

Yorkshire Museum

Discover: Roman York Teachers' Workshop Pack



Image: Marching with the Legions at the Yorkshire Museum. © Photo by Gareth Buddo, courtesy of York Museums Trust.

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Workshop overview

Uncover the stories of citizens, soldiers and emperors in our **Discover: Roman York** workshop. Explore the museum and handle real Roman objects to get an insight into everyday life in Roman York and the beliefs and fashions that the Romans brought to Britain. Afterwards, try your hand at some Roman board games, or grab your *gladius* and *scutum* and re-enact some legionary battle tactics.

Location

The Yorkshire Museum
Museum Gardens
Museum Street
York
YO1 7FR

Workshop times

10am–12pm or 12.30–2.30pm.

Age group

Key Stage Two.

Numbers

Maximum group size of
34 pupils per workshop.

We can accommodate up to two groups from your school on a single day, with a maximum of 30 pupils per workshop (60 pupils in total).

Session fees

£7 per pupil. For groups of 22 or less, there is a flat fee of £154 per workshop.



What to expect

During this session, pupils will:

- **Explore** our Roman galleries by completing two discovery challenges. These will give pupils an insight into York's connections to the wider Roman Empire and the beliefs and fashions that the Romans brought to Britain.
- Get **hands-on** with some real Roman artefacts using one of our Roman object boxes, which will shed light on the lives of the soldiers (**A Legionary's Life**) or civilians (**Exploring Eboracum**) who lived in York.
- Learn through **play** by trying out a Roman board game (**Terni Lapelli**) or by re-enacting some of the battlefield tactics used by Roman legionaries (**Marching with the Legions**).

Our **Discover: Roman York** workshop is led by an expert member of our Learning Team.

You can select which Roman object box (**A Legionary's Life** or **Exploring Eboracum**) and play-based activity (**Terni Lapelli** or **Marching with the legions**) you would like us to deliver as part of your workshop during the booking process.

Image: The Head of Constantine at the Yorkshire Museum.
Courtesy of York Museums Trust.

Human remains

Our **Roman York: Meet the People of Empire** exhibition has displays which contain **human remains**. Please get in touch with us at schools@ymt.org.uk if you require further information.

Marching with the legions

Please note that our **Marching with the Legions** activity takes place in York Museum Gardens which are open to members of the public.

Risk assessment

You will be sent a copy of our **Discover: Roman York Workshop Risk Assessment** once a booking has been made.



Curriculum links

Our **Discover: Roman York** workshop can be used to cover the following curriculum areas:

Key Stage Two

Pupils should be taught about:

- The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain
- This could include:
 - The Roman Empire by AD42 and the power of its army
 - Successful invasion by Claudius and conquest
 - British resistance
 - 'Romanisation' of Britain: the impact of technology, culture and beliefs, including early Christianity.
- A local history study



Workshop outline A (single class of up to 34 pupils)

Time	Activity	Location
10–10.30am 12.30–1pm	<p>Arrival at the Yorkshire Museum. Pupils will store their belongings and receive a welcome briefing from the session lead.</p> <p>Pupils will discover the origins of Roman York through an interactive timeline activity.</p>	The Rec Room and The Discovery Den
10.30–11.10am 1–1.40pm	<p>Pupils will split into two groups and explore our Roman galleries whilst alternating between the following activities:</p> <p>Across the Empire Pupils must track down eight star objects which provide evidence for how people and artefacts came to York from across the Roman Empire.</p> <p>Romanisation Pupils must hunt for eight star objects which can tell us stories about the ideas, beliefs and fashions that the Romans brought to Britain.</p>	Roman Galleries
11.10–11.30am 1.40–2pm	<p>Pupils will get hands-on with history using one of our two Roman object boxes. You can choose between:</p> <p>A Legionary's Life This box contains objects that will give pupils an insight into what it was like to serve as a Roman soldier in York.</p> <p>Exploring Eboracum This box contains objects which provide evidence of what civilian life was like in Roman York.</p>	The Discovery Den

Time	Activity	Location
11.30–11.50am 2–2.20pm	<p>Pupils will complete one of two play-based activities. You can choose between:</p> <p>Terni Lapelli Pupils will get an insight into popular pastimes by learning how to play a Roman board game.</p> <p>Marching with the legions Armed with a replica <i>gladius</i> and <i>scutum</i>, pupils will re-enact legionary battle tactics and find out what made the Roman army such a feared fighting machine.</p> <p>Note: this activity takes place in York Museum Gardens, which are open to members of the public. This activity may be swapped for Terni Lapelli in the event of inclement weather.</p>	<p>The Discovery Den (Terni Lapelli)</p> <p>York Museum Gardens (Marching with the Legions)</p>
11.50am–12pm 2.20–2.30pm	Plenary and evaluation	The Discovery Den

Your preferred **object box** and **play-based** activity can be selected during the booking process.



Workshop outline B (two classes of up to 60 pupils in total)

Group One	Group Two
Both groups arrive at the Yorkshire Museum (10am)	
Discover: Roman York Workshop (10am–12pm)	Self-guided visit to the Yorkshire Museum (10am–12pm)
Self-guided visit to the Yorkshire Museum (12–12.30pm)	Lunch (12–12:30pm)
Lunch (12.30–1pm)	Discover: Roman York Workshop (12.30–2.30pm)
Self-guided visit to the Yorkshire Museum (1–2.30pm)	
Both groups depart the Yorkshire Museum (2.30pm)	

Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel your workshop booking, then please give us as much notice as possible so that we can offer your slot to another group.

If a booking is cancelled less than one week before your visit date, then your school will be charged a cancellation fee amounting to 50% of the visit fee.

If a booking is cancelled less than 24 hours before your visit date, then your school will be charged a cancellation fee amounting to 100% of the visit fee.

Key vocabulary

Evidence, artefact, legion, legionary, auxiliary, tesserae, mosaic, emperor, temple, Whitby jet, amphora, Samian ware, ivory, ballista, scutum, gladius.

Get in touch!

If you require further information about our **Discover: Roman York** workshop or making a visit to the Yorkshire Museum, then please get in touch with our Learning Team at schools@ymt.org.uk.



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