

Wintershall background information for making Risk Assessments.

The following information is provided to enable teachers to create a risk assessment and plan effectively for a school excursion to The Life of Christ, Wintershall. For more information, contact Wintershall Estate Office on 01483 892167.

Booking your tickets

We welcome groups of any size, with the appropriate ratio of adults to children for the age group concerned. We offer a discount of one free adult for every ten children. The productions have become very popular so please book tickets early to avoid disappointment. To book a school visit to a performance please call 01793 418299.

Performance timings

Running from 10am to 3.30pm, this is a performance in three acts with an hour long interval for lunch, and a question and answer session.

Arrival and Departure

Schools should plan to arrive by 9.30am. A guide will meet you in the coach park and direct you to the first Act, which is a 15 min walk away. The start of the performances cannot be delayed for late schools. We recommend teachers carry a mobile phone to advise school staff in the event of traffic congestion or other delays on your return.

Parking & Access to the Site

There is a free coach park and a free car park for individuals and minibuses nearby. The main production site is a 15 min walk from the Coach park. Teachers should note that the terrain is varied, and on occasion (if rainy) can be slippery and that students are advised to keep their pace to a walk at all times. The site is wheelchair accessible, and viewpoints are indicated. Buggy transport is available to assist with ease of access. Hearing interpreters can sometimes be arranged with prior notice. Please advise us of any special needs at the time of booking.

Health and safety

Wintershall Charitable Trust takes health and safety seriously, and takes all reasonable precautions to ensure that all areas enable safe public access, and that equipment complies with current standards. Wintershall has a child protection policy. All members of the public attending the performance are expected to take full responsibility for their own health and safety and for those in their charge, including undertaking their own risk assessment prior to arrival.

First Aid

St John Ambulance crew and a doctor are in attendance throughout the event. Please contact St John's or a member of production staff if you require First Aid assistance.

Insurance Cover

Wintershall Estate has the appropriate Public Liability Insurance in place to cover injury and damage. Wintershall Estate can supply a Certificate of Insurance upon request. Please call 01483 892167 for details.

Toilets

Toilets are located in the main car park, the coach park and close to the sites of Acts II and III. A disabled toilet is available between Act II and III, on the way to Act I.

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear

Please dress appropriately for a full day outside. The ground is uneven and can be slippery. Stout shoes, sun screen, hats and water are essential. Please bring a raincoat or umbrella in case of inclement weather. We are unable to accommodate people indoors in bad weather.

Seating

There is no seating provided. Please bring a ground sheets and picnic blankets for the children to sit on. As the performance is a promenade performance you do not have allocated seating. The Stage manager and production team will give clear direction to move your group around the site, and we would ask you to adhere to these directions.

The stage manager and production team informs and guides the audience throughout the performance, including showing schools where they can sit at each stage. They also serve as the meeting point should an individual become separated from their group.

Fire Exits & Evacuation

The site complies with all Fire Control regulations and the Production staff have been formally trained in emergency evacuation procedures.

Child Protection

At all times, supervision of pupils within school groups is the direct responsibility of their teachers, while on excursion to Wintershall, and there must be the requisite adult to child ratios. Please ensure that teacher supervision is evenly spread throughout your group during the performance. Students should be aware that there will be both other schools and members of the public on the site on their excursion. We ask that teachers outline the following 'Wintershall Education Code of Conduct' with pupils prior to departure and reinforce it during the performance by monitoring pupil behaviour on the day.

Wintershall Education Code of Conduct

Individuals should:

- behave in a courteous and responsible manner at all times
- listen to instructions from their group leader and Wintershall staff who will be wearing fluorescent jackets.
- not talk or disrupt the viewing of other audience members in any way
- switch off all mobile phones and media devices, as their use is prohibited during the performance and interferes with our sound system
- only walk on the site.
- refrain from throwing any items or food.
- leave no litter behind by placing it in the bins provided (at the rear of the auditorium).

Patron disruption

We expect teachers to ensure that the above-mentioned Wintershall Education Code of Conduct is adhered to whilst on site and throughout the performance. If other patrons disrupt your enjoyment of the performance, please notify the production staff immediately. Wintershall Estate reserves the right to request removal of individuals from a performance if their behaviour is deliberately and consistently disruptive. If these are school pupils, the teacher will be required to supervise them in the coach park until the performance had ended.

In addition to the above, the Child Protection Act legislation does not consider Wintershall Estate as a provider of specific services to children, and it is therefore not necessary for all production or estate staff to have DBS checks. Wintershall staff are responsible for the following: ushering and evacuation of the site.

Technical problems

On very rare occasions, performances may be cancelled due to technical problems. In the event of a cancellation, a full refund will be given.

Food and Beverage Sales

A Snack bar is available in the main car park, if necessary. Pupils need to be accompanied by a teacher.

Stalls selling merchandise are located in the main car park, including Wintershall goods and some related charities.

Prayer tent run by volunteers is also available in the main carpark.

Personal belongings and Bag storage

During the performance, Wintershall Estate strongly advises teachers and students to keep all personal belongings with them. Wintershall Estate takes no responsibility for lost items. Wintershall Estate does not have storage facilities and we recommend that school bags be left on the coach. If not practical, students may bring their bags onto the site. Please ensure that hats and other loose items are stored in bags to avoid lost property.

Lost Property

Please remind students to make sure they take all their belongings before leaving the site. Any items found at the end of a performance are placed in Wintershall Lost Property, located in the administration offices.

Wintershall Charitable Trust cannot make the Assessment for you. Teachers must make their own risk assessment based on the information provided. Please contact our Office on 01483 892167 if you have any questions at all.