

20 GREAT FAMILY DAYS OUT FOR HIGH LEARNING POTENTIAL CHILDREN

1. Seven Stories – Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne and Wear
www.sevenstories.org.uk

This centre of children's books is a top destination for families with gifted children. With seven floors of activities and exhibitions designed to celebrate the creative process of authors and illustrators of children's literature, you'll have trouble fitting it into a day!

Nearby, you could also visit:
Discovery Museum (free)
www.twmuseums.org.uk/discovery

2. Eden Project – Bodelva, Cornwall
www.edenproject.com

The Eden Project is an exciting attraction where you can explore your relationship with nature, learn new things and get inspiration about the world around you. The world's largest rainforest in captivity will educate you about ecosystems, evolution and climate change.

Nearby, you could also visit:
The Lost Gardens of Heligan www.heligan.com

3. Eureka! The National Children's Museum – Halifax, West Yorkshire
www.eureka.org.uk

Everything at Eureka! has been designed to inspire children to find out about themselves and the world around them through hundreds of hands-on exhibits. Perfect for young children to explore and learn.

Nearby, you could also visit:
National Media Museum, Bradford
www.nationalmediamuseum.org.uk

4. Beamish Living Museum – Beamish, County Durham
www.beamish.org.uk

Beamish is a world famous open air museum, telling the story of life in North East England in Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian times in 300 acres of beautiful countryside. Most of the houses, shops and other buildings you see here have been brought to Beamish, rebuilt and furnished as they once were. You won't find objects displayed in glass cases at Beamish, you'll see them in their original context.

Nearby, you could also visit:
Centre for Life www.life.org.uk

5. Thinktank – Birmingham, West Midlands
www.thinktank.ac

Thinktank is everything you thought you knew about the world - but didn't! Find out about your world and yourself in our ten themed, hands-on galleries. Surprising! Hard to believe! And sometimes downright disgusting!! The perfect family day out.

Nearby, you could also visit:
Cadbury World www.cadburyworld.co.uk

6. Wordsworth House and Garden – Cockermouth, Cumbria
Wordsworth House and Garden | National Trust

In the 1770s, when the young William lived in Wordsworth House it must have been a lively, bustling home. National Trust has recreated this environment, so that visitors get a sense of what the poet's early years were really like. Visitors may encounter servants going about their daily chores. There is even a chance to join in, if you don't mind hard work!

Nearby, you could also visit:
Nenthead Mines www.nentheadmines.com

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7. The Historic Dockyard – Portsmouth, Hampshire www.historicdockyard.co.uk

Visit the world famous historic ships at the home of the Royal Navy. Go aboard HMS Victory, HMS Warrior 1860 and see the Mary Rose Museum for a fantastic learning experience for all the family.

Nearby, you could also visit:
Explosion! The Museum of Naval Firepower
www.explosion.org.uk

8. The Observatory Science Centre – Herstmonceaux, East Sussex www.the-observatory.org

Hands-on science and discovery among the domes and telescopes of a world-famous astronomical observatory.

Nearby, you could also visit:
Battle Abbey and Battlefield www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/1066-battle-of-hastings-abbey-and-battlefield

9. National Space Centre – Leicester, Leicestershire <http://spacecentre.co.uk>

Journey through the six hands-on galleries and sit back in awe in the UK's largest planetarium, as you go on a voyage of discovery in the 360° fulldome experience.

Nearby, you could also visit:
Snibston www.leics.gov.uk/snibston.htm

10. Magna – Rotherham, South Yorkshire www.visitmagna.co.uk

Visit the four gadget-packed pavilions themed around the elements of air, earth, fire and water. Defy gravity and explore the limits of science in Sci-Tek and splash around in Aqua-Tek, the outdoor water play area.

Nearby, you could also visit:
Bolsover Castle www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/bolsover-castle

11. National Railway Museum (free entry) – York, North Yorkshire www.nrm.org.uk

The largest railway museum in the world, including over 100 locomotives and nearly 200 other items of rolling stock, tells the railway story from the early 19th century to the present day.

Nearby, you could also visit:
Jorvik Viking Centre www.jorvik-viking-centre.co.uk

12. The Deep – Hull, East Yorkshire www.thedeep.co.uk

The world's only submariun is one of the most spectacular aquariums in the world housing 3,500 fish including sharks and rays.

Nearby, you could also visit:
Ferens Children's Art Gallery (free entry)
http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/portal/page?_pageid=21,632198&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

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13. World Museum (free entry) – Liverpool, Merseyside www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml

Discover treasures from around the world, explore outer space and meet live creatures!

Nearby, you could also visit:

Underwater Street www.underwaterstreet.com

14. BeWILDerwood! – Wroxham, Norfolk www.bewilderwood.co.uk

BeWILDerwood is an award winning, wild and imaginative adventure park with magical treehouses and a hint of intriguing characters, bringing a curious difference to the Norfolk Broads. Parents are encouraged to play alongside their children, which makes for a fabulous and brilliantly exciting day out for the whole family.

Nearby, you could also visit:

Great Yarmouth Sea Life Centre
www.visitsealife.com/Great-yarmouth

15. Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology (free entry) – Oxford, Oxon www.ashmolean.org

Founded in 1683, the Ashmolean is Britain's first public museum. It is home to the University of Oxford's world-class collections of art and archaeology. There are special events for families on Saturdays and during school holidays, and special drop-ins for under 5s.

Nearby, you could also visit:

Science Oxford [Science Oxford Home - Science Oxford](http://www.scienceoxford.org)

16. The British Museum (free entry) – London www.britishmuseum.org

There is so much in this museum it is hard to fit it into one day. There is something for everyone and it provides plenty of stimulus for discussion about people, lifestyles and cultures.

Nearby, you could also visit:

The Cartoon Museum www.cartoonmuseum.org

17. Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences (free entry) – Cambridge, Cams www.sedgwickmuseum.org

Discover fossils, rocks and minerals from around the world and explore more than 550 million years of Earth's history. Learn about the Earth and its history through free events, trails and activities.

Nearby, you could also visit:

Imperial War Museum, Duxford
<http://duxford.iwm.org.uk>

18. Chiltern Open Air Museum – Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire www.coam.org.uk

With over 30 historical buildings from the surrounding area wonderfully restored, you can find out what it was really like to live in those times. There's also a traditional working farm, exciting hands-on family activities and special events throughout the year.

Nearby, you could also visit:

The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre
www.roalddahlmuseum.org

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19. Morwellham Quay – Tavistock, Devon [www.morwellham- quay.co.uk](http://www.morwellham-quay.co.uk)

An award-winning World Heritage site, featuring historic port, copper mine, working Victorian farm, railway, heavy horses and museums of costume and mining. Just four miles west of Tavistock and bordering the beautiful River Tamar, amidst towering cliffs and gently rolling farmland, discover this lost world with the help of the Living History team

Nearby, you could also visit:

Dingles Heritage Fairground Centre
www.fairground-heritage.org.uk

20. Centre for Alternative Technology – Powys, Wales www.cat.org.uk

Built in an old slate quarry in the foothills of Snowdonia our visitor centre has 7 acres of interactive displays, organic gardens, cafe, shop and adventure playground. Living more sustainably saves money, creates green jobs, provides a healthier lifestyle and makes sense. There are many solutions already available to tackle the issues our planet faces. The Centre for Alternative Technology will let you explore what you can do.

Nearby, you could also visit:

King Arthur's Labyrinth
www.kingarthurslabyrinth.co.uk