Dodo Roadshow

Land's End to John O'Groats
8-15 June 2015

Celebrating museums and galleries across the country

#dodoroadshow
Offering access to collections across the country is core to our mission. To offer our visitors a rare glimpse of a much-loved artefact and to share an icon in the natural world was an opportunity everyone thoroughly embraced. The initiative to tour a Dodo across the country, to engage with other Museums and to cross-pollinate collections and ideas is wonderful. We are very proud and privileged to be part of the Dodo Roadshow journey.

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We were thrilled to be asked to be part of the Dodo Roadshow - in the lead up to our visit, it felt like the whole city was squawking with excitement!

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8 DAYS
11 TOUR MANAGERS
22 MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES
1,000 NEW DODO GROUPIES
7,000 BLOG VIEWS
10,000 @MORETHANADODO VISITS

STILL ONE DODO...
...BUT SO MUCH MORE!

@morethanadodo
**Day 1**

**Departure**

"Bah! Another day... Same old stuff. What am I doing here? I've got to get out of this place, spread my wings. I need a holiday!

NO!

YEAH! ROAD TRIP! CAN I COME?

B... but, Dodo! Why not? I need to find myself, man! Seeing new collections and museums and viewing the world through new eyes is the only way to do that and I don't need my old regime, blocking me down! Time to slip on the old banana and shades and hit the road! This is a solo dip, roadshow!

WHERE: Could be an island?

But where will you go? How long will you be gone?

I'm going to travel the length and breadth of the country! Lands end to John O'Grants! I'm going to see it all, man! As to how long, who knows? Don't worry, I'll send you a postcard. See you later, I've got to fly!

Lands End

New York and John O'Grants?

You should try Plymouth's national maritime museum or the Royal Cornwall museum, mate. It's not all lager and pasties down here, 'ya know!

You'd be well choked with the Eden project, too, boy!

Now! A real Viking longboat! The national maritime museum is superb, Cornwall! I wonder if the Vikings stayed here or just put in for a drink? This exhibition is just brilliant!

Oh my word!! The cannon nugget! The biggest gold nugget found in Cornwall. How I wish why the Vikings came here... It must have been to visit the royal Cornwall museum!!

I'm watching you, sonny!
Day 2

Hey! Who'd have thought I'd meet a long-lost relative at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter?

Hi, Gordo! Found us on a flight of fancy, did you?

I once lived in Oxford, you know.

Shut up, Gordo!

Listen, Gordo. I'm on a kind of extended visit to the museums to try and make some sense of this crazy world. What can I learn from you?

Human folly, man! People don't value stuff until it's gone! Except like us, ask my friend Alfred at the Royal.

He'll tell you...

So, Alfred, is what the museum told you true? Do you agree at Royal Albert Memorial museums are places celebrating human folly or places to question values?

Both, man! You can't understand what folly is until you have thought about what you value. Museums are great places to contemplate deep questions like that, man! As to human folly, when I was alive, if I saw anything like that, I just threw my egg at it! Worked every time.

Day 3

Well, here I am at my next stop, the National Museum Wales. Wow! Some original glassware models! Perfect handmade glass, remember from making fine glassware?

Yes, Gordo! We have been called "an artistic marvel in the field of science and a scientific marvel in the field of art."

So museums are there to show us that art and science are just two sides of the same coin, eh?

Excuse me but I've just come from nowhere, do you think art and science is great enough to be about us or are they against us at the back country living museum?

Perhaps, but I think we should remember how the point that makes living you need innovation, good engineering, technology and more craft, so now see a shiver, we've got a large field of coal to empty before tea!

Museum Fore}

After all that history I need a glass drink and what harm could a spot of lynching tree tumbler by old capability Brown himself have at common venues? Maybe this is what museums always be about... a place to keep us out of the mind or for a while...

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Ouch.

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Day 4

This must be the most angst-inspiring painting ever. Joseph Wright’s "The Alchemist" at Derby Museum.

I’ve seen a few abstract pieces from Van Gogh.

All that glitter is not gold, good sir! And whilst you may set out to achieve one goal, your path may lead you to even greater achievements in courage and mistake.

Ooh! That’s deep, man!

Ah! Those feathers! That looks like Ozzy the Owl. I wonder what I’ll find out here at some museum, hee hee!

Craft and skill never go out of fashion, though sometimes it may take a while to be truly appreciated... I was rediscovered on TV, no joke! You all may be looking out as learning from my kind, and let my wisdom satisfy their souls.

Later that day...

I’m exhausted from all my travelling and my mind’s a fragment with all I’ve seen and heard. Can you help me here at Dunham Massey?

Your condition isn’t one we usually treat, but you’ll find that we will always help calm a troubled mind as well as heal the body.

Day 5

Gulp! I feel a bit over-mind by you, sir! But what can you tell me about life here at the Dunham Massey Gallery, a Ancient of Days?

Look inside yourself, dido!!!

William Blake painted me as a reminder that we are all bound by laws and reason. Even so, we create our own mythology!

That’s slightly scary, man!

Too much introspection can be really heavy, man! I’m glad I’ve come to James Turrell’s SkySpace here at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. I can see now that wisdom is as illuminating as darkness.

Yeah, but they don’t let us drink in anymore without a ticket!!

Talking about looking outwards... Our cottage shows just how beautifully that can be. I work a bit of the land, William Constable himself! What share of wisdom can you enlighten me with?

Wander, lonely as a cloud in this. The lowest spot man with ever found, naa, and you will see that all ahead, even men who do not wear fine clothes, feel deeply!!

Pure poetry, man! I must read more while I’m here!
Day 8

Homecoming
#ILoveMuseums because where else would you see a Dodo reading Burns? #dodoroadshow @morethanadodo @RobertBurnsNTS
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Oxford University Museum of Natural History to:
John O’Groats Visitor Centre