

Visual Guide to the Brick City exhibition at Guernsey Museum

Information & tips for visitors with autism and parents/carers of people with autism.



In conjunction with



Introduction

We recognise that it can be a stressful time visiting somewhere new. This is especially the case for people with hidden disabilities e.g., autism.

We want to make sure all our visitors feel as comfortable as possible during their time at the museum. This guide is here to act as a guide to the various stages that you will encounter.

Our staff will do as much as we can to assist. We welcome enquiries and you can contact us via museums@gov.gg or call 226518.

Sunflower Hidden Disability Lanyard Scheme



We appreciate not all disabilities are visible, some are not immediately obvious e.g. autism. Staff at the Museum know to recognise that someone wearing a lanyard may require extra support.

Brick City the exhibition

Brick City features iconic buildings from cities around the world, recreated in LEGO® bricks. All the models on display at Guernsey Museum were created by artist Warren Elsmore and his team. It is a touring exhibition and was recently in the USA. After it leaves Guernsey Museum, it will be packed up and go to another venue.

The exhibition provides an 'around the world tour' in LEGO® bricks. All seven continents are represented, from New Zealand to New Orleans and imaginative castles from medieval Japan to modern Las Vegas. The centrepiece is the magnificent 180,000 piece London St Pancras Station. The final day of Brick City at Guernsey Museum is Sunday 3 July 2022.

The Museum

The Museum address is:

Guernsey Museum at Candie

Candie Gardens

Candie Road

St Peter Port

GY1 1UG

The email address is museums@gov.gg and the telephone number is 226518.

Before you visit

- Please contact us if you have any questions. You can email us on museums@gov.gg or call us on 226518.
- The Museum has been fully audited by Access Able. You can find the guide online [here](#).
- Think about when you would like to visit. We do have school groups visiting and you can always call us to enquire when it might be quietest. Sunny days are usually the quietest and rainy days are usually the busiest. Our Quiet Hour is Monday 16.00-17.00. During this time the video will be turned off and the lobby lights turned down. No group visits will be booked during the Quiet Hour.
- Do you belong to a group for children/adults who are neurodiverse— eg. Wigwam, Autism Guernsey or other charity/special needs group? We can arrange group access out-of-hours. Please contact us via museums@gov.gg or 226518 to speak to our Access & Learning team. This includes groups for adults and children.
- It might be noisy. Consider bringing some headphones or ear defenders.
- Consider bringing some sunglasses to block out lights.
- Consider whether it might be useful to take a sensory toy or item to help to feel less anxious.
- Do you have limited mobility? Limited parking is sometimes available within the Gardens. Please contact us beforehand via 226518 or museums@gov.gg.

How to get to the Museum

There are different ways to reach the Museum. You can travel:

- By Bus. The closest stop is The Grange.
- By Taxi. The taxi driver can drop you at the top of Candie Gardens. This is a 2-minute walk from the Museum entrance.
- By Car. There is no car park for the Museum. There is parking nearby on the road outside, the Odeon car park or Beau Sejour car park. If you have limited mobility and can't walk very far, you can call us to see if it's possible to park inside the garden. Please contact us via museums@gov.gg or 226518 to discuss this.

Outside the Museum

This is what the Museum entrance looks like:



There is a hand sanitiser outside, which you can use if you wish. You can wear a mask if you wish but it is not mandatory.

You pull the doors to enter the building.

Inside the building

You will step into the Museum shop. There are lots of things for sale, including cards, books, gifts and toys. The reception is straight ahead of you. This is where you pay to visit the Museum.



The Visitor Attendant will say hello. You can tell them that you would like to visit the Brick City exhibition. There are different tickets available. The prices are:

Adult = £6.50

Student = £2

Person aged 7-17 = £2

Children under 7 = £free

If you have a Discovery Pass, you might need to show a form of ID.

You must be 12 or over to visit the exhibition on your own.

The layout of the Museum

This is a plan of the Museum. The Brick City exhibition is in the Brian White exhibition Gallery. There is an introduction in the lobby.



The lobby

The Visitor Attendant will direct you where to start. There is an introduction to the exhibition in the foyer. This is what the lobby looks like:



The exhibition is through these doors.

This is a closer look at the lobby.



- There is a TV playing a video all about the exhibition. There is sound from the TV. It contains music and talking.
- There is a graffiti wall. You can touch the graffiti wall. You can add more LEGO® pieces to the wall. The LEGO® pieces are kept in the grey bench.
- In the bench there are folders. These contain the exhibition text in large print. You can pick these up and take them around the gallery with you. Please return them here.
- There is a trolley containing picture trails, pencils and clipboards. These are for visitors to the Brick City exhibition. Please help yourself. If the trolley is empty, you may ask at reception for more.

Inside the exhibition

This is the view when you enter the exhibition.



There is one large LEGO© model in front of you. You can walk around 3 sides of the large model. Please do not touch the model.

The exhibition is all in one room and it is shaped like an octagon. You can turn left or right. There are about 30 models in this room.



What the models look like

Each model has a clear plastic cover to protect it. They all have lights inside the covers. The models in the exhibition are not for touching. You can read all about the models on the text panel below.



When you have finished, you can exit through the shop.

You may visit the rest of the Museum, if you wish. (Your ticket price includes the entire Museum).

We hope you enjoyed your visit and we look forward to welcoming you again.