ROCKINGHAM CASTLE

GROUP VISIT GUIDE



950 years of living history

ABOUT ROCKINGHAM CASTLE

Built on the instructions of William the Conqueror between 1066 – 1071, Rockingham Castle has sat resplendent on an escarpment dominating the Welland Valley for almost a millennium. From Norman stronghold to royal residence and a beloved family home since 1619. Today, the Saunders Watson family continue to make Rockingham Castle their home and invite you to explore its 950–year history.

Experience a fascinating privately guided tour where no stone of Rockingham Castle will be left unturned, before exploring our stunning formal gardens, and sampling something delicious from Walker's House Tearoom.

Privately guided tours are offered for a minimum number of 20 and are charged at £21.00 per head.



YOUR VISIT TO ROCKINGHAM CASTLE

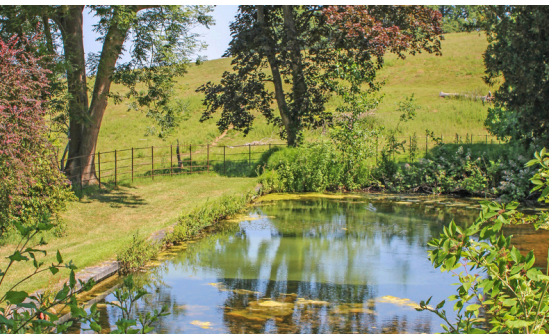
You will be greeted on arrival by a member of the Estate Office team, who will welcome you to the Castle and provide you with key information to ensure that you get the most from your visit.

Tours last 60 – 75 minutes – and plenty of questions are welcomed! Please note that each tour slot has a capacity of 20 people. Depending on the size of your group, you may need multiple tours.

There's plenty more to explore after your tour! Discover our ice house, embark upon one of our walking routes, and enjoy the tranquility of the Wild Garden. Don't forget to round off your visit by popping into our gift shop!









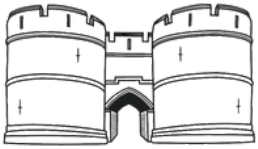
CANDLELIGHT SUPPER TOUR

Fancy something really special? We are delighted to announce the return of our Candlelight Supper tours.

Gather in the Castle Courtyard for a drinks reception before enjoying a 'sunset' tour through the Castle grounds and gardens. Having explored the Castle's wider history, you will then continue your tour inside and learn more about the people who have called Rockingham home, as well as discovering our interiors and collection. You'll round off your evening with an indulgent two-course meal, served in Walker's House Tearoom.

- Candlelight Supper tours are charged at £65.00 per person
- A minimum number of 20 people per booking is required
- Sample menus and wine lists are available on request
- Parking and access arrangements will be confirmed at the time of booking
- Booking terms remain as per our usual group visit terms
- A bespoke itinerary will be produced; however 5pm – 9.30pm is the typical duration of this evening.





MORE INFORMATION

DATES AND TIMES

We welcome groups throughout the year. Privately guided tours of Rockingham Castle are available outside of our open season public admission days.
Our open season is March – September on Sundays, Bank Holiday Mondays, and Tuesdays (from May) groups are welcome to visit on these days, and enjoy free-flow admission with other visitors.
Whenever you decide to visit – please ensure you have pre-booked!

BOOKING & PAYMENT

- Once you have decided on a date, and wish to make a booking, a copy of this booking form should be returned to the Estate Office
- A deposit of £5 per person will hold the date for your party
- Provisional dates are held for 4 weeks
- This deposit will be deducted from the final payment
- Once your booking is confirmed, we will provide you with an itinerary – please take the time to ensure this works for you and contact us with any amendments
- All privately guided tour groups must pre-book their catering – a group visit menu is included in this pack
- Final numbers for your visit, and catering choices are taken two weeks prior to your visit, at which point an invoice will be raised
- Organisers must ensure that the invoice balance is paid by return

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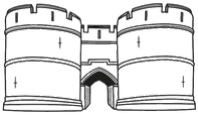
- Catering choices for each group member – including dietary requirements are required two weeks before your visit
- Dietary requirements should be listed clearly
- Pre-booked lunches will receive complimentary tea and coffee afterwards
- Free-flow admission groups will be able to use the tearoom with other visitors
- We do not take bookings on publicopen days but pre-orders or catering vouchers can be organised
- Last orders for hot food at 2.30pm
- Walker's House Tearoom operates 11am – 3.30pm on our public open days

MORE INFORMATION

DROP OFF, PARKING AND PICK UP

- On arrival coach drivers should press the call button on the intercom post at our main gate If you are visiting on a day that we are closed to the public, our 'closed' sign will be showing at our gate – don't worry, we will be expecting you!
- Your driver should stop at the Drum Towers, where we will meet your group before you alight
- Our dedicated coach park is directly beneath the Drum Towers
- Coaches wishing to return to the site for collection will be advised how to exit and return
- If your group is arriving by car, drivers should make contact via the intercom post. Parking is a short walk from the Drum Towers
- Accessible parking is available outside the Castle entrance
- If you have questions about accessibility at Rockingham Castle, please contact us
- If your group is visiting on a day that we are open to the public, the arrangements for coach parking are the same
- Group members travelling by car, will need to park in our main visitor car park. Our Ticket Office team will be expecting you!





DAYTIME GROUP VISIT MENU

All Catering must be pre-booked ahead of your visit. Final numbers and catering options for the party must be sent two weeks prior to your visit.

Sweet Treats

These options can be served at any point during your visit, whether you would like refreshments on arrival or something before you depart. Please choose one option for your whole party. All the options are served with tea and coffee.

A homemade sweet treat	£4.00
A slice of homemade cake	£5.50
Homemade scone served with jam and clotted cream	£6.50

Lunch

Please pick two options from the below list for your party to select from:

Homemade soup and a warm crusty roll	£7.50
Jacket potatoes served with crisps, a dressed salad and one of the following toppings: • Baked beans • Grated cheddar cheese • Tuna mayonnaise	£8.00
Quiche of the day served with crisps and a dressed salad	£8.50
Sub roll served with salad and crisps with one of the following fillings: • Ham, Cheese and Chutney • Tuna Mayonnaise & Cucumber • Hummus & Roasted Vegetable	£8.50

Please ask staff for allergen information and inform us of any dietary requirements.
All costs listed include VAT.

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Group Booking Form

Date of Visit: .....

(please discuss this with the Estate Office before filling in this form)

Arrival Time: ..... Departure Time: .....

Will you be travelling in separate cars or by coach? .....

Number in Party:..... Time of Tour: .....

Organiser's Name:.....

Group Name:.....

Address:.....

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..... Postcode:.....

Telephone:.....

Mobile:.....

A non-refundable deposit of £5 per person will secure your date.

Deposit enclosed (£):.....

Catering requirements: .....

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Special Requirements e.g. Vegetarian: .....

Please return completed form to: estateoffice@rockinghamcastle.com or **Rockingham Castle Estate Office, Rockingham, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 8TH**

Please retain a copy of this form for your records