

*HARRY POTTER PLACES*  
UK Travel Supplementum

# Pre-Trip Preparation



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#### **Reload Your Pensieve**

During the last few months of itinerary planning, take the time to **read all seven books again**—refreshing your memory of **JKR's Potterverse**. Be sure to also plan for accomplishing a few **Potter Movie Parties** in the weeks immediately prior to your UK-trek take off, so that you can refresh your memory of **Warner Bros.' Potterverse**.

#### **Your Shared Itinerary**

After securing all reservations and solidifying your personal UK Potter Trip itinerary file, prepare one to share with family and friends. The **Harry Holiday Itinerary** document file that you share can be bare-bones-simple—containing only those aspects vital to contacting you while in the UK. But, because you can *Email* your shared itinerary to friends and family, consider also including Potter Place website addresses for each day of your trip, so folks can electronically accompany you to locations *while* you're visiting them.

CD Miller commonly creates incredibly detailed itineraries (some might say *too-detailed!*) to share with family and friends. To see a copy of the **2008 Excellent Harry Potter Adventure** itinerary she sent to folks, go to: <http://HarryPotterPlaces.com/tips/2008ChasItinerary.pdf>

**Please Note:** This itinerary was casually written for family and friends! Similarly, your shared itinerary doesn't have to be picture-perfect, just informative.

Please also note that some of the HPP information contained within Miller's 2008 itinerary was *disproved* during her trip, and many of the HPP site and UK lodgings links found therein may no longer be active.

Lastly, you don't have to read all 9 pages! Miller's entire 2008 itinerary is included in this PDF only because it also serves as an example of a 16-day London, England, and Scotland Harry Potter trip.

#### **Vital Aspects to Include in Your Shared Harry Holiday Itinerary:**

- Your **UK cell phone number** and information about the expenses associated with calling it—both for you and the caller. Be sure to mention the **ban on casual texting** while you're in the UK. [See the Telephones and the UK Supplementum: <http://HarryPotterPlaces.com/tips/UKphones.pdf>]
- **Time Zone information.** Obviously, you'll not want folks calling you at 3 am UK time to chit chat! Assure them that you'll return the favor.
- **Dialing instructions** for those at home when calling UK phone numbers.
- The **phone number and Email address for each place you'll be lodging**, also identifying the day(s)/date(s) you'll be sleeping there.
- Include the **web-based Email address** you'll be using during your trip, if it's different from the address people commonly use to contact you. [See the UK Internet Access Supplementum: <http://HarryPotterPlaces.com/tips/UKinternetAccess.pdf>]

- **The Internet address of your blogsite**, if you'll be keeping a travel journal by blogging at the end of each day.
- **Flight Information!** Family and friends tend to worry if they can't track your flights to be sure that your plane arrived safely. Include the airline and flight number for each flight going to and returning from the UK—as well as any flights you'll be taking within the UK.
- **A list of each day's Harry Potter Places** is *not* absolutely necessary, but friends and family might enjoy knowing where you're Pottering and when.

## Your Potter Movie Parties

As part of the **Reloading Your Potter Pensieve** process prior to take off, you should **re-watch each of the Harry Potter movies**. While rereading the books is a deliciously private act, re-watching the movies should be a group event!

Each of the eight Harry Potter movies runs between 2.5 and 3 hours long. While many adult Potterites may be happy to spend up to nine (or even twelve) hours engaging in a mega-marathon of Harry Potter movie watching, hosting **four 6-hour-long Potter Movie Parties**—viewing two movies during each party—is probably best, especially if children are included.

Potter Movie Parties can be simple affairs consisting of folks dressed in Muggle attire and munching Muggle snacks while enjoying the films. Or, you can go Hogwarts-wild and follow *all* the fantabulous Potter Party Tips found below. We suspect that most Potterites will prefer to plan Potter Movie Parties that fall somewhere *between* these two extremes.

### Here are the **Harry Potter Places Tips for Your Potter Movie Parties**:

- **Four Different Hosts.** Even if you're the only Potterite within your circle of friends who is trekking to the UK, hosting four parties—along with cooking and cleanup—is far too much work for one person to shoulder without a hoard of House Elves helping out. Find three other friends—particularly those who are fellow UK trekkers—willing to host one of the Potter Movie Parties before your departure.
- **Common Décor.** Work together with the other hosts to create a collection of Potter Party decorations for the first film festival. Then move the decorations to each of the other Potter Movie Party locations. If your host group opts to embellish the Potter decorations between each party, that would be lovely!
- **Potter Pot Luck.** Share the Potter food and beverage recipes found in the links below with **friends who won't be hosting a party**, letting each person select an item they'd like to bring to each party.
- **Costumes Could Be Compulsory!** Assure your fellow Potterites that their costumes don't have to be fantastically expensive or elaborate. After all, a set of striped cotton pajamas and a pair of black-framed glasses would be fine! But, certainly, *some effort* should be made to arrive in attire commensurate with the Harry Potter Party theme. And, the same costume can be worn for all four parties.

## Potter Party Tips and Recipes

Obviously, you can Google **Potter Party Tips** or **Potter Food Recipes** or the like, and find a world wide web of suggestions for both **Harry Potter children's parties** and **Harry Potter adult parties**. Below are the two **best** Potter Party Tips websites that we found.

### Start with “Confessions of a Book Hoarder: My Harry Potter Party”

<http://abookhoarder.blogspot.com/2011/02/my-harry-potter-party.html>

This marvelous blogsite contains superbly Poterlicious party tips. Scroll down the page, watching on the right for the **February of 2011** section, so that you can visit each of the following posts.

- **Harry Potter Party – Games**

Because yours are Potter Movie Parties, games aren't necessary. But, for the final (shortest) movie party—*Deathly Hallows* Parts One and Two—a game or three might be fun before or after!

- **Harry Potter Party – Food**

BTW: Jess's ice cream cake recipe is found within the Comments following her post.

- **Harry Potter Party – Butterbeer**

Here Jess discusses several Butterbeer recipes and provides a link to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter park Butterbeer recipes.

- **Harry Potter Party – Decorations**

Jess's hanging ceiling candles are gorgeous, and her tips related to them are a hoot!

As of February, 2012, the candle link she provides in the Comments section still works.

<http://www.save-on-crafts.com/batopcanlamb.html>

### Book Hoarder Jess Provided a Link to Britta Peterson's Hogwarts Celebration Directory

On Britta's directory you'll find some *Sirius* Potter Party ideas! While many Potterites won't want to go through *quite* so much effort to create Potter décor items, the entirety of Britta's site is a fun read and may serve to inspire less-complicated décor ideas.

<http://www.britta.com/hogwarts/index.html>

### For Pumpkin Juice Recipes Go To:

<http://wizardingworldpark.com/harry-potter-pumpkin-juice-recipes/2010/08/21/>

### ***And that's it!***

The manner in which you reload your Pensieve prior to take off is entirely up to you. Just be sure to have FUN with it!