

Salisbury. Welcoming since 1227.

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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, alternatively the purpose-built 24-hour coach park at Millstream has 23 spaces and is just a 5-minute walk into the city centre.

Salisbury, the city in the countryside is a two-day, one night itinerary during Summer 2023 for organised tours, including a brand new art exhibition in the Cathedral and time to explore Salisbury's beautiful gardens, walks and outside spaces.

Enjoy a visit to Salisbury Cathedral's International Art Exhibition, 'To Be Free', alfresco English afternoon tea with the best view, an evening of music or theatre set in a historic garden, a stroll around our beautiful Queen Elizabeth Gardens, a photo opportunity of Salisbury Cathedral from either the spot made famous by the painter Constable or from the river Avon, and time to enjoy the best independent retail for miles around.

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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 over 800 years. Drop off is in St John's Street, a short walk to Salisbury Cathedral.**

Salisbury Cathedral is hosting a new modern art exhibition, **To Be Free**, exploring the subject of liberty, a fitting topic for a Cathedral that owns one of only four remaining 1215 Magna Carta in the world. Featuring the work of emerging and internationally acclaimed artists including Yinka Shonibare's compelling fibreglass sculpture, **Justice For All** and Cornelia Parker's **Magna Carta (An Embroidery)**, a 13-metre-long embroidery installation depicting the Magna Carta Wikipedia pages. And then over to the **Bell Tower Tea Rooms** to enjoy afternoon tea with magnificent views of Salisbury Cathedral.

To Be Free from 13th May to 17th September 2023
www.salisburycathedral.org.uk

Grab a blanket or fold out chair and picnic whilst you enjoy a Summer of Music and Theatre in the peaceful gardens at **Arundells**, former home of the late Prime Minister, Sir Edward Heath. During July and August, you'll find performances of **Twelfth Night, Robin Hood, Jabberwocky, Gilbert and Sullivan Opera** and the **Wizard of Oz**. Or how about joining a unique outdoor walkabout production of Shakespeare's tale, **The Tempest**, held in one of Salisbury's most beloved parks, **Churchill Gardens**.

Music and Theatre in the Garden selected dates in July & August 2023
www.arundells.org/events

The Tempest from 24th May – 4th June 2023
www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk/whats-on

There are plenty of great places to stay in Salisbury, one to suit every budget. Choose one steeped in history with outstanding views of either the Cathedral or surrounding countryside. Stay at **Sarum College**, just steps away from Salisbury Cathedral, some rooms have the most amazing views, **The Legacy Rose and Crown**, a 13th Century 4-star riverside coaching inn with views of Salisbury Cathedral or **Milford Hall Hotel and Spa**, a family-owned boutique hotel in a pretty Georgian manor house.

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

Day 2

Salisbury is a city in the countryside. There are many open green spaces, gardens and some spectacular views. Today includes time to explore Queen Elizabeth Gardens, an opportunity to take a great photograph of Salisbury Cathedral, plus time to shop.

Visit **Queen Elizabeth Gardens**, opened in the 1960s to commemorate our late Queen's Coronation, perfect for a gentle stroll by the River Avon, or if you're looking for a great vantage point to take that memorable photograph, either head along the Town Path for the **Constable Walk**, where you'll be rewarded with the famous view of the Cathedral Constable painted or perhaps enjoy a **punt on the River Avon** and let yourself drift down the river and see the beautiful historic city of Salisbury from the water.

www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk/listing/queen-elizabeth-gardens

www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk/listing/salisbury-punting

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 unusual. Visit Salisbury on a Tuesday or Saturday and you can experience the **Charter Market** located in the marketplace, near the Guildhall. One of the oldest markets in Britain, Salisbury has hosted a weekly market since 1227. Today you will find a vibrant, friendly market packed with fresh, local artisan produce and unique products – perfect for something to eat now or a gift to take home.

www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk/listing/salisbury-charter-market

For more great places to shop visit:
www.experiencesalisbury.co.uk/shop

It's time to head back to St John's Street to meet your coach and bring your tour to an end. Experience more of Salisbury's originality and charm throughout the year, with a great range of festivals and events to delight you. Join us in November and December when our medieval streets, markets and shops burst with festive merriment and sparkling decorations.

If you have time, why not enjoy an afternoon or evening at **Salisbury Racecourse**. There are race days throughout the summer months, some with live music.

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

www.salisburyracecourse.co.uk



Detail of Cornelia Parker's Magna Carta (An Embroidery), 2015 on show in the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia
Image courtesy the artist, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia and Frith Stree Gallery - Photograph Anna Kučera

Group Pricing 2023

Bookable Product	Adult / Concession	Group Contact
Salisbury Cathedral	Standard Adult £7.65 (groups of less than 10) Standard Adult £7.20 (groups of 10+) 'To be Free' art exhibition – included in entry price	✉ groups@salcath.co.uk ☎ 01722 512156
Bell Tower Tea Rooms	Open in the Spring / Summer months only	✉ groups@salcath.co.uk ☎ 01722 512156
Refectory Restaurant	Bespoke catering packages available	✉ groups@salcath.co.uk ☎ 01722 512156
Arundells	Music and Theatre in the Garden from £15.00 £7.00 'explore at your leisure' ticket (groups of 12+) £11.00 guided tours on Tues / Weds (groups of 12+)	✉ groups@arundells.org ☎ 01722 326546
Salisbury Playhouse	The Tempest – Adult tickets from £20.00 A range of performances throughout the year	✉ ticketsales@wiltshirecreative.co.uk ☎ 01722 320333
Salisbury Arts Centre	Group discounts available on some performances	✉ ticketsales@wiltshirecreative.co.uk ☎ 01722 320333
Sarum College (20 + people)	Single Ensuite Rooms – room only £63 / B&B £72 Twin / Double – room only £71 / B&B £87 Double Room with view – room only £76 / B&B £110 Standard Room (shared facilities) – room only £33 / B&B £42	☎ 01722 424812

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