



Origins is an important and relevant resource for schools, covering a number of specific aspects of the National Curriculum.

The attraction spans 3 floors and takes the visitor on an interactive, 2000-year journey through history exploring the impact various waves of settlers and invaders have had on the language, landscape, culture and people of the eastern region.

The age range able to make most direct use of the installations and displays would be 8 –14 years old, although there are some specific aspects which would be relevant for older pupils.

- **Origins aims to**
 - Present the eastern region's connections with the wider world by showing the diversity of people who have come to it through the ages. Links to:
 - Geography
 - History
 - Citizenship

 - Explore how cultural exchange has contributed to the region's identity. Links to:
 - Citizenship
 - History

 - Encourage visitors to interpret historical clues in the region's culture and environment. Links to:
 - History
 - Geography
 - Environment

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- **History**
 - **Arrival of settlers from the Romans through Anglo Saxons, Vikings and Normans**
 - Relevant to the History curriculum for **Key Stage 2**
 - Good range of opportunities for pupils to investigate aspects of each wave of settlers
 - The emphasis on interpreting objects is particularly useful for allowing pupils to undertake a historical enquiry from a range of sources of information, as required in the National Curriculum History Programme of Study
 - **Arrival of the Normans with emphasis on Castle buildings and the role of Church**
 - Appropriate for **Year 7 pupils** (11-12 year olds) in Middle or High Schools
 - Relevance to the "Britain 1066-1500" study units in the KS3 programme of study
 - **The Modern World after 1900**
 - Pupils in **Key Stage 3**, Year 9 (13-14 year olds) will find the display on **United States of America Air Force** relevant
 - This section will also be of interest to primary schools who study "Britain since 1930" or to GCSE students seeking an introduction to an historical enquiry into the East Anglian airfields during 2nd World War
 - **180° film show**
 - The film is an appropriate way for pupils to gain an historical overview of Norfolk

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Geography

- **A sense of place that defines Norfolk**
 - Allows pupils in Key Stage 2 (7-11 year olds) to answer questions such as "What is our landscape like?"
 - For **Key Stage 3** pupils (11-14 year olds) the emphasis on how man has shaped the **physical landscape** in Norfolk will give them the opportunity to address geographical questions, such as "How and why is our landscape changing?" and "What is the impact of these changes?"

- **Environmental Education**
 - Installations and displays focus on the valuable **habitats** of the Norfolk region and **land management issues** affecting Norfolk today
 - Relevance to issues on **sustainable development** in the Geography curriculum and aspects of Citizenship
 - For older pupils there are opportunities for more complex interactions via the multi-media stations, which would also allow individuals or pairs to investigate aspects of the **North Norfolk coast** further

For further information please log on to www.theforumnorfolk.com

What do our educational visitors think?

The teachers

“ It was a most interesting and a valuable experience for all ages – we would have liked to stay the whole day.” **Sue Bagshaw, teacher at Thorpe House School**

“ I felt the visit to Origins was a great success. The children gained a great deal of information from the exhibits from the exhibits which proved to be very useful in their school work” — **Anne Curran, teacher at St Benet’s school**

“I would strongly recommend any KS2 teacher to consider taking their class to Origins. You will not be disappointed.” **Joan Holland, teacher at St Benet’s school**

The children

“The best thing about Origins is that you learn but have fun at the same time. It was fab!” — **Holly Westgarth – aged 10**

“ I was speechless. It was amazing” — **Grace Hutchins aged 10**

“ It was a very interesting trip. We found lots of information about subjects we are covering at school” — **Fergus Kavanagh aged 10**

“ It was the best outing I have ever had” — **Charlotte Pollock aged 7**

The media

The third floor includes...” a spectacular 180 degree panorama, filmed using helicopters, boats and special cameras. You can see the view from the pilot’s seat as a plane takes off from Norwich Airport, drift along on wherries, bank fast around Roman Caister...or explore the Octagon chapel built by Quaker bankers.” — **Angela Youngman . Times Educational Supplement 2002**

“I was blown away by Origins” — **Rowan Mantell, Norwich Evening News**



SCHOOLS BOOKING FORM

To make your booking, please complete this form in block capitals and return it with the appropriate deposit, to:

**Schools Visits, Origins Visitor Centre, The Forum Trust Ltd, 2nd Floor
Blackburn House, 1 Theatre Street, Norwich NR2 1RG**

BOOKING DETAILS

- A deposit must be paid when booking
- Payment of balance for admission must be paid on arrival
- Payment on arrival may be by cash, cheque (made payable to The Forum Trust Ltd) or by credit card. Payment should be made by the group leader before the group leave the coach or immediately on arrival at the centre
- Tickets will be mailed in advance for fully paid bookings, if preferred
- Please note that all bookings must be paid in full by/on the date of visit

VISIT DETAILS

- School visits can be accommodated from 9.30am.
- Schools will be given an entry time to the centre on confirmation of their booking. Groups are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes before their entry time
- Last admission to the centre is 4.30pm during the summer months and 4.00pm during the winter.
- Approximate duration of the visit is 1 ½ hours
- For every 10 children one adult will be admitted free of charge
- Once you have sent back your booking form please assume that your booking with us is confirmed.

GROUP DETAILS (Please complete all relevant sections)

Preferred date of visit: _____ Preferred time of arrival: _____

Second choice of date: _____

Name of School/Group: _____

First contact name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Daytime tel no: _____ Fax no: _____

E-mail (if applicable): _____

Is your group? Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2 Key Stage 3

College/University Other Please specify _____

No. of teachers/group leaders attending _____

No. of students attending _____ Age of students attending _____

If your school has any special needs (eg. Wheelchair access, partially sighted or hard of hearing members) please give details:

If you would like to incorporate a visit to the children's library into your visit please telephone them direct on 01603 774707 to arrange this.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Origins Visitor Centre provides a range of teaching materials that can be used prior to and following your visit to the Centre. Please ring the Visitor Centre Manager for more details.

Would you like to receive a teacher's education pack? Yes No

Would you like it sent to you prior to your visit (additional postage will be charged)

Yes No

TICKET PRICES AND REQUIREMENTS

TICKET TYPE	PRICE	NO.OF PEOPLE	COST EACH	TOTAL COST
School/Childrens Group	£2.75			
Students	£3.50			
Teacher/Group Organiser	FREE			
Coach driver	FREE			
Additional Adults	£4.50			
Education Pack	£4.95 (complimentary with a confirmed visit) £1.00 (postage)			
Special September rate	£2.00 per child			
Special rate for booking in September	£2.25 per child			
Reference code				
TOTAL				

FREE PLACES Teachers – free admission for each teacher/parent accompanying ten children. Coach Drivers will receive free entry and a hot drink.

ADDITIONAL VISIT REQUIREMENTS

TRAVEL

Will your group arrive by coach? **Yes** **No**

CATERING

Will your group require an area to eat packed lunches? **Yes** **No**

If your group would prefer catering arranged for them please ring the Visitor Centre Manager for further details on (01603) 727 921.

DEPOSIT DETAILS

Groups of 20 to 50 £25 Groups of 50 or more £50

A deposit is required to secure each booking and must be enclosed with the booking form. If a deposit is not received within 21 days the booking (s) will be automatically cancelled. Deposits are refundable up to one calendar month before the date of the visit.

CONFIRMATION OF BOOKING

I have read and accept the booking conditions below

I enclose my deposit payment of £_____

Signed _____

BOOKING CONDITIONS

- To qualify for schools discount, groups must comprise of at least 10 people. Groups bringing less than this on the day will be asked to pay full child admission charge, forfeiting their discounted rate.
- Please note that individual discounted payments can not be accepted from group members.
- No food or drink is allowed in the Visitor Centre and the Forum building is a No Smoking area.

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

Benefits for schools

- **Discounted entry**

- **Free coach parking**
- **Drop off and pick up outside the door**
- **Free entry for group organisers, teachers and coach drivers**
- **Free drink coach drivers**
- **Good links with the National Curriculum for Key Stage 1, 2 and 3**

Access

- **Full access for special needs groups**
- **Disabled parking**
- **Wheelchair accessible toilets**
- **Guide dogs welcome**