# Jane Austen's Winchester With Afternoon Tea

## Legendary tales for a modern-day adventure

Winchester Cathedral not only has an immense 1500-year history but is also the resting place of one of Britain's most beloved authors. Discover Jane Austen's connections to the Cathedral and see the house in which she spent her final days. Afterwards you are invited to delight in a traditional afternoon tea of finger sandwiches and afternoon fancies at The Refectory in the Cathedral grounds.





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### One-day example itinerary



#### MORNING – DEPART LONDON

**By train:** Depart London Waterloo 10:04am Arrive Winchester Station 11:04am

#### By road:

Depart London 9.30am Arrive Winchester 11am

#### 11.25am – JANE AUSTEN'S WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

You'll be met inside the entrance to this magnificent Cathedral, one of Europe's largest, ahead of the 11:30am tour. As well as taking in the fifteen centuries of English history that lie behind Winchester Cathedral, your Jane Austen themed tour will give you an intimate and often amusing insight into her life. You'll learn of her connections with the Cathedral and how it came to be her final resting place, despite achieving fame posthumously.

The tour will take you on a walk through the Cathedral's historic Inner Close to the house on College Street where Jane would spend her final days, with her sister Cassandra



#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

- Direct trains from Waterloo to Winchester operate by South West Railway roughly every 30 minutes.
- The journey time by road is estimated on travel from London Victoria Coach Station.
- Transport not included.
- For larger groups, private dining may be arranged for afternoon tea in The Refectory's Paul Woodhouse Suite\*. Capacity = 70.
- Tour time = 1-1.5 hours

\*Subject to tour guide availability







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#### 1pm – AFTERNOON TEA AT THE REFECTORY

Where better to enjoy Afternoon tea than in the grounds of the Cathedral and one of Winchester's hidden gems? Tucked away behind the Cathedral gift shop and sheltered behind ancient walls, The Refectory is a contemporary space boasting a large terrace with Cathedral views and a peaceful walled garden.

Savour the moment and indulge in this English tradition as you are served a selection of finger sandwiches, scones with strawberry jam & clotted cream, and afternoon fancies.

#### **AFTERNOON – FREE TIME TO EXPLORE WINCHESTER**

Relax on the tranquil green space that is Cathedral Close or explore its stunning surroundings. You may prefer to meander through the winding chocolate box pretty streets, lined with fabulous boutiques, street cafes and fine restaurants.

If you're hungry for more tales of old, The Great Hall is all that remains of Winchester Castle. See for yourself King Arthur's legendary Round Table, which has dominated the Hall for centuries.

If you've worked up a thirst and want 'one for the road,' the 18th century Wykeham Arms is a jewel in Winchester's crown and a must visit if you want to experience the most traditional of British pubs. With old world charm, open fires, and tables that are traditional wooden school desks, you'll find this charming inn nestled among the buildings of Winchester College.

#### **PRICES AND HOW TO BOOK**

Price £18.50 per person Commission rates payable by negotiation.

Website: www.winchestercathedral.co.uk Email: cathedral.office@winchester-cathedral.org.uk Tel: 01962 857200



#### **TOUR DATES**

Jane Austen tours of the Cathedral can be arranged throughout the year, subject to negotiation.

Regular public Jane Austen tours run the first Saturday of the month from Feb - Oct at 10.30am.

#### **COACH PARKING**

**DROP OFF/PICK UP:** There is a coach drop off point at King Alfred's Statue on the Broadway opposite the Tourist Information Centre.

#### **COACH PARKING:**

Coach Parks, **Worthy Lane 1.5 miles away** Open **24 hours, 7 days** Tel: +**44 (0)1962 848346** 





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