

The JORVIK Visual Story



What you might see

When you arrive at JORVIK you may see one of our Vikings on the door. They may look like this one in the photo to the right but don't worry they are not real Vikings, just people dressed up to look like them.



If you have booked a time slot you should join the queue on the right hand side as you approach from the back and a member of staff will let you in to the centre. Otherwise you should join the queue on the left hand side, closest to the building, and wait to buy a ticket.



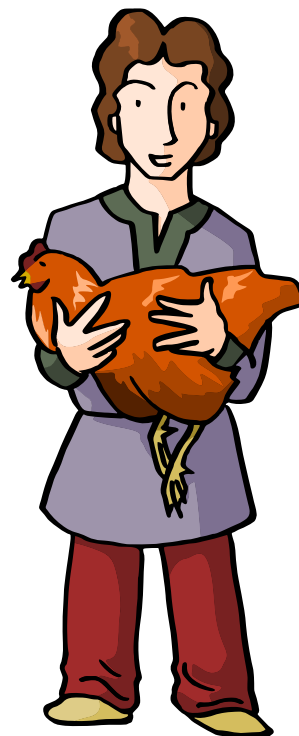
This is our admissions area with some of our helpful staff dressed in their uniform. This can be a busy area with a lot of talking going on. There is also a lift that you can use or you can just use the stairs.



On your way downstairs you will see a rolling video of all the Vikings you may see as you visit JORVIK.



Downstairs is our “Discover Coppergate” gallery. You will be greeted by one of our Archaeologist staff who will introduce you to one of the shows and invite you to stand on the glass floor to watch it. The lights go down when the show starts and come back up once the show has finished. You can avoid walking on the glass floor by walking along the path around it. Our toilets are also located in this gallery. You can also process some finds using our interactive screens on the pillars in this gallery.



This is the entrance to our ride. Our Archaeologist will help you board one of our capsules. If it is quiet you may be able to let them know if you would prefer to ride on the front row or the back row. If it is busy then there may be a small queue to get on to the ride. If you do have any problems with this then please speak to a member of staff or a manager.



Then you will need to make sure you select your language. There is a whole selection of languages on the ride. We also have 4 different versions of English. Adults, Kids, Audio descriptive and closed caption. If you don't select a language it will automatically select closed caption for you without any audio.



It is quite dark at the start of our ride. If you don't like the dark then let our Vikings know and they will give you a light. The first Viking you will see is our Hunter and his dog.



Our ride is a little bit noisy and smelly. This is to recreate a busy city in Viking times. The ride lasts about 16 minutes. It also has some moving figures on there. There may also be some real Vikings acting on the ride but this is only on the boat and they will not go near you.



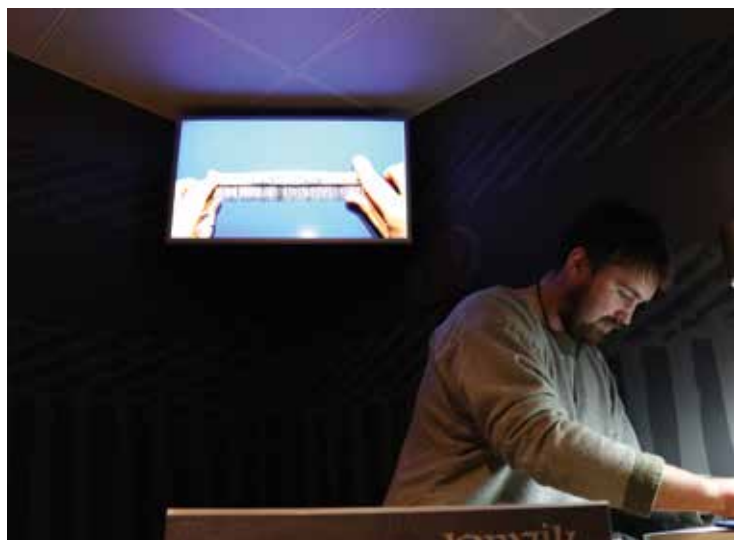
This is the end of the ride. A Viking will help you get off your capsule.



Once you have left your capsule you will find yourself at the start of our Artefact gallery. In the first section you will see some skeletons in cases, a selection of artefacts in smaller cases and a screen which you can explore one of the skeletons injuries in more detail. There is also a monitor showing the Vikings journey.



In the next section of our artefact gallery you will see a Viking at our pod station with some benches in front. You can sit here and listen to the Vikings talking about some of the finds from the Coppergate dig. You will also see some of our most famous finds in the display cases in the middle of the room. There may also be a Viking with some replica items they can show you. There is also a monitor where you can learn about Viking music and hear some of the instruments played.



In the final section of our artefact gallery you will see a copy of the Middleton cross and opposite that is our Viking coinstriker. This can be a very noisy job as they had to hit, what they call a coin die, really hard with a hammer to make coins in Vikings times. They can tell you all about the coins and show you the real coin dies in our glass cabinets.



At this point you can either go upstairs directly to the shop or you can go through the door on the right, before the stairs, and go up in the lift.



This is a picture of our gift shop which can get very busy at times. If you have any questions you can ask one of our friendly retail assistants, who are also shown in this picture.



What you might smell

The Vikings were a very smelly bunch so you might notice that JORVIK smells too. These are the smells you should smell on your journey.

A Viking forest

A blacksmith iron smelting

A wood smell

Fish

Apples

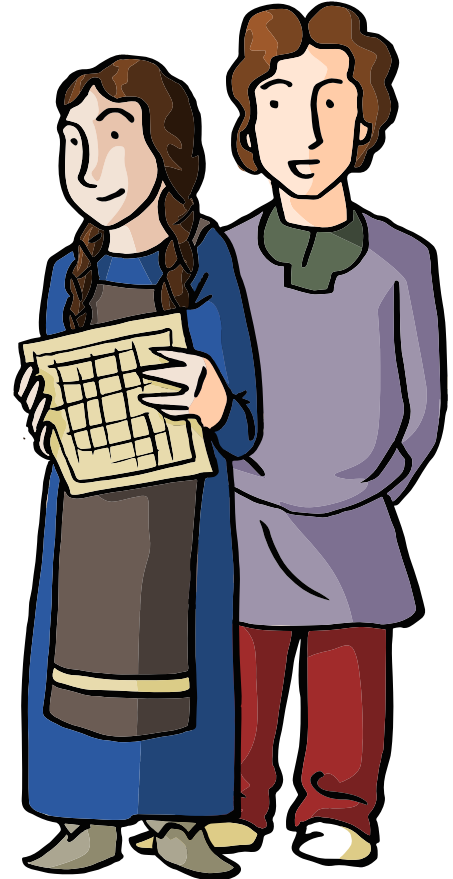
Burnt wood

Leather hide

Church incense

Tallow candles

And of course the man on the toilet.



What you might hear

Viking music

Pigs squealing and snorting

Talks from our Vikings

Vikings talking in different languages on the ride

Our talking displays and shows

School children talking and laughing

The mechanical noise of our ride

Vikings striking coins with a hammer

Tales from our Archaeologists from the Coppergate dig.

What you might touch

Replica items such as

Jewellery

Tools

Instruments

A helmet

Pottery

Combs

Padlocks and keys

Wooden bowls

Materials such as wool and tablet weave

Coins

Real items such as

An Ice skate

Off cuts of Antler

Spindle whorls weight

Sharpening stone

Clay counter

Stone lamp

Weaving tool

Raw amber

Buzz bone toy

Cow bone



Something we can't plan for

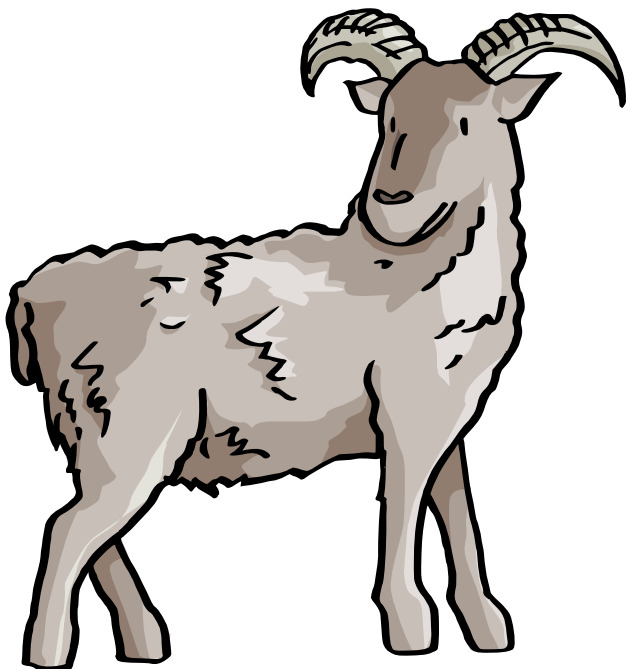
Occasionally when you come and visit you may encounter what we call a 'code red'. A code red is when the ride stops moving. This can affect you in different ways depending on where you are on your visit.

If you are just arriving you may not be allowed in at the time of your booking although we can work round this and allow you into the first gallery should you need to get in on time for the purposes of routine.

If you are in the 'Discover Coppergate Gallery' then you would not be able to board the ride until it is fixed. This can sometimes be a really quick fix but alternatively can sometimes be an extended period of time. If this was the case you would be encouraged to visit the other galleries before you go to the ride or be allowed to leave the centre and come back later in the day.

If you are on the ride it may mean you have to sit still for a while on the ride until it is fixed. This should be no longer than 10 minutes max. If it was to be any longer than that then we would have to evacuate you from the ride but it gives you a close up look of all the wonderful things to see as you were being taken to the galleries.

If you do need any help with anything if this occurs on your visit then you should speak with a member of staff or the Manager for the day.





SMELLS KEY

- 01 Viking Forest
- 02 Burnt Wood
- 03 Woodsmoke
- 04 Molten Iron
- 05 Oak
- 06 Fish Smells
- 07 Candles
- 08 Leather Hide
- 09 Smells of the Market
- 10 Church
- 11 Toilet Smells

MAP KEY

- A Activity
- G Galleries
- ★ Meet a Viking
- ♂ Men's Toilets
- ♀ Women's Toilets
- ♿ Disabled Toilets
- F Fire Exit