



Information on booking a guided walking tour of Winchester with an official tourist guide

Simply send your completed form:

- By post to: Winchester Tourist Information Centre, Guildhall, Broadway, High Street, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 9GH
- By telephone: + 44 (0)1962 840500
- By e-mail: tourism@winchester.gov.uk

Please contact us if you would prefer an electronic version of the form. We will normally confirm your booking within 10 working days.

When to book?

We recommend you book your guided tour as soon as possible and at least two weeks before the date of the tour. This is particularly important if you are bringing a large group or you wish to book a guided tour in a language other than English. We offer guided tours in French, German and Italian.

Guided tours can be arranged at shorter notice but this depends on guide availability.

Late booking fee: If you book less than 5 working days prior to a tour, there is an additional £5 administration fee. This fee is payable direct to the Tourist Information Centre (not to the guide) and should be sent with the signed booking form to arrive prior to the tour (cheques payable to *Winchester City Council*). Alternatively this can be paid by credit or debit card over the phone by contacting the tourist information centre on 01962 840 500.

Tour content

Guided tours of Winchester usually start from King Alfred's Statue in the Broadway. The tour content can be geared to your specific needs but can include a walk along the beautiful River Itchen, the ancient city walls, College Street with Winchester College and Jane Austen's house, the ancient Kingsgate arch and the Cathedral Close. Alternatively take a stroll around the upper part of the city and visit the High Street, Great Hall area and Peninsula Barracks.

The tour can also include a visit to the inside of the Cathedral and inside of the Great Hall.

The guide will include as many sites as possible in the time available. If you book a standard tour of 1 ½ hrs, it is only possible to visit **either** the Cathedral or the Great Hall.

Visiting the Cathedral:

Winchester Cathedral charges an entry fee. This is payable direct to the Cathedral, either in advance or on the day.

If you wish to pay the cost of Cathedral entry in advance, please send a cheque (payable to 'The Winchester Chapter') to the Cathedral Office, 9 The Close, Winchester, SO23 9LS.

For more information: email sarah.williams@winchester-cathedral.org.uk or telephone + 44 (0)1962 857 225

Visiting the Great Hall:

The Great Hall charges an entry fee. This is payable direct to the Great Hall, either in advance or on the day.

If you wish to pay in advance, please send a cheque (payable to 'Hampshire County Council') to The Great Hall, Castle Avenue, Winchester, SO23 8UJ indicating the date of the tour and name of the group.

For more information email: the.great.hall@hants.gov.uk or telephone +44 (0)1962 846476/847782.

Winchester College

Winchester College offer their own guided tours and we therefore ask you to contact them directly on:

Telephone: + 44 (0)1962 621 209

Fax: 01962 621 166 E-mail: enterprises@wincoll.ac.uk

... And spend a little longer

Winchester is packed with historical and architectural treasures. To make the most of your visit, why not extend your tour to a ½ or full-day with a tailored itinerary and built-in refreshment stops. Admission to one or more attractions can be arranged.

A half-day historical tour allows you a closer look at the highlights including the story of King Alfred, a visit to the Cathedral or an exploration of the City's military history. On a longer tour you can walk through the water meadows to visit the ancient almshouses of St Cross.

Some attractions have limited opening hours or charge a separate entry fee.

Party size

For insurance reasons, the maximum group size per guide is 25. If your group is larger than this, an additional guide will be required.

Tour cancellations

If you have to cancel a booking, please advise the **guide** immediately (further information on cancellations and late arrivals as well as contact details can be found on the completed 'Guided Booking Form').

- Cancellations between 5 and 3 full working days prior to tour, a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost is payable
- Cancellations less than 3 full working days notice prior to tour, a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost is payable.

All cancellations must be in writing and we regret that cancellations cannot be accepted on Sundays.

Illustrated talks

Guides can also give illustrated talks on a range of subjects and attractions. Please contact the Tourist Information Centre for more information.

Special requirements

If your group has special requirements, our guides will endeavour to accommodate them. Many guides are trained to provide tours for those with a range of disabilities. They also offer Armchair Tours, with slides and commentary, for those who prefer not to walk or who would like a more specialist talk or lecture.

Payment

The cost of the tour/talk is ideally payable in sterling to the guide, either in cash or by named cheque. If you would prefer for payment to be made by BACS your guide will be happy to provide you with their details for this to take place. If travelling expenses are payable, this is in addition to the cost of tour/talk.

Prices from January 2020

Type of tour	Cost	Language supplement
90 minute standard tour	£80	£20
Late start evening tours (finishing after 8pm)	£90	£20
½ day tour (1 ½ - 4 hours)	£120	£30
Full day tour (4 – 8 hours maximum)	£230	£35
May & August Bank Holiday, Easter Weekend standard tours	£90	£20
May & August Bank Holiday, Easter Weekend half day tours	£135	£30
Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day	£135	£20
Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve	£110	£20
Illustrated talks and lectures		
Daytime talk up to 6 pm (finished by 6 pm)	£80 + travel expenses	
Talk starting between 6 pm - 9 pm (finished by 9 pm)	£90 + travel expenses	
Talk after 9 pm	£110 + travel expenses	
Travelling expenses (for talk/lecture/tour outside Winchester – calculated from Winchester City)	45p per mile	

Coach parking facilities

The coach park is situated at Worthy Lane, off Andover Road; the fee is £7 per day. Coaches may drop off and pick up passengers in the Broadway alongside St John's House. There is an additional coach dropping point at Sussex Street.

For a map of Winchester, please see www.visitwinchester.co.uk

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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