



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 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 King Alfred's Statue on 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 No 8 College Street where Jane Austen spent the final weeks of her life, 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 guide will include as many sites as possible in the time available.

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

If you book a standard tour of 1 ½ hrs, there is only time to visit either the Cathedral or the Great Hall. **The Cathedral** and **Great Hall** charge an entry fee which will be extra to the fee for the guided tour – please see below.

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 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 (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 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.

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 TOURS: Tariff from 1st January 2025

DAILY ROTA TOURS 2025

Upper Winchester	£12.00 adult, children under 16 free
Lower Winchester/ City Highlights	£12.00 adult, children under 16 free

THEMED TOURS 2025

Standard	£12.00 adult £5 children under 16
Children's Tours: 60 minutes	£8 adult, £3 children under 16
Halloween	£12.00 (Adult only tour)
Abbey House	£14.00 <i>(to include a donation to the Mayor's charities)</i> Christmas Tour £17.00 <i>(to include a donation to the Mayor's charities plus mulled wine and mince pies)</i>

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 to 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 mins	£140	£40
Half Day Tour	£195	£50
Easter Sunday, Christmas Day and New Year's Day: Standard Tour – 90 mins	£195	£45

Illustrated talks & lectures	
Live Daytime talks which finish by 7pm	£110 + travel expenses
Live Talks starting from 7pm	£125 + travel expenses
Zoom talks	£110
Travelling expenses <i>(for talk/lecture/tour outside Winchester – calculated from Winchester City)</i>	45p per mile