

Theatre Tours

HERITAGE THEATRE TOURS

Suitable for: Members of the public and group bookings

Discover the rich history of Leeds' theatres on one of our public tours. Tours of the Grand Theatre explore its history from opening night to its success today, whilst tours of the City Varieties provide the opportunity to hear how it grew from a humble music room above a pub to the world-famous home of *The Good Old Days*.

Public tours can be booked through our websites and group tours can be organised by contacting the Learning Team.

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: £3 child (under 18yrs), £5 adult

“I went on the tour today and really enjoyed it – a good blend of history, experiences and operational know-how”

Public Tour

TECHNICAL THEATRE TOURS

Suitable for: Students of Performing Arts, Production Arts, Drama and members of the public interested in technical theatre

Enter the theatre via Stage Door and delve deep into the backstage world of Leeds Grand Theatre. Meet a member of our Technical Team and gain an operational understanding of the stage, sound, lighting and our original Victorian counter-weight flying system.

Discover the newly installed Computerised Flying System, expandable Orchestra Pit and state-of-the-art Lorry Lift that now enables The Grand to host large scale West End touring productions.

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: £6 student, £10 adult

“Our students loved the backstage tours, they were a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into a working theatre”

Teacher



VICTORIAN THEATRE TOUR FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Suitable for: KS1/2

Travel back in time to the opening night of Leeds Grand Theatre or City Varieties Music Hall and find out what it was like as a Victorian theatre-goer. Get into character with costumes, explore superstitions of the stage and create your own theatre myths.

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: £3 pupil (inc VAT. Accompanying teachers go free)

“The staff couldn't have been more helpful in planning our visit - we've already been back!”

Teacher

THEATRE TOURS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Suitable for: KS3/4 and Post 16

Discover the rich history of Leeds' theatres through a tour of the Grand Theatre or City Varieties Music Hall. Find out what it means to be a receiving house, discover how the theatres are managed and explore the theatres' histories. Find out who's walked the boards, superstitions of the stage and how technology has developed today.

Specific curriculum areas can be covered on request.

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: £3 student (inc VAT. Accompanying teachers go free)

“The best thing about it was touring the City Varieties and learning about the history”

Year 10 pupil