

Come to Chislehurst caves.

Mystery , history beneath your feet...

Where is it?



Chislehurst caves are just around the corner from Chislehurst railway station, 5 minute walk. It is easier to go by train. If you want to drive , there are plenty of parking spaces . Also, you can get buses -162 or 269 from Bromley. The opening days are: Wednesday to Sunday. Opening times: 10:00am last tours start early.

Entrance fees adults £6 and £4 for children.

Also, in the gift shop are AMAZING stationary such as key rings, bookmarks, pens and pencils, enjoy!

There is a tasty cafe, where you can eat. The food is amazing there, home cooked meals, snacks and teas from 9:30 am. You can have your own private tour followed by a buffet meal in the cafe.

Did you know the caves used to store gun powder in 1914-1918? The barrels were used in world war one. The caves are like a maze. Dating back 4000 years, the caves have been inhabited by Druids Saxons and Romans. The rocks of the cave are made out of bumpy chalk, so you will find your shoes a bit white after you come out of the caves.

The caves became an underground town as the largest deep air-raid shelter outside London. 1500 people took shelter, every night during the blitz. Today you can see all the beds where people slept. There is a replica church where people used to attend because they lived down there for so long. People used to go and stay in a cave because it was safer than their homes.

In 1950s, 60 and 70 the caves were used to perform concerts. and people came to dance there.

Did you know the first baby to be christened in the cave was a girl called Cavena. When she got

older she didn't like her name so her parents change it to Rose.

Walk in if you dare.

It was a dark hole, the air turned cold. Large boulders pulled up like lopsided chairs guarding the limestone walls. The only thing I could hear were my echoing footsteps. Fighting off the dripping water, drip, drop, drip, drop!. As I walked on, the rocks shifted and I nearly twisted my ankle. I thought my life was over. I was terrified. I wanted to leave and never return. The darkness engulfed me like a blanket.

As I walked nervously, I felt darkness crushing my body and I squinted my eyes to catch a glimpse of light. I really wanted to escape. I was desperate by now.

The carvings were beautiful, the colours amazed me - my eyes shone towards the glowing red and green lights illuminating the whole stone wall. It was believed that a lady had stayed down in the caves to draw the carvings.

What did I learn from the trip?

I have learnt you have to be brave to go down there, and these caves were made thousands and thousands of years ago. I enjoyed learning about

The history of the caves, it was really interesting for me.

Would I recommend this trip and why?

Yes because it's very interesting and you can learn things you haven't learnt before. However, this trip would not be suitable for children under the age of seven, because they might be frightened of the darkness.

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