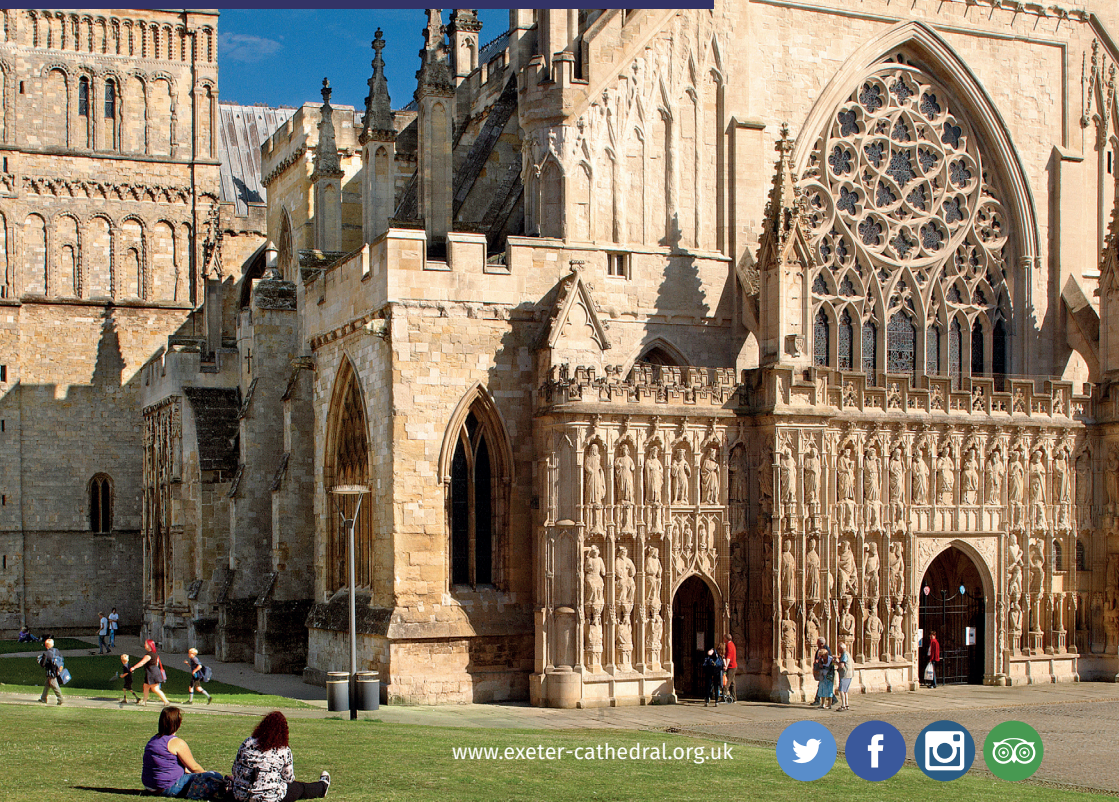




Exeter
Cathedral

Planning your visit to Exeter Cathedral

A guide for groups



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A warm welcome awaits you

Exeter Cathedral is one of the oldest and most beautiful Cathedrals in England. Located in the centre of the city, there has been a Cathedral on the present site for nearly one thousand years.

The imposing towers of today's Cathedral date from the early 12th century. They form the majority of what remains of the Norman Cathedral which was replaced from 1270 -1340 by the beautiful Gothic building we see today with its famous West Front and elegant Nave. It is a rich resource of art, craft, symbolism and architectural detail. The Cathedral is, as it always has been, the jewel in the heritage crown of the county of Devon, as well as the seat of the Bishop and the Mother Church of the Diocese.

Exeter Cathedral is the city's best-loved landmark and attraction, popular with visitors and locals alike. Whether you're looking for a short guided tour or a bespoke day-long package, we look forward to helping you to plan your visit to our beautiful city and great county.

Email groupbookings@exeter-cathedral.org.uk or telephone 01392 285983 to start planning your itinerary.

Prices from £5 per person (Cathedral admission) or £6 (Cathedral admission and ground floor guided tour).

**Free admission for group leaders and coach drivers.
Convenient coach drop-off next to Cathedral Green.**

Planning your visit

Guided tours (45-60 minutes)

Our knowledgeable guides will help you to discover the history of the Cathedral and the stories of the people who have lived and worshipped here over the centuries.

Private evening tours (from 60 minutes)

If you're looking for something really special we recommend booking an 'after hours' evening tour of the Cathedral. Extend your visit by attending Choral Evensong and hearing our famous choir, a short recital on the Cathedral organ or even some drinks and canapés. We can also include a private roof tour as part of your evening.

Roof tours (60-90 minutes)

Your visit to Exeter Cathedral isn't limited to the ground floor! Our guides can take you on a true behind-the-scenes tour of the upper levels of the Cathedral. Climb high above the Nave, walking the length of the famous ceiling.

Visit the bellringing chamber and North tower before emerging onto the roof with its stunning views over the city.

Tower tours (20-30 minutes)

Climb 175 steps to the top of the Cathedral's North tower and enjoy unrivalled views of the city and surrounding countryside. The tour also includes a visit to the clock mechanism and the opportunity to see, in more detail, the history contained within the 900 year-old Norman tower.

Library and Archives

The Cathedral's *Library and Archives* was founded in the 11th century. All the experiences below include an introduction to our holdings and artefact-led discussion around your chosen theme.

- The Best of the Library and Archives
- Introducing Mr William Shakespeare
- Science and Medicine
- Local History
- Exeter and the Blitz
- Music and Manuscript



Useful information

Advance booking

In order to guarantee the availability of your bespoke experience at the best possible rates we ask that all group visits are booked in advance by contacting:

01392 285983

groupbookings@exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Payment and terms

Upon arrival all groups will be met at the Welcome Desk inside the Cathedral to arrange any final payments due and to issue any passes required.

Groups generally constitute a minimum of 10 paying visitors.

All group leaders/guides, carers and coach drivers are offered complimentary admission to the Cathedral. In addition all coach drivers are entitled to a lunch voucher to spend in the Cathedral Café (please enquire at the time of booking).

Travelling to Exeter

Coaches

No parking is available at the Cathedral but a drop-off facility for coach drivers is available at South Street (EX1 1DZ), adjacent to Cathedral Green.

15 minutes from Junction 30 of the M5

50 minutes from Torquay

2 hours from Stonehenge

2 hours from Bath

Other forms of transport

Trains run regularly to Exeter St Davids (from London Paddington and London Waterloo, from Cornwall, journeys via the Midlands) and Exeter Central (from London Waterloo).

Exeter International Airport is served by flights from around the UK (including Manchester, London City and Edinburgh) and European destinations.

Accessibility

We make every effort to ensure that all visitors enjoy their visit to Exeter Cathedral. Wheelchairs are able to access all areas on the ground floor of the Cathedral. Wheelchair access to the Library & Archive is via the Palace Gate entrance and entry to the Chapter House for wheelchair users is via the Cloister Garden.

Food and Drink

The Cathedral Café can cater for groups of all sizes, offering everything from welcome drinks and Devon Cream Teas to light lunches, buffets and canapés.

Our group bookings team will work closely with our catering staff to meet your requirements. Pre-booking is essential. Please enquire when making your booking to visit the Cathedral.

The Cathedral Shop

Our shop offers a wide variety of souvenirs of your visit to Exeter, with many lines exclusive to Exeter Cathedral.

