

An Evening Stroll along Winchester's High Street –

Take a look at the buildings on Winchester's High Street in the evening, once all the bustle and crowds have gone. This tour finishes near the Westgate pub.

Wednesday 8th July at 6.00pm

Crime and Punishment – Step back in time and discover Winchester's darker past on an exciting Crime and Punishment walking tour. Find out about Assizes, trial by ordeal and the different prisons and sites of punishment.

Saturday 11th July at 2.30pm

Saturday 3rd October at 2.30pm

1066 and the Bayeux Tapestry Story – Discover the city's important role in the Norman Conquest and the creation of the Bayeux Tapestry.

Saturday 17th October at 2.30pm

Halloween – A night-time meander around the alleyways of old Winchester to hear age-old supernatural tales from the city's rich history and lore.

Saturday 31st October at 5pm for families

(lasts 60 minutes, £8 adults, £3 children.),

7pm, 7.30pm and 8pm for adults

Privies, Pots & Pits – Not a “bog standard” guided walk but one exploring the history of Winchester toilets to mark UN World Toilet Day. £15 including a donation to the WaterHarvest charity.

Thursday 19th November at 10.30am

Christmas at Abbey House – Tour the official residence of the Mayor of Winchester followed by festive refreshments and a chat with the Mayor. £17 including a donation to the Mayor's charities. Min. age 12.

Wednesday 2nd December at 2.30pm

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Private Tours are available for groups of all sizes and interests. This year's Themed Tours and others can be booked as private tours. Tours in foreign languages, illustrated talks and guides for coach tours to attractions throughout Hampshire, Wiltshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight are also available. Contact the Winchester Visitor Information Centre for further information and to book.

5 star Tripadvisor Reviews

Walking tour of Winchester highly recommended – For the second time we very much enjoyed our walking tour of Winchester. We take our overseas visitors and relive the beauty and key importance of Winchester in English history. (May 25)

Highly recommended – Our guide was Sue and she provided a fascinating introduction to Winchester and its history. We booked a private tour because some of our party had mobility issues. Sue ensured it was suited to our needs and the hot weather with plenty of stops and places to rest in the shade. We thought it was excellent value for money too. (July 25)

A brilliant blend of history and heart – Our guide masterfully wove together sweeping historical narratives. In just 90 minutes, he packed in an astonishing amount of information without ever feeling rushed or overwhelming. The tour was engaging, accessible, and full of personality. (Nov 25)

Excellent Well informed tour – Liz was great. I appreciate that this tour came from the Tourist Information Centre and by a qualified guide. I felt I gained an excellent insight into the history of this historic city. (Jan 26)



Booking Information

For all the latest information, dates, prices and online booking visit

www.winchestertouristguides.com

Tickets are also available on the day from the tour starting point:

Winchester Visitor Information Centre,
The Guildhall, Broadway, High Street,
Winchester SO23 9GH

Tel: (01962) 840500 E-mail: tourism@winchester.gov.uk

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Guided Tours

Regular Tours

Discover the sights of Winchester with stories and scandals along the way. The Winchester guides have a love of history, a sense of humour and a passion for the city which guarantees a memorable visit. **All tours start at Winchester Visitor Information Centre.**

The regular tours provide an ideal introduction to Alfred the Great's city, the ancient capital of Wessex and England. Routes vary, but include a selection of the following: the iconic statue of **King Alfred**, the historic **High Street**, the site of **Winchester Castle** and **King Charles II's Royal Palace**, the **River Itchen** and the ruins of **Wolvesey Castle**. Also the exteriors of the **Great Hall, Winchester College, No. 8 College Street** (where Jane Austen died), **Winchester Cathedral** and the **Westgate**.

Regular tours take place:

- 11am tour Upper Winchester,
- 2pm tour Lower Winchester/City Highlights.

January – March: Saturdays at 11am & 2pm

April – October: daily at 11am & 2pm
(not Sundays in April, Sept & Oct)

November – 22nd December: weekdays at 2pm,
Saturdays at 11am & 2pm,
Sundays 29th Nov to 20th Dec at 11am & 2pm.

Current tour details are available on
www.winchestertouristguides.com

Tickets

£12 with accompanied children under 16 free.

All tours are on foot and start from the Visitor Information Centre. They last 90 minutes and are accessible to wheelchair users. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome. Tickets can be bought on the day from the Visitor Information Centre (see back of leaflet) or booked until 9am on the day through the website:

www.winchestertouristguides.com

Themed Tours

Explore aspects of Winchester's rich heritage in more depth with a themed tour. Tickets are £12 for adults, £5 for children (under 16) and tours last approximately 90 minutes unless otherwise stated. Well behaved dogs are usually welcome but for more information, including accessibility, and to book in advance please see

www.winchestertouristguides.com

Winchester for Locals – A walk covering things you probably don't know about your own city even if you've lived here for years!

Saturday 11th April at 2.30pm

Saturday 8th August at 11.30am

Jane Austen's Winchester – See landmarks of her life and the exterior of the house where she died.

Saturday 18th April at 11.30am

Saturday 18th July at 2.30pm

Tree-mendous – Explore Winchester's varied and unusual trees, including the evergreen with healing properties and the tree with the provocatively-shaped fruits called "Dog's Bottom"!

Saturday 2nd May at 2.30pm

Hidden Waterways of Winchester

A series of Hidden Waterways walks this summer.

Winnall Moors – Learn how the River Itchen has been shaped and harnessed for various uses over time. Enjoy the nature and birdsong in the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's Winnall Moors Nature Reserve. Tour finishes near the Willow Tree pub.

Saturday 9th May at 10.30am

The Lockburn – A chance to follow the Lockburn stream on its journey from the city centre to St Cross. Finishes near the Hospital of St Cross.

Saturday 25th July at 1.30pm (2 hours)

Hidden Waterways – Discover hidden brooks and streams which run through Winchester.

Saturday 15th August at 2.30pm



Book online at

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Chesil Railway – A guided walk exploring the route of Winchester's "other" railway, the old Didcot, Newbury and Southampton line operated by the Great Western Railway. Steep slopes and steps. For safety reasons access to the tunnel has not been granted this year.

Saturday 16th May at 10.30am

Wednesday 10th June at 6.30pm

Saturday 29th August at 1.30pm

Saturday 26th September at 10.30am

Children's Winchester History – Step into the past on a fun and fascinating walking tour, especially for children. For age 7+ with accompanying adult. Tour lasts 60 minutes, £8 adults, £3 children.

Wednesday 27th May at 2.30pm

Monday 26th October at 2.30pm

Hot Gossip & Scandals – Hear some shocking scandals, many of which were hushed up! A fun, slightly naughty, tour for adults around what you might have previously considered to be a rather nice and genteel city.

Saturday 6th June at 2.30pm

Medieval Jewish Winchester – A medieval Jewish themed walking tour of the city from a time when the Jewish community, including Licoricia and her family, were wealthy and powerful before their expulsion in 1290.

Sunday 7th June at 1.30pm

Sunday 2nd August at 1.30pm

St. Giles' Hill – Enjoy a walk which has it all – picturesque nature, views over the city, tree-lined paths and a forgotten railway. See the site of a great medieval fair and a prestigious suburb. Steep steps but stunning views!

Saturday 20th June at 2.30pm

Winchester & Its American Connections – This year the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on 4th July. Learn about Winchester's connections to important events in US history and famous Americans who have visited.

Saturday 4th July at 2.30pm

