

CANADA IS OPEN TO VISITORS...

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With Canada now open to travellers, here at Miles Morgan Travel we have seen an increase in demand from customers wanting to visit this amazing and diverse country.

When most people think of Canada, they probably think of vast peaks and sprawling glacial landscapes. That's all fine and well, but really the first thing that you need to know is that Canada is incredibly diverse and pretty huge.

How huge, you ask? Canada spans over 9 million square kilometres and comprises six time zones. You're probably not going to be able to explore those 9 million square kilometres in one lifetime, so that's where the Canada specialists at Miles Morgan Travel can help.

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and historic forts coexist with cosmopolitan cities with world-class attractions; and urban adventures make way for legendary natural splendour.

So, if you are thinking of visiting Canada, or any other destination, then please pop in and see us at 14-16 Middle Street, Yeovil or call us on 01935 428488. We look forward to hearing from you or seeing you soon.

WHERE TO ENJOY OPERA OUTDOORS WITH KIDS!

By Tim Saunders, Travel Correspondent

Playing in the park while listening to opera. That is what the children are able to do at Waterperry Gardens in Oxford. This really is the first time that they have been able to do such a thing. Countless studies have shown how beneficial it is for children to listen to classical music and what a great way for them to start, if they haven't already done so.

There's a picnic area near the park making this helpful for visiting families.

Despite changeable weather this is a fun-packed day out. The rural museum is full of interesting objects from the past including a Victorian cucumber straightener, an old cash till once owned by the comedian Ronnie Barker and various items used for cutting hedges. Gordon the curator is a mine of information and has filmed short videos on YouTube. 'Gordon is just who you need when visiting a museum,' says Caroline. 'He brings it to life.' She enjoys his demonstration of an agricultural device for scaring the birds which was simple but effective.

We love gardens and this eight-acre estate is a pleasure to roam around. It's not too large to be daunting, and a great deal of work has

been carried out here to make it as visually stunning as possible. It is home to the world-famous longest herbaceous border at 200ft long – it is also stunning and classical in its design. It is not surprising to find that it is an RHS Partner Garden. Think of a flower, tree or shrub, and you should find it here. As we savour our surroundings, up above us we spy a wonderful kite circling.

I have missed seeing dahlias this year as I forgot to sow any at home and last year's haven't returned. So it is a joy to see the variety at Waterperry Gardens, which was founded as a school of horticulture for ladies by Beatrix Havergal in the 1930s. It is still possible to come here to study gardening.

On entering the gardens the children are given instructions for the Alice in Wonderland trail and Caroline is given the prizes – we can't queue due to Covid restrictions. This is an excellent idea because it really gets the children excited about visiting and even though it is raining they clutch their sheets and read carefully, Harriett (10) and Heidi (8) showing Henry (5) where to go. We all get lost but eventually find all the characters and the children each win a pink flamingo, 'very in

keeping with the story' Harriett reminds us. The trail gives a nice introduction to the gardens for all of us. We are then able to spend time in each part. At Yew Henge the children enjoy playing hide and seek. There are plenty of benches dotted about and there's even a viewing tower. Waterperry's ornamental garden is home to the National Collection of Kabschia Saxifrages.

For more information, visit www.waterperrygardens.co.uk.

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