

Visual Story

For Brick by Brick: A LEGO Brick History of Exeter

A lot of what you see at RAMM stays the same, or changes just a little bit at a time. But some rooms are used for exhibitions that last for a short time – from two weeks to four months. As you may know, an exhibition is a display on a particular theme. The exhibition Brick by Brick: A LEGO Brick History of Exeter is a temporary exhibition from 18 June. The last day is 11 September, 2022.

Tickets

Most of the museum is free. But to get into the LEGO exhibition you need to pay for tickets. You might have a set time to go in. You can book them before you come. If you get them when you arrive, this is the desk where you will collect them.



Figure 1: Garden Reception. You can purchase your tickets here.

Tickets cost £2.50 for children and young people aged 16 and under, £4.50 each for adults, and £3.50 for students. Anyone who is a carer can come in for free.

Arriving

This is the door to the exhibition Brick by Brick: A LEGO Brick History of Exeter. If you arrive from the back entrance called Garden Reception, you will pass a stuffed elephant and giraffe on your way to the door.



Figure 2: Door to temporary exhibition from Finders Keepers gallery.



Figure 3: Family looking at giraffe and elephant on display in Case Histories gallery.

What's in the exhibition?

Some artists have designed and built nine Lego models of different times in Exeter's history. Each model fits on a specially designed table.

Each model is set in a different time. Most are in the past, from the Jurassic age when giant reptiles swam in the seas, through to imagining what Exeter might look like in the future. The models show what life used to be like in Exeter in the places you can still see today. You can see what was inside Roman baths, why Rougemont Castle was built, and who was in a bustling Tudor street. Peek at the riverside wool trade in the 1700s, see the museum when it was first built by Victorians, and glimpse Exeter carrying on despite attacks during Second World War.

The LEGO designers have included minifigures, and lots of details that you might find funny.

The models have taken a very long time to make, so you cannot touch them. You can see them clearly through glass.

There are films on TV screens in the exhibition, but no sound. Lighting is not too bright and not too dark.



Figure 4: A Lego figure of Jurassic Exeter. The model includes both land and sea. On land there is a volcano erupting and in the sea are two ichthyosaurs swimming.

Things to do

There are some tables with LEGO where you can stop and do some of your own building if you like. This LEGO stays in the museum, and you can put it on display for a while. It will be used by other visitors after you go, so you might want to take pictures of your creations.

There is hand sanitiser for everyone to use.

If you like selfies, you can take a picture of yourself next to a picture of a LEGO giraffe. There is an interactive map of plans for Exeter in the future. You can make a model to show your own ideas for a greener city.

Museum objects

The LEGO designers worked with museum experts to try to make the models historically accurate. There are some real historic objects in the exhibition that actually come from the times depicted in the models. These are too special to touch, so they are displayed in glass cases.

Relaxed sessions

Because lots of people like LEGO, and want to visit in school holidays, sometimes it might be noisy in the exhibition.

The exhibition is open early on Tuesdays (9am to 10am) in school holidays as a time when it won't be too busy. The toilets will be open too. The rest of the museum is closed until 10am.



Figure 5: three generations of women stand looking at a museum display. The girl is wearing ear defenders.

Ear defenders

Anyone can borrow ear defenders at RAMM. You can ask at the Reception desk or pick them up in the exhibition. Please give them back when you leave. They are cleaned regularly between visitors.



Figure 6: Museum Assistant offering blue ear defenders.

Quiet room

If you need to go somewhere quiet for any reason, ask a member of staff. They can take you to a quiet place.



Figure 7: Door to the museum's quiet room. Ask a member of staff to help you find this room. It is located near Garden Reception's main desk.

Visual Stories and Getting to RAMM

This Visual Story has been produced with RAMM staff with autism.

RAMM has a Visual Story about getting to the museum and what you will find around the building. You can ask someone at Reception for a copy, or you can download it from the website before you come. Visit our [Access Pages](#) for more information.