

Events at Down House



Easter Family Fun Trail

Fri 29 Mar - Mon 1 Apr
11 - 4pm

Can you crack our clues to complete this 'egg-citing' trail?

Museums at Night

Sat 18 May
6pm - 8pm

Explore Charles

Darwin's home after hours and take part in this national event.

Origin Weekend

Sat 23 & Sun 24 Nov
11am - 4pm

Join us as we commemorate 'Origin Day' with a variety of specialist talks and tours.

Twilight Tours

Thu 28 Nov, Thu 5 Dec &
Thu 12 Dec 6pm - 8pm

As winter arrives, join one of our exclusive tours and experience Charles Darwin's home as you have never seen it before.



Children's Events

Don't miss our school holiday events this year just for children over the half terms and summer break.

From ugly bug safaris to Victorian games, seafaring adventures and wacky inventions, kids will have a ball at Down House.

Visit our website for more details.

Tues 28 May - Sat 1 Jun
Tues 30 Jul - Sat 3 Aug
Tues 6 - Sat 10 Aug
Tues 13 - Sat 17 Aug
Tues 20 - Sat 24 Aug
Tues 27 - Sat 31 Aug
Tues 29 Oct - Sat 2 Nov



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THE HOME OF CHARLES DARWIN



Step into England's story

The Home of Charles Darwin



Down House was the family home of Charles Darwin, the Victorian scientist who revolutionised the world with his groundbreaking theory of evolution.

This delightful place is a site of outstanding international significance with an award-winning exhibition for all to enjoy.

Enjoy a fascinating exhibition charting Darwin's life, his scientific work and the controversy it provoked.

Enter the study where Darwin's revolutionary book *On the Origin of Species* was written.

See items owned and used by Darwin including his chair, writing desk and many other personal items.

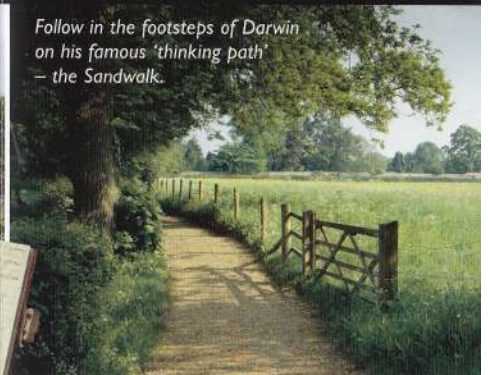
Gain an intimate glimpse into Darwin's life at sea with a detailed full-scale replica of his cabin on board HMS Beagle.

Get interactive with a digital presentation of Darwin's Beagle diary and notebooks – part of the important Darwin manuscripts collection at Down House.



Darwin's Inspiration

Follow in the footsteps of Darwin on his famous 'thinking path' – the Sandwalk.



The extensive gardens and surrounding landscape were Darwin's 'outdoor laboratory' and provided the inspiration for much of his work.

See the gardens through Darwin's eyes with a handheld video tour incorporating film footage, interviews and animations.

Enjoy the amazing orchids and carnivorous plants Darwin studied in the hot house.



THE HOME OF CHARLES DARWIN PRICES & OPENING TIMES

Members, Child under 5 and OVP FREE Adult £10.00, Concession £9.00, Child (5 - 15yrs) £6.00, Family £26.00 (2 adults & 3 children).

29 Mar - 30 Jun	Wed - Sun	10am - 5pm	
1 Jul - 31 Aug	Daily	10am - 5pm	
1 Sep - 3 Nov	Wed - Sun	10am - 5pm	
4 Nov - 16 Feb	Sat & Sun	10am - 4pm	
17 Feb - 23 Feb	Wed - Sun	10am - 4pm	
24 Feb - 31 Mar	Sat & Sun	10am - 4pm	
Easter, May & August Bank Holidays		10am - 5pm	
24 - 26 Dec & 1 Jan		Closed	

Group discounts available. Prices may vary at special events. Meeting rooms are available for hire for private and commercial use. Tearoom closes 1 hour before house.

Address: Down House, Luxted Road, Downe, Kent BR6 7JT Tel: 01689 859119

Directions: Luxted Road, Downe off A21 nr. Biggin Hill (Sat Navs not recommended)

Train: Bromley South then bus 146 or Orpington then bus R8 (not Sundays)

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