

Salisbury. Welcoming since 1227.

Itinerary
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Salisbury has been welcoming visitors since 1227. A wonderfully intimate city, set in beautiful Wiltshire countryside. Five rivers, the Cathedral Close, medieval buildings, green spaces and water meadows – Salisbury is a city on a human scale, a city made for exploring.

Alongside the cathedral and museums, visitors benefit from a thriving cultural scene, a busy Charter Market and a panoply of independent retailers and creators.

Location

Salisbury is located close to both the coast and countryside; the New Forest is just 30-minutes from the city and offers a protected forest with roaming ponies, deer and cattle; Dorset is an hour drive and provides access to Bournemouth and the stunning Jurassic Coast with 250 million years of the earth's history to discover.

Welcoming groups

Salisbury is a friendly city, welcoming visitors and your travel team. Coaches and minibuses can drop off close to the Cathedral and city centre in St John's Street or, the purpose-built 24-hour coach park at Millstream which has 23 spaces and is just a 5-minute walk into the city centre.

Salisbury is The City of Stars is a two-day, one night itinerary during December 2024 for organised tours, including stargazing from Salisbury Cathedral and time to get festive with our exclusive illuminated city of stars trail and pop-up market.

Climb the 332 steps where you'll be rewarded with sparkling views from the spire with a Twilight Tour of Salisbury Cathedral, experience Christmas time at the historic Mompesson House, get festive in the pop-up market, then time to enjoy some Christmas Shopping and our award-winning pantomime. Salisbury where tradition meets innovation this Christmas time.

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Day 1

The first thing you'll see as you arrive is **Salisbury Cathedral's spire, the tallest in the country. Standing at a breath-taking 404ft / 123m, it has been guiding travellers to Salisbury city for nearly 800 years. The Coach drop off point is in St John's Street, a short walk to Mompesson House in The Close.**

Enjoy a sensory Christmas experience at Mompesson House, a quintessential eighteenth-century townhouse located in The Close. This beautiful historic home will be decorated for the season with upstairs and downstairs open, including a grand 12-foot Christmas tree. Finish off your trip with a cup of hot chocolate in the cosy tea-room.

The House rooms decorated for Christmas: Friday 22 November – Monday 23 December 2024, Friday-Tuesday, 11am-3:30pm. Last entry at 3.00pm

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/wiltshire/mompesson-house

For Small Groups looking for an adventure as well as some festive sparkle enjoy a Twilight Tower Tour at Salisbury Cathedral. Ten people can go up at a time and the views across the city at Christmas time reward the climb – 332 steps through the Cathedral's hidden roof spaces to the base of the Spire, then look out over the City of Stars and the Christmas lights, it's magical! Take some time to recover at the Cathedral's Refectory Restaurant, perfect for a spot of lunch.

Twilight Tours of Salisbury Cathedral: 18 November 2024 onwards

www.salisburycathedral.org.uk

There are plenty of great places to stay in Salisbury, one to suit every budget. Enjoy **Starlight stays in the Salisbury Cathedral Close at Sarum College** where the stars shine in the open sky above the medieval Cathedral and fairy lights twinkle around the perimeter of this amazing 80-acre space in central Salisbury. Groups can also book a **Starlight meal, a 3-course-meal with all the trimmings for just £25 – includes a glass of wine or a soft drink.**

Starlight stays and festive meal available from 1 November – 20 December 2024

For great places to stay in Salisbury
www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk/sleep

Day 2

You can explore our City of Stars in so many ways; take a festive stroll down our historic streets with some of the best independent shops for miles around, follow the city of stars trail, enjoy the 'pop-up' festive markets on Sundays before you catch our award-winning pantomime!

In Salisbury, we celebrate the unique and the quirky, the local and the original. Salisbury is a shopper's paradise, unlike any other high street where you'll be sure to find something fabulous. Take a festive stroll down our historic streets where you'll discover why we are so proud of our independent shops. **Eat, Drink, and Be Merry on the Square** – Salisbury's historic Market Place will sparkle once again with the magic of Christmas. Enjoy the "pop-up" Festive Markets on Sundays in December where you can browse unique gifts, artisan goods, and festive decor from a wide array of traders.

Sunday Festive Markets: 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December 2024

Craft Fairs - Inside market in the Guildhall: 29th Nov and 1st, 6th, 7th and 8th December.

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For more great places to shop in Salisbury
www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk/shop

It wouldn't be Christmas without a Panto and Wiltshire Creative's award-winning classic pantomime; *Sleeping Beauty* will not disappoint you. Pop along to the Salisbury Playhouse for a matinee performance where you will leave with a smile on your face and full of festive cheer.

***Sleeping Beauty* – various performances from Saturday 30th November 2024 - Sun 12th Jan 2025**

It's time to head back to St John's Street to meet your coach and bring your tour to an end. On your way back pop into Salisbury's award-winning friendly **Information Centre** to pick up a last-minute gift or souvenir or for further information to inspire your next visit.

Experience more of Salisbury's originality and charm throughout the year, with a great range of festivals and events to delight you including the Flower Festival in May or Taste Salisbury at the end of September.

www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk/what-s-on

www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk/listing/salisbury-information-centre



Group Pricing 2024*

Bookable Product	Adult / Concession	Group Contact
Mompesson House	£8.55 per person (groups of 10+)	✉ mompessonhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk ☎ 01722 335659
Salisbury Cathedral	Tower Tours: £180 for a private tour for up to 10 people From £20 per person when booked online Standard Entry Adult £8.50 (groups of less than 10) Standard Entry Adult £8.00 (groups of 10+)	✉ groups@salcath.co.uk ☎ 01722 555120
Refectory Restaurant	Bespoke catering packages available	✉ groups@salcath.co.uk ☎ 01722 555175
Salisbury Playhouse	Sleeping Beauty Panto tickets from £17 Group discounts available: Groups of 10 - 19 can get £4 off top price tickets (price band A - blue), £2 off second price tickets (price band B - pink) Groups of 20+: £6 off top price tickets (price band A - blue), £4 off second price tickets (price band B - pink)	✉ ticketssales@wiltshirecreative.co.uk ☎ 01722 320333
Starlight stays at Sarum College	(10 + people) £65 single ensuite £85 double ensuite	☎ 01722 424800
Starlight meals at Sarum College	(10+ people) £25 per person - Festive 3-course-meal + drink	☎ 01722 424800

*Prices are correct at the time of publication – please check prior to booking.



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