

SPECIAL GUIDED TOURS

There are 60 tours to choose from in this leaflet, featuring Winchester's many natural, historic and architectural treasures. This year we will be celebrating the Olympics with two **Sporting Winchester** tours and have added more Ghost tours. There will also be some free 'introductory' tours.

Most of our tours are family friendly too!

And they start with a one hour free 'Look Around' tour in February.

To ensure your place on our Special Tours

you are advised to book beforehand through the **Tourist Information Centre** (or **Discovery Centre** where noted).



Bringing a group to Winchester?

By making a group booking (for up to 25) you can have up to 90 minutes with your personal guide for just £50.

Pick a language or a theme: if you would like to book a private or group tour, we can arrange guides for any number of people,

catering for special interests and foreign languages. Ready made themed tours range from **Royal Scandals** and **Jane Austen's Winchester** to **Hidden Waterways** and the guides will always try to meet your own requirements.

Special requirements?

If you or your group have special requirements, or you would like to book an illustrated **Armchair Tour**, contact the Tourist Information Centre, and our guides will do their best to meet these.

Winchester Shopmobility

offers manual and powered wheelchairs and powered scooters for hire by anyone who has difficulty in getting around.

You can book a vehicle in advance by phoning

01962 842 626



EXPLORE WINCHESTER

This leaflet tells you about all the **Special Guided Tours** currently available, most of which cost £5 for adults and £1 for accompanied children for a 1½ hour tour. (These are in addition to the City Walking Tours detailed below.) **Check our web site for the latest information!**

CITY WALKING TOURS

An ideal introduction to our fantastic city!

The following guided walks take place throughout the year, starting at the Tourist Information Centre and lasting 1½ hours. **Tickets for these tours** cost £4.50 for adults with accompanying children FREE.

Kings and Castles takes you around the centre of the city, passing the cathedral, Great Hall and site of the Norman castle.

Mitres and Mortarboards follows the River Itchen before passing the Bishop's palace, Winchester College, Jane Austen's house and the Cathedral Close.

City Highlights focuses on the centre of Winchester and lasts for about 1 hour.

January - March, November & December

Saturdays only 11am City Highlights (not 29 Dec)

April & September

Monday to Saturday 11am Kings & Castles *
2.30pm Mitres & Mortarboards

May - July (20), August (13-31)

Monday to Saturday 11am Kings & Castles *
2.30pm Mitres & Mortarboards

Sundays 11.30am City Highlights

July (21-31), August (1-12) - During the Olympics

Monday to Saturday 10.30am, 12noon, 2.30pm
City Highlights

Sundays 11.30am City Highlights

October

Monday-Saturday 11.00am Kings & Castles
Saturday 2.30pm Mitres & Mortarboards

* On Bank Holidays this tour will be re-timed to start at 11.30am

Tickets for City Walking Tours are available on the day from:

Winchester Tourist Information Centre
The Guildhall, High Street, Winchester SO23 9GH
01962 840 500 **tourism@winchester.gov.uk**

www.winchestertouristguides.com

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SPECIAL GUIDED TOURS

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There are lots of
subjects from which to
choose including architecture,
history, sport and of course
the ever popular Chesil Tunnel!



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SPECIAL GUIDED TOURS

History

This series takes you around the places and tells the stories which have shaped our heritage.

Saturday 3.00pm	10 March	Winchester through the ages (FREE)	T
Tuesday 6.30pm	1 May	Roman Winchester	T
Monday 11.00am	7 May	Battle of Cheriton	H
Saturday 3.00pm	12 May	Capital Winchester	T
Tuesday 6.30pm	5 June	Winchester's Queens	W
Tuesday 6.30pm	19 June	Winchester's Warriors	W
Saturday 3.00pm	7 July	Philip and Mary	T
Tuesday 6.30pm	10 July	Restoration Winchester	T
Tuesday 6.30pm	28 August	Regency Winchester	T
Saturday 3.00pm	1 Sept	War in Winchester	T

Arts & Architecture

Saturday 3.00pm	14 April	Jane Austen's Winchester	T
Tuesday 6.30pm	24 April	Look Up!	T
Tuesday 6.30pm	8 May	Pevsner Perambulations	C
Saturday 3.00pm	30 June	Jane Austen's Winchester	T

Chesil Tunnel

Explore the route of Winchester's 'other' railway, the old Didcot, Newbury and Southampton line, and the history of the Soke. It includes a chance to go inside the disused Chesil Railway tunnel!

Saturday 11.15am, 2.15pm	5 May, 14 July	T
Tuesday 6.30pm	14 August	T

Abbey House Tours

Tickets £6 - including donation to The Mayor's Charities. (Minimum age 12)

This largely Georgian House is one of only five official mayor's residences in the country. Meet outside the entrance.

Wednesday 12 noon	14 March, 2 May, 13 June, 25 July, 5 September, 17 October	A
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Family Walks

Tuesday 11.00am	14 Feb	Look Around! (FREE)	T
Tuesday 11.00am	3 April	Look Around Again!	C
Monday 2.30pm	9 April	Ruthless Romans	T



Here and There

Starting with a free nighttime one hour tour in March, take a look at some of the city's streets and suburbs. Find out how they developed and changed over time. Visit Wickham and track down some lost railway lines, or take a pub walk. There's much here for both locals and visitors.

Friday 8.00pm	2 March	Winchester by Lamplight (FREE)	T
Saturday 3.00pm	21 April	Parchment and Persecution	T
Tuesday 6.30pm	15 May	Finding Fulflood	P
Tuesday 6.30pm	22 May	Kingsworthy's Lost Railways	K
Tuesday 6.30pm	12 June	Hyde & Seek	D
Tuesday 6.30pm	26 June	Wickham Wanderings	S
Tuesday 6.30pm	3 July	College and Canal - PUB WALK †	T
Tuesday 6.30pm	17 July	Winchester - in old photos	W
Tuesday 6.30pm	24 July	Close and Constabulary	C
Tuesday 6.30pm	4 Sept	Around Eastgate	T
Tuesday 6.30pm	11 Sept	Jewry Street Gems	T
Saturday 3.00pm	6 Oct	What's in a name - Lower Winchester	C
Saturday 3.00pm	13 Oct	- Upper Winchester	W

Nature Walks

In conjunction with 'COUNTRYSIDE 2012' take a walk on the wild side and discover some little seen gardens. Find out where Keats walked and how it inspired him to write his famous poem.

Tuesday 6.30pm	29 May	Hyde Abbey and Winnall Moors	G
Saturday 3.00pm	9 June	Hidden Gardens	T
Saturday 3.00pm	22 Sept	Keats - Ode to Autumn	T

Sporting Winchester

In this Olympic year, take a look at the places where Wintonians enjoyed their sporting activities, including some very unusual ones!

Saturday 3.00pm	21 July	Sporting Winchester Part 1	D
Tuesday 6.30pm	21 Aug	Sporting Winchester Part 2	B



Spooky Tours

Starting with some new ghost tours in March, this ever popular theme continues in the Autumn with a feast of ghosts and ghastly goings-on for Halloween . . . Come dressed for the part if you like!

From the Tourist Information Centre

Standard ticket prices apply

Tuesday 6.30pm	6 March	Ghostly Winchester
Tuesday 6.30pm	20 March	Ghostly Winchester
Tuesday 6.30pm	30 October	Halloween
Tuesday 7.30pm	30 October	Halloween
Friday 6.30pm	31 October	Halloween
Friday 7.30pm	31 October	Halloween

From the Discovery Centre

Tickets £5 each from the Discovery Centre (01962 873603)

Tuesday 6.30pm	30 October	Halloween
Wednesday 6.30pm	31 October	Halloween
Thursday 6.30pm	1 November	Halloween

Christmas City Highlights

1 hour — Adult £4.50 / Child £1

Stroll around Winchester's decorated streets and enjoy a City Highlights tour with a seasonal flavour.

Saturday 2.30pm	1,8,15 December
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Plus a special tour finishing at **Abbey House** with a complimentary glass of mulled wine with the Mayor. Donations are invited to The Mayor's Charities. (Book early - numbers limited)

Wednesday 2.30pm	12 December †
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Key to Starting Points

- A** Abbey House, The Broadway SO23 9GH
- B** Black Boy, Wharf Hill SO23 9NP
- C** City Museum, The Square SO23 9ES
- D** Discovery Centre, Jewry Street SO23 8SB
- G** Hyde Abbey Gatehouse, King Alfred Place SO23 7DF
- H** Hinton Arms, Cheriton SO24 0NH
- K** Hookpit Farm Lane (end), Kings Worthy SO23 7NA
- P** St Paul's Church, St Paul's Hill SO22 5AB
- S** Station Car Park, Wickham PO17 5HY
- T** Tourist Information Centre, Guildhall SO23 9GH
- W** Westgate, Upper High Street SO23 9AT

Unless otherwise stated tours last about 1½ hours and cost £5.00 for adults and £1 for children.

† indicates an **ADULTS ONLY** tour