

# **My trip to see a show at the Minack Theatre**



**MINACK**  
THEATRE

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# About the Minack: What is the Minack Theatre?



I am going to see a show at the Minack Theatre.

The Minack is an **open-air theatre** on the side of a cliff. You can see the sea.

There is a garden at the top of the theatre.

There are places to eat and toilets on the site.

# About the Minack: Map of the Minack



# About the Minack: **What to expect**



The Minack is **on a cliff by the sea**. Most of it is outdoors.

There is a lot of space at the Minack.



It may be **sunny or windy or raining**.

Sometimes the sea can be **noisy**.



There are people who will help me when I am at the Minack. They wear **yellow tops or green coats**. They are part of the **Minack Team**.

If I have a question, I can talk to one of them. It is fine to talk to them.

# Arriving at the Minack: **Parking**



The entrance to the Minack Theatre is on top of a hill. I will drive along a lane into a big grassy car park.

There are people in the car park in **hi-vis jackets**. They will show me and the person with me where to park and the way to the entrance.



There is **accessible parking** available at the Minack.

I may park in the big grassy car park or the tarmac car park and walk to the entrance.



If I need accessible parking, I can park near the entrance.

The ground here slopes. If this is a problem, I can tell the car park staff and they will find me a **level parking** space.

# Arriving at the Minack: The entrance



The entrance to the Minack is through a gate near the car park.

This is the **ticket shed**.



There will be staff here dressed in **yellow and green**. They are part of the Minack Team.

They will look at my ticket and show me the way in.



I will walk through this gate into the theatre.

## Arriving at the Minack: Step free access



If I need step free access, the Minack Team will show me which way to go.



I will enter the theatre through this building.

There may be a lot of people inside. It might be **noisy**.

I may have to **queue**. If I am uncomfortable queueing, the person with me can ask the Minack Team for help.



I will go out of the building into the theatre through these doors.

## In the theatre: **Keeping safe**



The Minack has **a lot of steps**. Some of them are very steep. I need to be careful going up and down them.

I can ask the person with me or one of the Minack Team to show me the places with **no steps**.

### **TOP TIP**

Wear sensible shoes



There are some places that are **not safe** for me to go. There may be a steep drop nearby.

A **green sign** like this one will warn me not to go this way. I should not pass these signs.



There may be a lot of people at the performance. The theatre might be **crowded**.

If I am uncomfortable, I can tell the person with me, or one of the Minack Team. They will show me to a quiet part of the site.

# In the theatre: **Where will I sit?**

## TOP TIP

In the daytime, bring a hat and some suncream.



Seating at the Minack is in long rows.

The Minack Team will show me where to sit.

Most of the seats are **on grass**.



## TOP TIP

Bring a cushion or a rug to sit on.

Some seats are **concrete**, like this.

I may need to bring a cushion to sit on.

I will need to go up or down steps to get to my seat.



Another place I might sit **on the stage**, close to the actors. This area is only available for certain shows.

# In the theatre: The performance



If I want to avoid the steps, I can ask the box office about booking seats on the accessible balcony.

I will need to speak to them about this when I book my seats.



There are **sound speakers** around the theatre. They are used for announcements, music and sound effects during the **show**.

If I don't like loud noises, I can check in advance if there will be any loud music or effects during the performance.



If I come to an **evening performance**, it will get dark during the show. I will be sitting in the dark while there will be lights on the stage.

## TOP TIP

It can get cold at night, so wear warm clothes.

## In the theatre: The performance



Sometimes, a performance may include bright or flashing lighting effects.

I can check in advance whether there will be any **lighting effects** such as **strobes**.



Occasionally, performances may include some **fireworks**.

If I don't like fireworks, I can check in advance whether there will be any used in the performance.

## After the performance: Leaving the theatre



It may be dark when I leave after an **evening performance**.

The steps and exit route will be lit, but I will need to take care.

## Places to eat and drink: **Takeaway outlets**



There are several places I can buy food at the Minack.

This is the **ice-cream hatch** next to the cafe. If I come to a daytime performance, I might have an ice-cream here.



This is the Terrace coffee shop in the middle of the theatre. I might have a **takeaway drink** or a **snack** here. There may be people queueing here for food.

### **TOP TIP**

Bring a picnic to eat in the theatre.



This shack in the car park sells **drinks and takeaway snacks**. I can buy food here to takeaway.

# Toilets



Toilets are available at the Minack. They are **inside the theatre**, on the top level near to the cafe.

There are male and female toilets and an accessible toilet.



If I need the toilet, I can ask the person with me or one of the Minack Team to show me where they are.

## UNEXPECTED NOISES

There is an automatic audio message when you enter the accessible toilet and the hand-driers in the toilets are quite loud.