

Key Stage 2 Education Tour Pack



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About the Runway Visitor Park

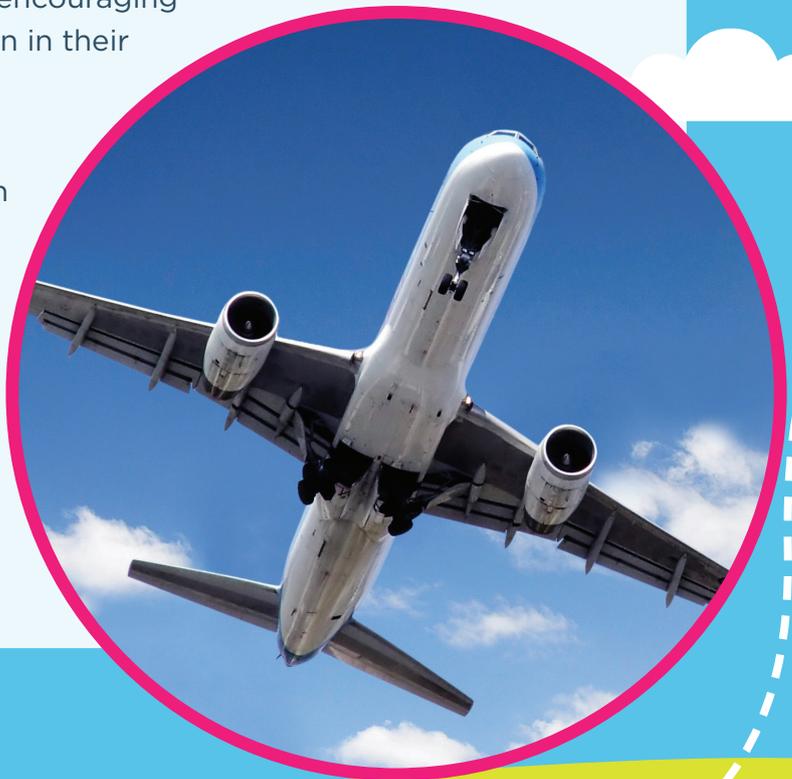
Located at the end of the busy Manchester Airport runway, Runway Visitor Park is a unique visitor attraction creating a fun and educational experience for all ages. Established in 2005, the Education Centre at Runway Visitor Park still continues to educate & inspire. In 2014 alone 14,500 pupils took part in our Educational Tours.

The interactive nature of our tours is what truly brings them to life. Visitors taking part have the opportunity to board real aircraft, whilst learning about the different job roles that help ensure the airport runs smoothly. Not to forget everyone's favourite part - hopping into the pilot's seat.

Runway Visitor Park has breath-taking views across both runways. Watch the awesome A380 land into Manchester, or spot the private jets as they taxi for take off!

We have linked our tours to areas of the National Curriculum, actively encouraging and involving children in their learning.

This pack contains useful information on preparing, planning and booking your visit as well as suggested activities for back in the classroom.



About our tours

Please note that all Education Tours must be booked in advance.

We have several tour options available to KS2 groups, on average a tour will last for 2 hours.

KEY STAGE 2 TOURS

STANDARD TOUR

Approximately 1 hour of the tour will be held in the cabin of the DC10, here the children will be

involved in role play, highlighting to them the types of jobs people have at the airport. We will also explain all about the aircraft that they are sitting on. The children will get to visit the flight deck of the DC10, where they will be shown some of the flight controls to help understand how they affect the operation of the aircraft.



The rest of the tour is outside and focuses on the aircraft that can be seen taking off and landing, in addition to any other vehicles moving around the runway. We will also talk about Manchester Airport itself and then turn our attention to our very own exciting aircraft, which are housed at Runway Visitor Park.

HISTORY OF MANCHESTER AIRPORT THEMED TOUR

We will look at how Manchester Airport used to be, and how it has developed over the last century, and talk about some of the job roles that are carried out at the airport now, from Air Traffic Controllers to the amazing sniffer dogs that keep us safe in the Airport.

There will be plenty of time to take a look at the aircraft we have here at Runway Visitor Park and to understand the historical importance of them.



HISTORY OF AVIATION THEMED TOUR

During this tour we will step back in history to examine the Wright Brothers and their Wright Flyer,

through to more recent aircraft such as the Supersonic Concorde, and the awesome A380. There will be plenty of time to take a look at the aircraft we have here at the Runway Visitor Park and to understand the historical importance.



ENVIRONMENT THEMED TOUR

During this tour we will look at the many environmental issues that airports such as Manchester Airport must consider.

We will examine how people get to the airport, the building of Manchester Airport's second runway and the considerations around the local Flora and Fauna.

We will discuss noise pollution and how this is managed, plus issues such as recycling and bird control.

There will be plenty of time to try and spot the Bird Control team on the airfield, as well as getting to see some of the aircraft flying in and out of Manchester Airport.

ADD ON TOUR

We have an additional option that can be added on to our two hour tours.

Terminal 2 Tour - Explore one of Manchester Airports busy Terminals. Learning about the departures process and checking in at the check in desks. Experience first hand how vibrant and exciting an Airport can be, inspiring our Cabin Crew and Pilots of the future!

When added to the two hour tour, an hour's break for lunch will be automatically included, the total tour time will be 4 hours.

This session can not be booked alone, they must be booked along side one of our 2 hour tours.

Please let us know if you have wheelchair users or others with special needs in your group. We have a separate resource available if the DC10 is not available/or for children with limited mobility which has been decorated with an aviation theme and we can run the role play here, but without the flight deck access.

We recommend that you make a complimentary familiarisation visit before bringing your group so that you carry out your own Risk Assessment of the Runway Visitor Park to ensure that it is suitable for your group's specific needs.

General information

OPENING HOURS

The Park is open from 08:00 every day, with staggered closing times throughout the year. Education Tours are scheduled between 10:30 – 14:30, we can discuss a tour slot for your group at the time of booking.

ADMISSION PRICES

Tours for KS2 groups cost £7.50 per child. For every 5 children you bring, you will get one Teacher/Adult place free, additional adults over the 5:1 ratio will be charged at £7.50. The cost per child of the Add On Tour is an additional £3.50 per child, bringing the total tour cost per child to £11.00.

PARKING

Coach parking is available at the Runway Visitor Park. On arrival one of the Runway Visitor Park team will show you where to park. If you have booked an Educational Tour your parking is complimentary. Your Coach driver will need to take an orange token from the entry machine on arrival; the driver must bring this token to Reception to have it validated whilst you are on your tour. If your transport leaves the park for operational reasons, it is your responsibility to arrange a collection time with the driver for your return journey. If you have booked the Add On Tour you are responsible for all parts of your transport and there will be a £10 parking fee at the Airport Coach Station, there will be no additional charge for parking at the Runway Visitor Park.

ARRIVAL

Your starting point will be confirmed at time of booking and in your confirmation email. For tours starting at Runway Visitor Park, your tour guides will meet you on arrival at the DC10 (Monarch aircraft) which is located next to the coach parking area. For tours starting at Terminal 2, your tour guides will meet you at Terminal 2 Departures. Please ensure you allow enough time to visit toilets etc so that you can begin your tour on time. The visit will operate between the agreed times only.

If for any reason you are delayed, please contact us immediately on 0161 489 3932. Due to operational reasons, we will have to deduct the time lost from your visit.

TOILETS

We have two sets of toilets on site, one set is located outside, with another set in the main reception building. Both sets of toilets are wheelchair accessible and have baby changing facilities.

LUNCH ROOM FACILITIES

This facility is allocated according to a timetable and must be booked in advance. Throughout the day other schools will use this facility; therefore we do request that all rubbish is placed in the bins provided and that the room is left as you would like to find it. We do not have any storage facilities, packed lunches and bags should be left on your coach or carried by the individuals.

PLAY AREA

There is a children's play area at the Runway Visitor Park, this is unsupervised by park staff, and is open to the public during park opening times.



General information



RESTAURANT AND CATERING FACILITIES

There are restaurant and catering facilities on site. (Meals and snacks can be ordered by contacting the restaurant manager on 0161 489 8300).

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments are not included in your tour. Please ensure that you bring sufficient refreshments with you, particularly during spells of warm weather. Refreshments, including water, can be purchased at the restaurant on site.

SHOP

We have The Aviation Shop on site, which stocks a variety of Aviation related products. Please organise your party into groups with accompanying adults to enter the shop. The shop can be contacted directly on 0161 489 8324 for any enquiries.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is allowed at The Runway Visitor Park, including during your tour. Our tours and presentations are protected by personal copyright. Accordingly, your group is not permitted to make any audio or visual recordings of them.

CONDUCT

Please remember that children must remain under the supervision of the teachers at all times.

CLOTHING

Part of your tour involves being outside, therefore you must ensure that your group are all prepared for the weather on the day of your tour. This may include wellington boots, macs, coats, hats, gloves or suntan lotion for sunny days. Please brief parents to ensure that the children are suitably attired for the weather.

SMOKING

We do not permit smoking, eating or drinking within any of the aircraft exhibits at the Runway Visitor Park.

FIRST AID

As a part of Manchester Airport Group, the Runway Visitor Park is serviced by the Airport Paramedics for any first aid incidents.

Payments for your tour

DEPOSITS

Bookings will be held for no more than 14 days without receipt of your deposit and booking form. If your deposit and booking form have not been received within 14 days of the initial booking being made, we will assume that you no longer require the tour and remove your booking from our files. Only once your deposit and booking form have been received will your booking become a firm booking. Deposits are non refundable.

PAYMENTS

All payments must be made before the tour takes place. Payments can be made by card payment, BACS or cheque. Cheques must be made payable to Manchester Airport plc.

CANCELLATIONS

We reserve the right if prevented from supplying the booked tour for any reason, to cancel the contract and

provide You with a refund of the price you have paid. We will attempt to provide as much notice as is possible.

We will not be liable for any expenses or compensation costs relating to any other services that you may have arranged.

You can cancel your booking up to 14 days before your tour. If you cancel your tour within 14 days of your scheduled tour date you will be charged the full amount of the tour based on the details provided at the time of booking.

CONCORDE

If there are no other activities taking place in the Concorde Hangar, we will take the children in to explore this iconic aircraft.

Please note: Concorde is not a scheduled part of the Educational Tour and access to the hangar can not be guaranteed.

How to find us



The Runway Visitor Park is located at:
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BY CAR

From the M56, leave at Junction 6 and follow the A538 to Wilmslow. After approximately 500 metres take a left turn down Sunbank Lane. At the T-junction go right onto Wilmslow Old Road and follow the road to the Runway Visitor Park gates.

BY TRAIN

Manchester Airport train station is less than 3 miles from the Park. The 200 bus currently runs an hourly service to the Runway Visitor Park. For exact times please contact Traveline on 0871 200 2233. Alternatively we are a short taxi ride away.