



Information on booking a guided walking tour of Winchester or a talk/lecture with an official tourist guide.

Simply send your completed form:

- By post to: Winchester Visitor 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 Italian and Portuguese.

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 Visitor 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*).

Tour content

Guided tours of Winchester usually start from the Visitor Information Centre. 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 the house where Jane Austen died, 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 the Great Hall.

The guide will include as many sites as possible in the time available. If you book a standard tour of 90 minutes, 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 visits@winchester-cathedral.org.uk or telephone + 44 (0)1962 857 200

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 go to the website: historicwinchester.co.uk where you can make a booking and find out about arrangements for groups.

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 half or full-day with a tailored itinerary and built-in refreshment stops (if requested). 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 longer 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

The maximum group size per guide is presently 20. 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 Visitor 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.

WATGA TARIFF 2025:

WATGA TOURS : Tariff from January 2025

ROTA TOURS	TARIFF
Upper Winchester	£12 adult, children under 16 free
Lower Winchester/ City/Christmas Highlights	£12 adult, children under 16 free
THEMED TOURS	
Standard	£12 adult £5 children under 16
Children's Tours: 60 minute tour	£8 adult £3 children
Halloween	£12 (Adult only tour)
Abbey House	£14 (to include a donation to the Mayor's charities) Christmas Tour £17 (to include a donation to the Mayor's charities plus mulled wine and mince pies)

PRIVATE TOURS	TARIFF	LANGUAGE SUPPLEMENT
90 Minute Standard Tour	£110	£35
Late Start Evening Tours (finishing after 8pm)	£115	£35
Half Day Tour (90 mins - 4 hours)	£160	£46
Full Day Tour (4 – 8 hours max)	£280	£52
All Bank Holidays (England) apart from Easter Sunday, Christmas Day and New Year's Day: Standard Tour - 90 minutes	£140	£40
Half Day Tour	£195	£50
Easter Sunday, Christmas Day and New Year's Day: 90 minute Standard Tour	£195	£45

Illustrated talks and lectures	
Live Daytime talks finished by 7pm	£110 + travel expenses
Talk starting from 7pm	£125 + travel expenses
Zoom talks	£110
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 A parking fee is payable and the current cost is £7.30 per day (updated Nov 24). 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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