

The 12 Days of Christmas come to life!

A Weekend of Festive Fun...

Ipswich Museum, High Street 13th December

Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich 14th December

Visitors can kick off the festive season in style and come along to enjoy a whole weekend of Christmas fun at the beautiful museums in Ipswich this December.

The festive fun starts on Saturday 13th December with **The 12 Days of Christmas** at Ipswich Museum. This brand new event for the museum explores the well loved Christmas Carol, the 12 Days of Christmas, and will offer a variety of exciting challenges and activities around the museum.

Children will be invited to enjoy **12 different activities** linked to the festive carol by guessing the tune the French hen is clucking, trying out the **Anglo-Saxon gold rings game**, trying African drumming and hearing stories from an Egyptian dancer, among much more. This interactive special event is suitable for all the family to enjoy and is absolutely **free of charge**. There will be a **special prize** for children too as they earn activity stamps which can be swapped for a sweet treat at the end.

The 12 Days of Christmas can be enjoyed free, as can admission to Ipswich Museum.

The festivities continue on Sunday 14th December with **A Tudor Christmas** at Christchurch Mansion. Offering the perfect chance to get in the festive mood, this special event will be great fun for all the family. There will be a variety of **costumed characters** to meet, as well as the chance to see a traditional festive banquet. Visitors can also enjoy Christmas carols, **craft activities** and of course **Father Christmas**! For £2 children can **meet Father Christmas** in his beautiful grotto and receive a gift. Plus, with **snow guaranteed** on the day with the fabulous **snow machine** this will be a perfect day of Christmas fun.

If children can't wait until the 14th December to contact Father Christmas then they should take up Christchurch Mansion's exclusive mail service, direct to the North Pole. Children are invited to pop along to Christchurch Mansion and post their letter to Father Christmas between 22nd November – 16th December. With Christchurch Mansions guaranteed service they will get a reply from the man in red himself!

Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service

Our vision is to create a museum service that is a source of pride, inspiration and fun.

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