

Festive Tales Relaxed Sessions - What to expect

It is almost Christmas.



Christmas time can be exciting. It can also sometimes make me feel overwhelmed.



I'm going to see Santa. He will be indoors at the museum.

Santa will be wearing a red suit and has a white beard.



Santa will be sitting on big chair in a Grotto.

The Grotto will be darker. It has lots of Christmas trees, lights and Christmas music playing at a low volume.

When I arrive, I may have to wait a little bit until Santa is ready for us.

There will be other children and adults waiting too.

There are tables where I can colour in before, during or after my visit to see Santa.



When Santa is ready, we will all be called into the Grotto.



Santa will ask us to sit on the floor on cushions.

It's OK if I want to stand up, walk around or sit with the adults.

There is a quiet space to sit if I need to.

Santa will read us a Christmas story.



One at a time Santa will give us a present.

It can be hard to wait, but waiting makes it more exciting.

I can talk to Santa and tell him what I would like for Christmas.



I can have my photo taken with Santa.



When the story has finished and everyone has their present, it is time to leave the grotto.

There will be more people waiting to come into the grotto when we leave.



I can go and explore the museum.

I can have a go at an art activity in the building next to the Christmas Grotto.

Additional information for accompanying adults

The Workshop Galleries and the Cutter Building are fully accessible. There are Accessible toilets throughout our site including in the Workshop Galleries where Festive Tales takes place.

There is a Changing Places facility on the Upper Ground floor of the Cutter Building.

There are ear defenders available.

There is an area for colouring, this can be used before, during or after your visit to see Santa.

Music will be playing at a low volume, but this can be turned off if requested, just ask a member of staff.

Please don't hesitate to ask a member staff if you have any questions.