

Gorge-ous Somerset spectacular

A destination for all seasons, there's so much for groups to explore at Cheddar Gorge & Caves.

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Towering 450 feet into the air and plunging the same distance into the earth, the ancient and spectacular Cheddar Gorge & Caves in the rolling Mendip Hills of Somerset is a true natural jewel of Britain.

Cheddar Gorge is a significant site of ecological importance and classed as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), as well as being a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) with an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

In addition to its array of acronyms, the area is also home to two spectacular show caves, through which flows the largest underground river system in Britain.

Cheddar Gorge & Caves boasts an astounding history which has been brought to life and modernised in such a way to immerse any visitor, of any age, in a captivating world of discovery.

Group benefits (for 12+):

- Generous discounts on ticket prices.
- Free organiser ticket for groups of 30+.
- Free driver ticket for every coach operator booking.
- Free driver refreshment voucher.
- Free all-day coach parking.

Open all-year round, there are a variety of group packages and experiences to enjoy including:

Gough's Cave: Explore large, dramatic rock formations and discover an incredible fusion of prehistoric significance and unique elegance.

Beyond the View: This fully accessible cinematic experience showcases stunning video footage of the gorge from the sky, travelling along the Cliff-top Walk and through the village of Cheddar itself. It tells the tale of the history of the gorge, from its humble beginnings through to its tourism fame of the modern age.

Museum of Prehistory: Explore years of excavation findings in Cheddar, displaying how they fit into the global history of our species.

Dreamhunters at Cox's Cave: A unique and immersive audio-visual experience. Using the naturally sculpted cave walls as a canvas for graphic light projections, you and your group will experience the adventures of early man played out around you.

Cliff-top Walk and the Lookout Tower: The top of Britain's highest gorge is the setting of a dramatic and exhilarating view, along with a three mile countryside walk culminating in a 'top of the world' feeling. The gorge is home to diverse and rare flora and fauna of both UK and European significance.

Group bookings

Group Day Tickets include Gough's Cave, Beyond the View, Museum of Prehistory, Dreamhunters at Cox's Cave as well as the iconic Cliff-top Walk, Jacob's Ladder and the newly refurbished Lookout Tower.

Adults: £14.95

Children (5-15): £9.50 – under 5s go free

Groups Gorge & Caves Special: £12 per person (entry to one cave and a Costa hot drink and cake)

Looking for more adventure?

Other activities for more adventurous groups at Cheddar Gorge & Caves include Rocksport activities, in which you'll find yourselves squeezing through the naturally sculpted underground chambers of Gough's Cave, or finding footholds halfway up the gorge's cliff face.

Opt to face the heart-stopping Black Cat Free Fall - watch the cave floor approach or the roof disappear as you take a leap of faith off the 9m edge to an exhilarating free fall (don't worry, you're harnessed up and will be slowed to a halt before setting your feet down on terra firma).

Or perhaps you want to challenge your group and race against the clock to uncover the secret vault or escape Pavey's Cave with real-life, escape room games?

Exclusive use for groups can be arranged and there's a choice of two experiences; the first transports you back to the Victorian era in which you're trapped in the very house that Richard Gough, discoverer of Gough's Cave, lived. The only way out is through his secret vault, but first you have to find it.

The second will see you embark on a caving expedition searching for Pavey's lost cave that has gone uncharted for decades – but you become trapped. Legend has it that Pavey left something behind and you must find it as it's the key to your escape. Can you find Pavey's lost treasure and escape, or will you be Caved In? ■

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Iconic & supersonic

2019 is a very special year for the unique Aerospace Bristol.
We explore what's on offer for groups.

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This year marks 50 years since Concorde's maiden flight from Toulouse on 2nd March, 1969, with the first British flight taking off from Filton, now home to Aerospace Bristol, on 9th April the same year. To celebrate the incredible milestone, the aerospace museum has a host of special group packages, talks and tours, as well as events, on offer.

Visitors will have the chance to step aboard Concorde Alpha Foxtrot, the last of the passenger jets to be built and the last to fly, which is the stunning centrepiece of the museum, housed in a specially built hangar. Capable of crossing the Atlantic in less than three hours, Concorde cruised at over twice

the speed of sound, reaching an altitude of 60,000ft. Her passengers would marvel at the curvature of the Earth as they travelled at 1320mph and sipped Champagne on the edge of space.

Find out how engineers of the 60s created an aircraft capable of such supersonic speed as well as carrying over 100 passengers in comfort and style and what it was like to fly Concorde alongside royalty and film stars. There are some intriguing displays including bottles of Champagne, Concorde menus and even a picture of the late Sir Roger Moore in the cockpit.

Aerospace Bristol is a fascinating place to explore all-year round taking visitors on an immersive journey through more than a century of incredible aviation achievements and tales of human endeavour.

Having only opened in October 2017, the museum is in a unique location, built on a strip of disused runway in Filton, the British spiritual home of Concorde.



Visitor Comment

"We were so impressed with the exhibits and the way the aerospace history in Bristol was set out in the galleries...I'm sure we will all be making a return visit in the near future."



• Concorde Alpha Foxtrot is the centrepiece of the museum.

The special Concorde50 package includes:

- An exclusive Concorde50 guided tour (45mins to an hour).
- The chance to sit in the Concorde Flight Deck exhibit and have your photo taken in the captain's seat.
- The opportunity to take photos in front of Concorde before stepping aboard and exploring at your leisure.
- A souvenir ticket and commemorative certificate for visitors.
- Breakfast, lunch, or afternoon tea in a private area of the museum reserved for your group (for an additional fee).
- Available to groups of 20 or more.

Group benefits (for 20+):

- Discounted rates for adults and children.
- Free coach and minibus parking on site.
- Guided highlight tours for an additional fee.
- Free entry for the group leader and coach driver.



Extend your visit

The last Concorde may be the star attraction but Aerospace Bristol has plenty more on offer to explore. It uses restored and replica aircraft and engines, together with unusual items, to tell Bristol's aviation story from the beginnings of the British & Colonial Aircraft Company through both World Wars and looking ahead to the future of aerospace technology.

As well as interactive exhibits, there are many interesting objects on display including a Jupiter VI engine, Bulldog wing, Skylark sounding rocket and a Rolls Royce Trent fan set.

There's a cafe offering a range of light meals, snacks and drinks to refuel during your visit and there's a gift shop on site for a spot of shopping.

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