

Visual Story

Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay



Image credit: Bryan van der Beek

This visual story is designed for visitors who are coming to see **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** (Relaxed Performance) on **Sun, 8 Apr, 2pm** at Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay. It contains information about the theatre, the do's and don'ts and may help prepare anyone who wants to find out more about what to expect.

Theatre Guidelines

- Photography and video recording are not allowed during the play. However, if you need to use a device (i.e. iPad) to assist with communication, please inform the ushers. It is always fine to use a device in the foyer or quiet areas.
- During the Relaxed Performance, a relaxed attitude is taken to movement and noise.
- If you need to take a break during the play, you are welcome to come out into the foyer area or the chill-out space. You can ask the ushers to show you where the chill-out space is.

Information about Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay

The Building



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The play, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* will be performed at Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay in one of its venues. A venue is a place where a planned activity takes place.

There are many venues in Esplanade. This play will be held at the **Theatre**, one of the venues in Esplanade.

You can enter Esplanade from 3 different points: Forecourt Garden, Esplanade Tunnel or Esplanade Mall. Find out how to get to Esplanade here: www.esplanade.com/visit-or-guide/getting-here-and-parking



This is what the entrance at Forecourt Garden looks like.



This is what the entrance at Esplanade Mall looks like.



This is what the entrance at Esplanade Tunnel at Basement 1 looks like.

Getting to the Theatre



If you are entering the building from the Forecourt Garden, you will see a visual arts display after the sliding doors open.



Go through the sliding doors. The Theatre, which is where the play will take place, is to your left.



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This is a picture of Esplanade Tunnel at Basement 1. If you are entering the building from the tunnel or carpark, take the escalator up to Level 1. You may also take the lift.

This is a video showing how to get to the Theatre from Esplanade Tunnel:

<http://bit.ly/2ljyIQB>



This is a picture of Esplanade Mall. If you are entering the building from Esplanade Mall, take the escalator or lift up to Level 2 Esplanade Mall. Walk along Theatre Street to the Concourse. The Theatre is to your right. This is a video showing how to get to the Theatre from Esplanade Mall:

<http://bit.ly/2FMJmRw>

Getting your Ticket



This is the Box Office. The Box Office is where you may buy and collect your ticket to the play.



At the box office, there may be others in the queue waiting to get their ticket. You might have to wait in a queue before you can purchase or collect your ticket.

Your Ticket



Your ticket will look like this. It will tell you the venue of the play, date of the play, what time it begins, and where your seat will be.



If you have an e-ticket, you can print out a copy of your e-ticket at home. This is what your e-ticket will look like.

The Venue

At the Theatre Entrance



The play takes place at the Theatre. This is what the entrance to the Theatre looks like.



When you get to the Theatre, there may be lots of people waiting to see the play. You might have to wait in a queue to get into the Theatre.



When you are in the queue, friendly staff from Esplanade will greet you. These staff are called ushers. Ushers are dressed in lilac.

An usher checks your ticket, shows you where to sit and helps you if you need help.



When you are at the front of the queue, an usher will check and scan your ticket.



If you have a bag, an usher will check your bag. The bag check is conducted to make sure that no big and bulky or dangerous items are brought into the Theatre.



If you have any items that cannot be brought into the Theatre, the usher will collect your bag and keep it in the storage locker. This is what the locker looks like.



If your bag is stored in the locker, you will be given the bottom half of the bag tag. This is what the bag tag looks like.

After the play, you must return this bag tag to collect your bag.

Auditorium



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The auditorium is the part of the theatre where the audience sit when they are watching the play. The auditorium is very big. All the seats face the stage.

There are lots of things happening onstage during the play, so it is very important that the audience members don't go on to the stage.



The auditorium will have lots of other people. They will be seated around you. You can ask for help to find your seat. There are numbers on each seat which will match your ticket so you know where to sit. You can ask an usher to help you find your seat.

Before the Play Begins



An usher will be holding a sign up and announcing that the play is about to begin. The sign will show you how many more minutes it will be before the play begins.

When you are ready, you can go into the auditorium.

Act 1



The play will be shown in 2 parts, called 'Acts'. Act 1 is approximately 70 minutes. If you need to take a break during Act 1, you can come out to the foyer area or the chill-out space. You can go back into the Theatre when you are ready.



A quiet 'chill-out space' with comfortable seats and away from the crowd is available if you like. This is what a chill-out space looks like.

Intermission



The 20-minute break between Act 1 and Act 2 is called an 'intermission'. During the intermission, you may stay inside the theatre or come out to the foyer. This is what the foyer looks like.



You can also use the restroom during the intermission. If you need directions to the toilet, you may ask an usher for help.



You may eat or have a drink during the intermission.

If you would like to buy food and drinks at the venue, you can buy it at the bar. There may be lots of people waiting to buy food and drink at the bar and you may have to queue. This is what the bar looks like.



An usher will be holding a sign up and announcing that Act 2 is about to begin. The sign will show you how many more minutes it will be before Act 2 begins.

When you are ready, you can go into the auditorium.

Act 2



Act 2 is approximately 65 minutes.

If you need to take a break during Act 2, you can come out to the foyer area or the chill-out space. You can go back into the Theatre when you are ready.

At the end of the play, the audience will clap to thank the performers.

Question and Answer

There is a 15 minutes question and answer session after the play ends. The actors and director will be there to answer any questions from the audience. You may like to stay for the question and answer session or you may also prefer to leave.

Contact

This visual resource has been prepared by Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay. If you would like any additional information in the lead up to your visit, please contact Esplanade at 6828 8377 or email boxoffice@esplanade.com.

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