

**DISCOVER WINCHESTER FACT SHEETS**

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| Name of attraction | Winchester Cathedral |
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| Key media contact phone number(s) | 01962 857227 |
| Attraction location | The Close, Winchester, SO23 9LS |
| Attraction social media handles | @wincathedral (Twitter)  @winchestercathedral (Instagram)  @winchestercathedral (Facebook) |
| Attraction website | www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk |
| Attraction description in 100 – 150 words | Winchester Cathedral is one of the finest medieval cathedrals in Europe, located at the heart of historic Winchester. For almost a thousand years people have come to seek inspiration in this magnificent Cathedral. Today we welcome over 300,000 visitors each year to share in our worship, explore our heritage and enjoy our many events, including the annual Christmas Market and Ice Rink. Discover stunning architecture at every turn, marvel at the exquisite stained glass windows, admire priceless treasures and explore over 1,000 years of history in *Kings and Scribes: The Birth of a Nation*, the Cathedral’s spectacular new exhibition space. |
| Attraction key facts  No more than 10 stats and USPs | * Winchester Cathedral first opened its doors in 1093 and has been a place of worship and welcome ever since. * Winchester Cathedral is one of the largest cathedrals in Europe, with the longest nave and the greatest overall length of any Gothic cathedral in Europe! * Winchester was once the capital of England and Winchester Cathedral was its royal chapel. * There are over 1,400 years of history to discover at Winchester Cathedral, told through the Cathedral’s spectacular new National Lottery funded exhibition Kings and Scribes: The Birth of a Nation. * Winchester Cathedral is the resting place of the much-loved English novelist Jane Austen. * The six mortuary chests at Winchester Cathedral are believed to contain the remains of Saxon kings (and a queen!) * Winchester Cathedral has been the home of the Winchester Bible for over 800 years. The Winchester Bible is the finest and largest surviving 12th-century illuminated English Bible, created here between 1160 - 1175. * The spectacular wooden quire stalls in the Quire have survived almost unaltered since the 1300s, making them the one of the oldest surviving sets of medieval quire stalls in England. * You’ll find the largest surviving area of 13th-century floor tiles in the country at Winchester Cathedral, with over 60 different designs laid in the 1200s! * Winchester Cathedral’s Christmas Market is renowned as one of the best in Europe and is regularly voted as one of the top 10 Christmas Markets in the UK. |
| Opening hours | Normal opening hours for sightseeing are from 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Saturday and 12.30pm – 3.00pm Sunday (opening times differ for *Kings and Scribes: The Birth of a Nation*. Opening times may also vary due to special services and events). |
| Admission charges | £9.50 (adults), £7.50 (seniors), £6 (students), Free for under 16s accompanied by an adult |
| Photography and filming policy | Photography and filming are permitted in the Cathedral. Commercial or press photography and filming must be approved in advance by the Marketing Manager. Photography and filming in *Kings and Scribes: The Birth of a Nation* is only permitted if accompanied by a member of staff. |