## Self-led visit to St Michael's Mount

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## What's included?

- Pre-visit walk through with the Learning Officer
- Support to plan your own itinerary
- Reserved coach or mini-bus parking (free for Cornish Schools)
- 10-minute welcome and orientation talk on arrival
- Bag storage

The Visitor Service Team will be aware of your visit and any specific focus you've shared with the Learning Officer. Throughout the visit the team will happily interact informally with your group and share stories and information linked to your focus.

In advance you will have prebooked access to the Castle, Garden or Steward's House, or a combination of these venues.

## **Accessing the Mount**

27 March – 31 October Access via Causeway or Boat 1 November – end March Access via Causeway only

<u>Village & Harbour</u> Open all year <u>Island Life in Our Harbour Village – St Michael's Mount (stmichaelsmount.co.uk)</u>

Access to the bag storage, toilets, picnicking areas, shop, café and Barge House Interpretation Centre. View four sets of royal footprints; imagine what it's like for the 12 resident families; look for historical clues.

<u>Castle</u> Open end February – end November <u>Castles of Cornwall – St Michael's Mount (stmichaelsmount.co.uk)</u>

Inside the Castle rooms are small and you'll need to stagger your access in smaller adult-led groups of around 10-15 students. St Piran's flag on the battlements is the recommended spot to muster, organise your groups and then re-group after exiting the castle.

There is only one route through Castle. The exit is adjacent to the entrance.

<u>Garden</u> Open April – end September <u>Castle Gardens in Cornwall – St Michael's Mount (stmichaelsmount.co.uk)</u>

Access the Garden via the Laundry Lawn behind the Island Cafe. The Garden terraces are narrow and you will need to stagger your access in smaller adult-led groups of around 10-15 students. The Garden Checkpoint is the recommended spot to muster, organise your groups and then re-group after exiting the Gardens.

The recommend route is up into the East Terraces and through to the Walled Gardens. Turn up the steps to optionally access the West Terrace or turn down the steps to head back to the checkpoint.

Steward's House Open all year for Learning Groups The Steward's House (stmichaelsmount.co.uk)

The Steward's House is located near the entrance to St Michael's Mount. There are two small display spaces inside and you'll need to stagger your access in smaller adult-led groups of no more than 20. The Bowling Green opposite is the recommended spot to muster and organise your groups.

At the rear of the Steward's House is a quiet courtyard with seating.

