

ROMSEY ABBEY TOURS : INFORMATION FOR GROUPS

We are looking forward to welcoming your group for a tour of Romsey Abbey.

Directions and parking

By Road. Romsey is within easy reach of the M27 and M3. Exit the M27 at either Junction 3 or Junction 2. For car parking, there are several short and medium term stay car parks in the town centre. Closest to the Abbey are Newton Lane, Lortemore Place and Broadwater Road). See this link for more details of all parking -

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/transportparkingandstreets/car-parks/romseycarparks>

The recommended drop off point for coaches is Romsey Bus Station (SO51 8BF). It is not recommended for coaches to drop off outside the Abbey. There is ample coach parking at the Rapids Leisure Park, Southampton Road (SO51 8AF) which is a few minutes from the town. The Romsey Visitor Information Centre offer a meet and greet service for coaches. You can contact them on 01794 512987.

By Train. Romsey has two trains an hour from Southampton and two from Salisbury. Romsey Abbey, which can be seen from the station exit, is a ten-minute walk. Cross the road at the bottom of Station Approach, walk along Station Road, then bear right into Lortemore Place and carry on through Abbey Walk.

Arrival

Please meet your tour guide inside the Abbey. The guide will normally wait by the North Door entrance (the main door). Please note that we also have stewards (in burgundy gowns) on duty in the Abbey every day to greet visitors and help with queries.

Access

There are two entrance/exit doors into the Abbey on the North and South sides (almost opposite each other). Wheelchair access is easiest via the south door. The north door has a small step up outside and a full step down inside. A portable ramp is available for the north door if necessary. Inside the Abbey the floors are mostly level but uneven in places.

Food and drink

We do not allow food and drink to be consumed in the Abbey. There are no on-site catering facilities, however there are several cafés and other venues in the Market Place about a 3 to 5-minute walk away. The closest café is at King Johns House (beside the Romsey Visitor Information Centre).

Group numbers

Depending on the size of your group and the availability of tour guides, your group may be split up into smaller groups to tour the Abbey. If the numbers in your group alter significantly between booking and attending, please update the parish office.

Payment

Tours are charged at £5 per person. All tour money is donated to parish funds. Groups can request to be invoiced in advance by the parish office to make a payment by bank transfer. Otherwise please present a cheque or cash payment on the day and give this direct to the tour guide. Please ensure that the parish office is aware which payment method you intend to use.

Gift Stall and Book Stall

There is a gift stall and book stall located inside the Abbey selling cards, souvenirs, the parish magazine, pamphlets about the Abbey and other books including two by current guides: 'Romsey Abbey – the first 1100 years' by Liz Hallett and 'Romsey Abbey – the grand tour' by Brian Lamb.

Visitor Book

We hope that you have an enjoyable visit and tour of the Abbey. We have a visitor book available at the north door entrance if you wish to sign in and leave a message. If you have comments that can help us to improve on our tour offerings you are welcome to contact the parish office.

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Open Monday – Friday 9-3pm (except bank holidays)