

# **My visit to the Minack Theatre**



**MINACK**  
THEATRE

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# About the Minack: What is the Minack Theatre?



I am going to visit the Minack Theatre.

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

I can walk around the theatre and explore it.

There is a garden and an exhibition here as well as 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 summer entrance



There are two entrances to the Minack.

If I visit in spring or summer I will use this entrance.

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: The winter entrance



If I visit in autumn or winter, I will enter through this gate and walk down the path to the building at the bottom.



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 staff for help.



There will be staff here dressed in **stripy tops**. They are part of the Minack Team.

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



## Arriving at the Minack: The winter entrance



There is a **shop here**. I can look at the things on display and buy something if I wish.



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

Or I can order some food and go into the cafe.

## In the theatre: **The garden**



This is a **high balcony**.

I can look over and see the sea.

There is a very **steep drop** below the balcony. It has a fence, so I will be safe.



The garden at the top of the Minack Theatre is often **quiet**.

There are lots of big rocks in the garden. I can touch them. There are lots of plants. I can touch the plants and smell them.

There are places where I can sit and look at the sea.



There may be people working in the garden. They are **the gardeners**.

The gardeners wear **green tops**.

It is fine for me to talk to them and ask questions about the garden.



# 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. If I don't like the steps, I can explore the top part of the theatre.

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



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.



Some areas have **green signs** around them. This means it is **dangerous** to stand or climb on them.

I will be safe if I keep to the paths and steps.



## In the theatre: Stage and auditorium



There are lots of places where I can sit down in the Minack.

Some are on grass. Some are made of concrete.

There are **benches and chairs** around the theatre.

It's OK to sit on these seats.



Sometimes there are **ropes or red and white chains** across part of the site.

This shows that I should not enter this area. I should stay behind the chains and not cross them.



There may be people **acting or singing** on the stage.

I can sit and watch them if I want or I can explore another part of the theatre.

## In the theatre: Stage and auditorium



The Minack is a busy place. There might be a lot of people at the Minack when I visit. Some of them might have dogs.

It might be **crowded and noisy**.

If there is too much noise or too many people, I can tell the person with me, or one of the Minack Team. They will show me to a quiet part of the site.



I may see some **sound speakers** around the theatre.

The speakers are used when there is a **show or rehearsal** in the theatre. They are not used at other times.

If I don't like loud noises, I can ask the Minack Team to let me know if the speakers will be used during my visit.



## In the theatre: The exhibition centre



This is the exhibition. It has pictures, signs and videos about the Minack and how it was made.

It is **quite dark** in the exhibition. Some of the rooms are narrow.

If I don't like it, I can ask the person with me to take me outside.



There are video screens in the exhibition. The sound is **quite loud**.

If I don't like it, I can ask the person with me to show me the way out.



## Places to eat and drink: the Minack cafe



This is the cafe.

I might have a **drink or some food** here.

This is the counter where I can order food.



The cafe is indoors, so the **lighting may be different**.

If it is too **noisy or crowded**, I can tell the person with me or one of the Minack Team and they will help me find a quiet place.



The cafe has **big windows** overlooking a **steep drop**. The windows do not open. It is quite safe, but if I don't like it, I can ask to sit in another part of the cafe.

## Places to eat and drink: Takeaway outlets



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

This is the **ice-cream hatch** next to the cafe. If it is open, 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.

I can sit on the grass or the stone seats in the theatre to eat my food.



This shack in the car park sells **drinks and takeaway snacks**. I can buy food here to takeaway or eat it at one of the picnic tables if I want.



# 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.