

# Cardiff Castle

## Castles & Courts Workshop

### Location

Your workshop will take place either in the Housekeeper's Room (Room 1) of the Education Centre or when possible, in the medieval Undercroft.

### Description

Cardiff Castle has dominated the landscape for centuries, but how was it built and who actually lived here? Find out more about the workings of a medieval court. What was it like to live in a castle and what did it take to be a medieval knight or lady?

Your workshop will be taken by a DBS-checked, professional costumed facilitator.

### Guided Tour of Castle

A tour of the House will take children around some of the highly decorated, colourful rooms that were designed by the architect, William Burges. His designs are from the Victorian period but reflect Burges' vision of how the interior of a medieval Castle would have been.

### Duration

The workshop will last for 75 minutes. The guided tour lasts approximately 50 minutes though a shorter tour can be taken for younger children who may find the spiral stairs in one of the towers difficult to negotiate. There will be time allowed for lunch and to take advantage of the other aspects that are included in the visit (see below)

### Key Learning Outcomes

By the end of the session, your pupils will have:

- ◆ Learnt about the construction and layout of castles
- ◆ Learnt about the different people who lived in a castle
- ◆ Learnt about different styles of armour that would have been used by three common types of soldier – archers, spearmen and knights
- ◆ Learnt about some of the methods of attack on the battlefield and why different types of armour and weapons were good for specific purposes
- ◆ Taken part in a simple "Bill Drill" (Please note that this may not be possible if time is limited or with larger-than-average groups)

### Main Links to the National Curriculum

- ◆ **Foundation Phase (Wales)**
  - Knowledge and Understanding of the World
  - Personal and Social Development, Well-Being and Cultural Diversity
- ◆ **History – Key Stage 1 (England)**
  - Events beyond living memory
- ◆ **History – Key Stage 2 (Wales)**
  - The daily life of people in the Age of the Princes
- ◆ **History – Key Stage 2 (England)**
  - A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066

### **What Else is Included in Your Visit**

- Use of the Audio Guide that has been written especially for children
- Film show and access to areas of the Grounds including the Keep, the Battlements and Wartime Shelters.
- A Visit to Firing Line – Museum of the Welsh Soldier (Military Museum in the Interpretation Centre). Please note: Firing Line is independently managed and any activities offered are not a part of Cardiff Castle's Education Service. Visits may not be possible on certain days, or may incur an additional charge

We usually have birds of prey on site during the week although we cannot guarantee this.