

## Itinerary

### **Day one – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

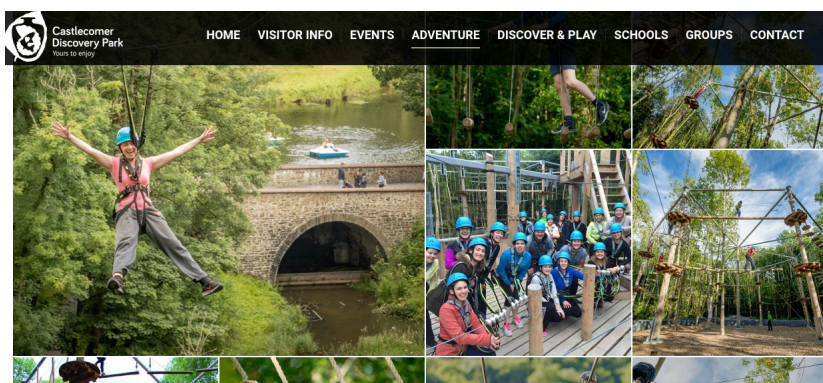
**06:35hrs**                      **Latest time for students to be at the school bus stop**  
06.45hrs                      Depart St. Augustine's College  
Coach transportation - 3 coaches, students assigned a coach, colour group and associated staff members for entire trip

08.30hrs                      Arrive at **Castlecomer Discovery Park, Co. Kilkenny**

Students will be split into 5 different groups, as decided on the day by the Castlecomer team. They will experience just ONE of the following TWO activities:

- octagon & zipline
- climbing wall & high ropes
- team building & boating
- boating & archery
- archery & team building

<https://www.discoverypark.ie/>



11.45hrs                      Depart Castlecomer Discovery Park  
13.45hrs                      Arrive at Dublin Port  
14.45hrs                      Depart Dublin Port on **Stena Line ferry**

<https://www.stenaline.ie/routes/dublin-holyhead>



Students will have the opportunity to experience facilities & services on board the ferry.

18.20hrs                      Arrive at Holyhead, Wales, UK  
Comfort and dinner stop en-route to Chester  
21.30hrs                      Arrive at hotel

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/chester/chetr/hoteldetail>

### **Holiday Inn Express Chester Racecourse (2 nights Bed & Breakfast)**

#### HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS CHESTER - RACECOURSE

The Racecourse, Chester, CH1 2LY United Kingdom

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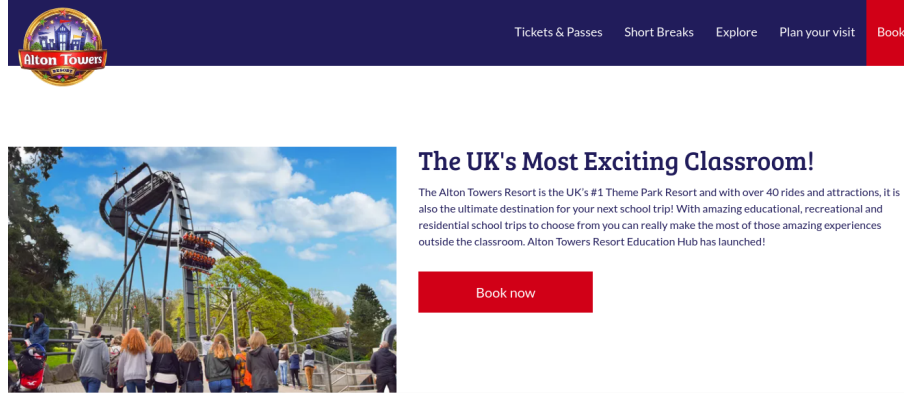
## Day two – Saturday 22nd April

08.30hrs Depart hotel

10.00hrs Arrive **Alton Towers**

<https://www.altontowers.com/>

17.00hrs Alton Towers closes



The screenshot shows the Alton Towers website header with navigation links: Tickets & Passes, Short Breaks, Explore, Plan your visit, and Book. Below the header is a promotional banner for 'The UK's Most Exciting Classroom!' featuring a roller coaster and a 'Book now' button. The text on the banner reads: 'The Alton Towers Resort is the UK's #1 Theme Park Resort and with over 40 rides and attractions, it is also the ultimate destination for your next school trip! With amazing educational, recreational and residential school trips to choose from you can really make the most of those amazing experiences outside the classroom. Alton Towers Resort Education Hub has launched!'.

18:30hr Arrive at **Cheshire Oaks & Coliseum Leisure Park**

Students will have free time for shopping, dining and entertainment. Please note the optional entertainment available here (cinema, ten pin bowling, escape room & adventure golf are at an additional cost)

<https://coliseum-leisure.co.uk/play/>

<https://www.mcarthurglen.com/en/outlets/uk/designer-outlet-cheshire-oaks/>



21.30hrs Depart Cheshire Oaks for hotel

## Day three – Sunday 23rd April

09.30hrs Depart hotel

10.00hrs **Chester Zoo** opens

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

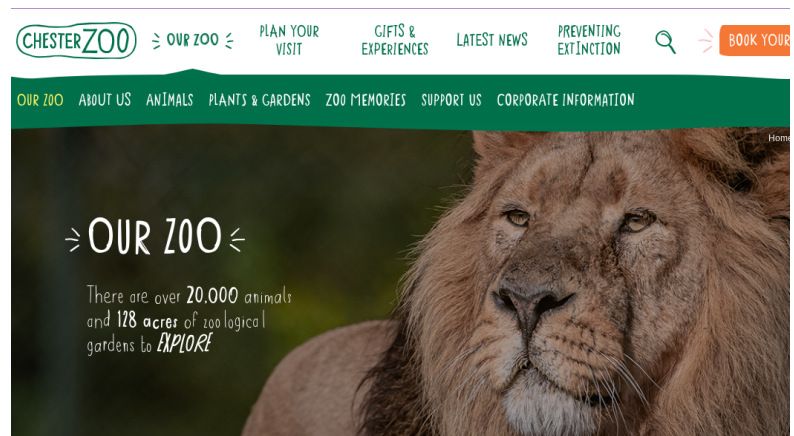
17.00 Chester Zoo closes. Depart for port

19.30hrs Arrive at Holyhead

20.30hrs Depart from Holyhead on the

**Stena Ferry**, as per previous crossing

23.45hrs Arrive at North Wall, Dublin



The screenshot shows the Chester Zoo website header with navigation links: CHESTER ZOO, OUR ZOO, PLAN YOUR VISIT, GIFTS & EXPERIENCES, LATEST NEWS, PREVENTING EXTINCTION, and BOOK YOUR. Below the header is a promotional banner for 'OUR ZOO' featuring a lion. The text on the banner reads: 'There are over 20,000 animals and 128 acres of zoological gardens to EXPLORE'.

## Day four – Monday 3rd April

03.00hrs Arrive at St. Augustine's College

Please note, **on Monday 3rd April, students do not need to attend school at 9am, but have been granted permission from school management to return to school at 11.15hrs.**

### **What is NOT included in your €460:**

*Lunches and dinners* - only breakfasts for both mornings are included. There will be plenty of opportunities to purchase food at service stations en route and at the various activity locations. It is advisable that students bring snacks and drinks. Please note that there are students with nut allergies, so no nut products are allowed. No energy drinks are allowed.

*Spending money* - Students may opt to purchase gifts or wares at any of the activity locations. For example, ride photos, souvenirs or FAST TRACK passes at Alton Towers. Students will take full responsibility for their personal belongings and money. We therefore ask that you consider this when determining how much spending money to give and that no valuable items are brought.

*Entertainment at Cheshire Oaks.* These are optional activities. Most students will opt to simply dine and shop.

### **Phones**

Phones are allowed at their owners own risk.

### **What students should bring**

#### **Compulsory:**

- A small rucksack/school bag is ideal
- Waterproof coat
- Suncream
- **Comfortable casual clothing** for each of the three days - it is recommended that they wear a tracksuit/gym gear. Jeans will not be suitable for the first day at Castlecomer Discovery Park. We therefore recommend warm layers. Students will not be required to change in the evening. No formal attire is necessary.
- **TWO pairs of comfortable runners/walking shoes.**  
Some of the activities may result in students getting wet and dirty.  
All activities involve being outdoors and walking a good distance.
- Passport IF required (see below)
- Spending money (two lunches, two dinners & optional gift purchases)
- Students will be given a **wristband** matching the assigned colour for their group

**Optional:**

- A small shoulderbag/moneybelt may be helpful for the zoo and Alton Towers
- Identification (not required)
- Medication (if required, see below)
- Phone and charger

**Medication**

Please inform us either on your trip permission form or before the trip begins if your child requires medication whilst on the trip. It is important to note that they will be responsible for administering such medication.

**Travel Insurance**

Standard school tour insurance is included through the tour company Celtic Horizons

**Cancellation/Refunds**

If for some reason your child can no longer attend, you are entitled to a refund up until Thursday 10th March. After this time the tour company, Celtic Horizons, has to pay out to their suppliers regardless of the numbers in attendance. You will however, be able to submit a claim to the travel insurance underwriters themselves, who will determine the validity of a claim and whether a refund will be provided, full partial or otherwise. In this circumstance, all cancellations must be notified asap to both the school at and to Celtic Horizons in writing/email before coming into effect.

However, IF your child's place can be replaced with another student (IF a waiting list is in operation and enough time is given for the replacement student to organise their attendance), then we will be able to refund you the full amount. This cannot be guaranteed.