parliament.uk

Recommended: Children 8 years of age upwards

On your visit you will be taking part in a workshop in the exciting Education Centre, and will be taken on a tour of the Speaker's State Apartments! Through discussions with the Education staff they will deliver your workshop or tour, they work to make the visit suitable for all young visitors. They aim to provide an accessible and enjoyable experience of Parliament.

Kensington Palace (34)

Monday to Friday, 11am

www.hrp.org.uk

Explore stories and little-known facts about some of England's famous monarchs and interesting characters associated with Kensington Palace, the history and stories behind this stylish palace... Term time only. One visit per month.



There are no restrictions on the frequency of visits to an event on this page and you can book as many of the venues as you wish. Please feel free to experience them all!

Please request weekly and monthly visits by email with the following information: Lead Teacher, Number of Adults and Children, venue with 3 preferred dates to visit.