

CARISBROOKE CASTLE



FAST FACTS

“Historic motte-and-bailey castle sitting high and proud at the heart of the Isle of Wight”



Half Day



Low Cost



Picnic Space



Snack Bar
Tea room



Parking On Site



No Resources
Own worksheets

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Quintessentially Romantic

Sitting high and proud at the heart of the Isle of Wight, Carisbrooke Castle has been an artillery fortress, king's prison and royal summer residence. Today it's the quintessential romantic castle, with plenty to see and enjoy in the fresh open air.

Climb the Normal keep to experience far-reaching panoramic views from the high castle walls, or wander the moat to discover King Charles I's bowling green.

Enjoy the tranquil Princess Beatrice Garden and stunning St Nicholas' Chapel, before meeting the famous Carisbrooke donkeys, used to drive the water well wheel.

See the room where King Charles I was held prisoner, and from which he tried and failed to daringly escape.

Discovery Visits

Book a "Discovery Visit" workshop, where your cohort will delve deeper into the story of the castle and its people, through hands-on learning activities including role-play, object handling and trying on costumes.

King Charles I

Carisbrooke is famous as the prison for the deposed Charles I. The king was held here for 14 months before his execution in 1649. At first accommodated comfortably in the Constable's Lodgings, his efforts to escape led to more secure imprisonment. His first escape attempt failed when he became wedged in the bars of his window!

Princess Beatrice

Daughter of Queen Victoria, Beatrice opened a memorial museum to her husband in the gatehouse and took up residence at the castle in 1913.

FUN

60%

LEARNING

80%

