

Group Visits & Private Tours 2025

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or fill in an online form https://forms.office.com/e/hVCjwWjHzY

There's so much to discover at Wells Cathedral.

We have a range of exciting packages on offer for groups from all over the UK and the World!

We welcome groups to visit and enjoy Wells Cathedral at their own pace on an Unguided Visit or book one of our range of Guided Tours led by our very own Cathedral guides.

Benefits of Pre-Booking

BENEFITS FOR TOUR OPERATORS/ORGANISERS ON A PRE-BOOKED GROUP VISIT

- Discounted Rates
- Guaranteed access to the Cathedral
- A private guide per fifteen visitors on guided tours
- Free place for the group organiser, tour manager and/or bus driver
- Free familiarisations visit for the tour leader ahead of your visit

Pre-Booked Price Lists

PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF VAT; TOURS INCLUDE CATHEDRAL ENTRY

GROUP VISITS

- Self-Guided Visit £10.50
- Cathedral Highlights Tour £12.50
- Student Self-Guided Visit £7.50
- Student Cathedral Highlights Tour £8.00
- Special Interest Tours £18.00
- High Parts Tour £18.00 (restrictions apply)
- Chained Library Tour £18.00 (restrictions apply)
- Vicars' Close and Treasury Block- £18.00 (restrictions apply)

All tour options include admission to the Cathedral for the entire day of the date of the tour subject to any special events or restrictions.

All the tours are subject to availability of our volunteer Cathedral Guides.

To ensure that you have the best experience possible, we ask that you book with at least two weeks' notice for self-guided visits and 4 weeks' notice for guided tours and allow at least two hours for a visit.

The Cathedral hosts many services and events, and we cannot guarantee your group's entry if you haven't pre-booked.

Duration of tours vary from 1 hour to 1.5 hours; however, we would suggest that it takes more than 2 hours to fully discover Wells Cathedral.

COMBINED EXPERIENCE OF THE CATHEDRAL & THE BISHOPS PALACE IN WELLS

Wells Cathedral and The Bishops Palace are delighted to be able offer a full day experience at Wells, bringing two of somersets most prestigious heritage sites together in one ticket. Subject to change.

- Cathedral Highlights Tour & Bishops Palace Day Ticket £18.00
- Cathedral Self-Guided Visit & Bishops Palace Day Ticket £16.00

BLOCK BOOKINGS

- Book a series of 5 Self-Guided Visits £9.50pp
- Book a series of 10 Self-Guided Visits £8.50pp
- Book a series of 5 Cathedral Highlights Tours £11.50рр
- Book a series of 10 Cathedral Highlights Tours £10.50pp

If you wish to book a series of Tours or Visits for 2025 please contact Visitor Services to discuss your requirements. Bespoke packages are available and discounts are negotiable.

Email Visitor Services

CATERING FOR GROUPS

Refreshments and catering can be provided in several spaces within the Cathedral, a member of the team will be in contact to discuss your requirements following your enquiry. Please allow plenty of time for your visitors to enjoy. All options include a cup of tea or filter coffee. Bookings are subject to availability of space and/or prior commitments and prices are subject to change. Prices as of *June* 2025.

- Cream Tea £6.60
- Afternoon Tea £12.95
- Soup & Sandwich £10.00
- Lunch Buffet £11.50

Wells Cathedral is happy to discuss more options with you, get in touch to discuss your requirements.

Descriptions of The Tours



Cathedral Highlights

An introductory overview of the Cathedral. this tour gives you takes your around the main body of the Cathedral.

Duration: Approximately 1 hour

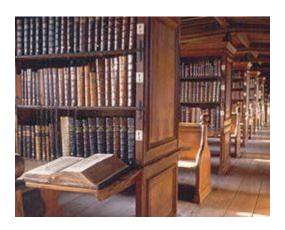
Price: £12.50 per person

Walk the High Parts

Climb the spiral staircase to walk in the footsteps of Wells Cathedral masons with the behind-the-scenes tours of Wells Cathedral's High Parts; one of the most memorable things to do in Wells!

Duration: Approximately 1.5 hours





Books & Chains

Examine the rare collection of early printed and manuscript books in the Cathedral's remarkable Chained Library.

Duration: Approximately 1.5 hours

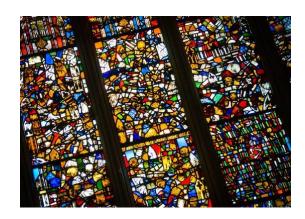
Price: £18.00 per person (Max 8 people)

Glass, Light & Colour

Take a closer look at the Cathedral's outstanding collection of stained glass, including the famous Jesse Window.

Duration: Approximately 1 hours

Price: £18.00 per person





A Stitch in Time

Discover the brilliant embroideries of the Quire, alongside the inspired modern vestments and altar frontals.

Duration: Approximately 1 hour

Price: £18.00 per person

Building Beauty

Follow a trail of engineering ingenuity with a closer look at the evolution of the Cathedral's Gothic architecture.

Duration: Approximately 1 hours

Price: £18.00 per person





Vicar's Close and Treasury Block

Step into living history on Vicars' Close and explore hidden spaces in the medieval Vicars' Hall and Treasury Block.

Duration: Approximately 1 hour

Price: £18.00 per person

Sermons in stone

Hear the tales and techniques of the Cathedral's wonderful stone carvings—from the sublime to the ridiculous!

Duration: Approximately 1 hours

Price: £18.00 per person



PAYMENT

Groups are welcome to pay in advance via card payment link or over the phone.

We also accept payment on arrival at the desk in the New Entry Cloister by credit card, cash, or cheque.

If you would prefer to make payment in advance, please contact the Visitor services team on 01749 -671663 or visits@wellscathedral.org.uk

Account Holders with us are asked present a voucher (if applicable) and can be invoiced after the visit, if you wish to apply for an account, please contact the Visitor services team on 01749 -671663 or visits@wellscathedral.org.uk

WELLS CATHEDRAL CANCELLATION POLICY

All booked groups must give notification of cancellation at least 7 days prior to the visit. Failure to notify after this time frame will invoke a penalty of £3.00 per booked guest. There are no refunds for bookings paid by pre-payment.

If you are running late, please contact the cathedral as soon as possible.

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DATA PROTECTION

We will use the information you have provided for as long as required for the purpose, and always in accordance with Wells Cathedral Privacy Policy. The information may be stored on both paper and computer files. All information will be held securely and only accessed by authorised personnel. We will not share your information with any third parties. The Wells Cathedral Privacy and Data Protection Policies can be viewed on the Wells Cathedral web site.

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