

Educational Day Visits to St. Mary's House, Bramber



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Age suitability: 5 - 16 years

Key stages: 1, 2, 3

History comes alive at St. Mary's House!

Our tours begin in the early **Norman period**, and as we move from room to room we see the many changes that have taken place in St. Mary's during its history, and the events that influenced those changes. By the end of the tour, visitors have travelled through **500 years of history**. St. Mary's is especially suitable for school parties, due to the ancient atmosphere of the house, yet at the same time it is still a lived-in home rather than a "museum-piece". We talk about the monks, and the various other people who stayed here when it was a pilgrim inn. We see the **King's Room** where **Charles II** is reputed to have stayed during his escape to France. We talk about **Victorian** times, the architectural changes made during that era, and the changes due to the introduction of gas and electricity. Furniture and artefacts from different periods can be seen, which allow today's world to mix with elements of the past; we emphasise the **continuity of St. Mary's** through its various ups and downs at different periods in its history.

Open: April - September (9.00am - 5.00pm)

Group size: 15 - 45

Guided tours: yes

Cost: £3.00 per person

Facilities: Toilets, Coach parking

Free Advance Teacher Visit: yes

Visit duration: 1 - 1.5 hours

