

# Half Term Day out Idea – with The RAF Museum, London

With Half Term looming on the horizon for all of us (HURRAH!) we will all be looking forward to no school runs, hopefully a little lazy day thrown in there (everyone loves a cheeky PJ day now and then) and ideas for a few days out to keep the little pickles entertained.

Finding things to do can often be stressful, expensive and dependent on decent weather, so why not consider going somewhere that is none of those things?

## Why not try The RAF Museum, London?

We haven't been ourselves as a family yet but it is up there on my 'to do' list. I think now the boys are a bit older and have some concept of and interest in aviation (the middle one who is 7 is currently learning about Concorde so he is aeroplane mad at the moment!), the world wars and their impact on the world and engineering, it is certainly a place we are going to end up very soon.

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## Getting there...

The museum has a car park but this is currently unavailable due to it being resurfaced (correct as of February 2017 – please check their website for updates on these works) but don't let this put you off! It's extremely easy to get to via public transport so if you're within firing distance of London

(we are very lucky where we live and can be in the city within 30 minutes) do not rule out a trip here.

Have a watch of the below video to see a mum and her kiddies going there on public transport to see simple it is:

If you are getting there from Waterloo you just need to hop on the underground there, get on the Northern Line heading NORTH and stay on it until you're at Colindale Station. It's 16 stops down but no changing! Perfect! It is a journey time of 34 minutes from Waterloo to Colindale. Once at Colindale, exit the station (there is only one exit at this station) and turn left. Walk straight along the road for about 10 minutes – you will need to cross a roundabout and stay on the right hand side of the road as the pavement runs out on the left after the roundabout. The RAF Museum is on the right hand side of the road.

For other stations and routes, [use TFL's route-planner](#).

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## What is there to do at the Museum?

There really is so much to see and do at the RAF Museum, and best of all, entry is entirely **FREE!**

You can easily have a full day out here, not just a couple of hours, so bring a packed lunch or make use of the museums cafe which serves hot and cold food/cakes/drinks and snacks.

[There are various exhibitions](#) open all year round, Chinook helicopters, WW1 exhibitions, loads of buttons for the kids to push and even an air traffic control display. My kids would

absolutely love that part of it. It's an educational place to visit but also full of interesting things for the kids to touch, investigate and learn about so it's sure to be a place to keep everyone happy.

There is an Airfix make and take craft activity on there for February 2017 half term (13th-17th Feb) which costs £3.00 per person and is suitable for ages 8+. You can [find out more about this here](#) – unleash your inner child folks! Who doesn't love a bit of retro Airfix crafting!?

If you have an autistic child, or know someone who does, the RAF Museum has a specially adapted trail for you to enjoy so everyone can be included in the day out which I think is wonderful. [You can find more information on this here](#).

There is a 4D cinema experience there showing various 'films' (all of which are between 5 and 10 minutes long) which do cost extra but would be a worthwhile addition to the day. Become a Red Arrows Pilot, fly in a B17 as you embark on a mission or take part in a WW1 Dogfight! Tickets are £5 each for this or £16 for a family of 4.

There are also 2 flight simulators which are £3 per person, however the rides are only suitable for people of 3ft 6 and 3ft 11 or over so do bare this in mind.

For opening times, please check the museums website.

**So, what are you waiting for?  
Getting planning your half  
term fun and help support our**

**museums by paying them a  
visit!**



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Over on my [Knutty Explorers](#) section of the blog you can find write ups about days out and holidays we have been on. If you're looking for some inspiration for that next trip away, do head on over and see if I can be of any help.

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