



Information about school trips to Arundel Castle and Gardens

Bookings

- We are open all year for enquiries and bookings on 01903 882173, education@arundelcastle.org
- Trips can be booked on our learning programme on Tuesdays to Fridays during term times, from early April to the end of October each year. Places are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- All bookings will be arranged by email by the castle team and the booking is only confirmed once we receive a non-refundable deposit which is payable within 7 days from the date of request. This deposit will be deducted from the final invoice which we send shortly after the trip takes place.
- Our rates for the 2026 season are:
 - £8.50 per child
 - Free adult supervisors at a ratio of:
 - 1:4 for pre-schools
 - 1:6 for Early Years and Key Stages 1 & 2
 - 1:10 for Key Stage 3 and older
 - Carers of children with 1:1 needs will not be charged
 - Extra adults will be charged £17 each
- Dates may be amended (subject to availability) and any charges due are shown in the table below.
- Cancellations within 56 days of the day of the trip may attract a cancellation fee – see table below
- Confirmation of actual numbers of children and adults will be requested when you arrive at the castle on the morning of the trip – these will be used to raise the final invoice.
- Self-led visits are possible for schools wishing to explore the castle at their own pace within normal opening hours at the castle, please ask for details.

School bookings Group size	Deposit (per day booked)	Administration fee for change of date	Cancellation fee - days before trip *		
			> 56 days	56 - 28 days	< 28 days
15 or less (minimum)	£50.00	1st free of charge, 2nd £50	Deposit only	£75.00	£127.50
16 - 29	£50.00	1st free of charge, 2nd £50	Deposit only	£75.00	£127.50
30 - 59	£50.00	1st £50, 2nd £75	£75.00	£100.00	£160.00
60 - 90	£100.00	1st £50, 2nd £75	£150.00	£200.00	£240.00
91 +	£150.00	1st £50, 2nd £100	£200.00	£300.00	£360.00
			*deducting deposit already paid		

Topics and tours

- Suitable for all ages and led by experience guides, tours last approx. 3.5 to 4 hours, including a half hour break for picnic lunch.
- Our tours are a fun filled day in themselves but they are also an excellent learning resource supporting different areas of the national curriculum and providing wider development opportunities for students (building self-confidence by participating in the group activities etc.).
- We have 1000 years of history to explore, you can find out what life was like in different periods of history:
 - Discover why the castle was built here, how it was defended and what life might have been like in medieval England
 - Learn about the changing castle and family links to other powerful families during the Tudor times
 - Explore the evidence of siege and battle in Arundel during the English Civil War
 - See the changes introduced to this great country home in Victorian times and how they prepared for the Queen's visit in 1846
- With 40 acres of gardens including an area for conservation of wildlife, we have a wealth of inspiring spaces for creative writing, drawing and play.
- With stories of Kings, Queens, a giant and dragons at Arundel we can use myths and legends to bring the castle and grounds to life.
- We can discuss tailoring your tour to support any topic of study – contact the team when you are making your plans

Activities

- Look at textiles and try on costumes worn in days gone by.
- Try on mail armour and handle weapons .
- Have a go at games and pastimes, which might include
 - Making braids
 - Writing with quill pens
 - Playing football and handball
 - Quoits
 - Brass rubbing
 - Decorate a crown
- Introduce heraldry and designing coats of arms.
- Experience a mock battle of Hastings.
- Follow our trails inside and outside the castle – looking for dragons, plants and wildlife, evidence of the people that lived in the castle.
- You may bring your own sketch books and resources with you, please let us know of your plans in advance.

Facilities

- We have picnic areas in the gardens suitable for large groups and we can provide a dry space for lunches if the weather is poor
- We have w.c.'s inside the castle and in the gardens, with accessible cubicles
- We have a castle gift shop with small items for purchase as souvenirs and you can pre-order 'goody bags'

Familiarisation visits

- We offer complimentary tickets for schools wishing to undertake risk assessments or familiarisation visits before the school trip. Available on days when the castle is open to the general public, excluding event days.
- One ticket will be provided for groups of 15 students or less. A maximum of two tickets will be provided per school per season for larger groups.
- We have Hazard Awareness guidelines which we will provide once a booking is made.

Accessibility and individual requirements

- Access to most areas of the castle is possible but, due to the nature of the buildings and grounds, some areas of the castle such as the Keep and moat may be more difficult.
- Please contact us about any individual requirements or look at our website for information on accessibility.
- We can provide images of most areas to prepare students for their visit.
- For students unable to access an area during part of the tour we may be able to offer an alternative activity

Resources

- We can provide resources to help you prepare for your visit:
 - Hazard awareness guidelines
 - A plan of the castle and gardens
 - Images of areas of the castle to help prepare students
 - What to expect on the day information sheet
 - Topic sheets with interesting facts

Feedback

- We would love to hear about your experience at the castle and learn how the students have used it to support their studies
- You can share images and clips of your visit with us on social media
 - Instagram - @arundelcastleuk
 - Facebook - @ArundelCastle