PUBLIC TOUR PROGRAMME
1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011

EXETER’S RED COAT GUIDED TOURS

FREE
**Summer Programme 1st April 2010 – 31st October 2010**

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**Discover one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in England with Exeter’s Red Coat Guides**

Tours meet outside the ABode Exeter (Royal Clarence Hotel), Cathedral Yard. Tours marked in red depart from outside the Quay House Visitor Centre. Tours last approximately 90 minutes unless otherwise stated.
These FREE guided walking tours are the perfect way to explore Exeter. Operating daily throughout the year (except 25th & 26th December) there is a wide range of tours to choose from. No booking is required, simply choose a tour, meet your Red Coat Guide and discover historic Exeter. Tours may only exceed 15 people at the discretion of the guide – see inside for information on group bookings.

Winter Programme 1st November 2010 – 31st March 2011

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“We just want to say how much we enjoyed the tour especially the quality of the commentary given by the Red Coat Guide”

Roger & Joan King, Australia
Exeter’s Red Coat Guides are volunteers who are passionate about the city’s fascinating history, so why not join them on one of the following free guided tours.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Cathedral to Quay
(Finishes at the Quay House Visitor Centre)
Starting in the picturesque Cathedral Close, we proceed into elegant Southernhay before viewing the impressive city wall. We continue down to the river and Exeter’s Historic Quayside.

Children’s Tour (Circular tour)
This is an interactive tour for children aged 5 – 10 years. An adult must accompany all children, with a maximum of 6 children to 1 adult. All children must be in the care and control of those in charge.

Churches, Cemeteries and The Catacomb
(Finishes in Fore Street)
Hear about strange burial practices through the ages. Visit some of our ancient churches, and explore the Catacomb by torchlight.

Elegant Exeter (Finishes in Princesshay)
Built in the early years of the reign of King George III, the Royal Clarence Hotel is an appropriate starting point for this tour. Hear about the royal visit to the city in 1789 and then admire elegant Southernhay before learning of Exeter’s progress into the 21st century.

Exeter Old & New (Finishes at the Guildhall)
Learn about Exeter’s history from pre-Roman to the present time. Visit the 11th century Castle Gatehouse, probably Britain’s oldest Norman building, and Northernhay Gardens, the first public gardens in the country.

Exeter’s City Wall (Circular)
Walk around Exeter’s City Wall, originally built in Roman times but much changed over the centuries, and discover some of the key events in its history. Over 70% of the wall still remains.
Exeter’s Green Spaces (Finishes in Castle Street)
Starting with Cathedral Green, take a stroll through some of our open spaces. Find out about their history and admire trees and other plants which are flourishing in the City Centre.

Forgotten Exeter (Finishes in Fore Street)
Discover some hidden curiosities in the north west corner of the city. Visit The Mint or Tuckers Hall, when open (see programme).

Ghosts and Legends (Circular)
Learn why Exeter is reputed to be one of the most haunted cities in the country. Visit many of Exeter’s historic buildings and listen to chilling tales about their history. Suitable for all ages. Special Hallowe’en tour on Saturday 30th October at 7pm.

Heart of Exeter (Finishes at the Guildhall)
From the quiet and tranquillity of the Cathedral Close to the hustle and bustle of the High Street, follow the development of Exeter from Roman times to the present day.

Introducing Exeter (Circular tour)
Does exactly what it says in the title; glimpses of over 2,000 years of history.

Medieval Treasures of Exeter (Finishes at the Quayside)
This tour celebrates the time when Exeter grew rich from the woollen cloth trade. We see many of the surviving medieval buildings, including ‘the house that moved’, and walk across the Medieval Exe bridge to view the restored Cricklepit Mill.

Murder and Mayhem (Circular)
Stories of rebellion, riots, murder, burnings, hangings and the plague unfold on this tour. Learn about Exeter’s turbulent past and visit sites of conflict and punishment.
TOURS STARTING FROM THE QUAY HOUSE VISITOR CENTRE

Canal Trip
This tour includes a brief description of the Historic Quayside and a one way boat trip to the Double Locks with onboard commentary. Return journey is an escorted walk back to the Quayside. Tickets to be obtained from the Quay House Visitor Centre.

Custom House (Finishes outside Custom House)
Constructed in 1680-81, Exeter’s Custom House is the oldest in the land. Used by Customs and Excise until 1989, the building has an impressive sweeping staircase and beautiful ornamental plaster ceilings.

Exeter’s Historic Quayside (Finishes at the quayside)
View the Port of Exeter, once one of the busiest in the land, and hear its fascinating history. Then stroll along the Quayside to see the oldest pound lock canal in the country.

Topsham Tours
Free walking tours with Topsham Society Guides. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 2pm, May – September. No booking necessary, meet by notice board at Holman Way car park. Group bookings please call 01392 877296.

Group Tours
Groups of 10 or more incur a small charge and must book a tour in advance, which can be of their choice and timing. Red Coat Guides are also available for coach commentaries. A minimum of 14 days notice is required for all group bookings. For a copy of the Group Organisers Guide or to book a tour, please call 01392 265203 or email guidedtours@exeter.gov.uk
Exeter Cathedral
One of the finest examples of Decorated Gothic architecture in England today. Daily guided tours available March – October. Admission charge.
T. 01392 285983 | www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

Exeter’s Underground Passages
T. 01392 665887 | www.exeter.gov.uk/passages

Quay House Visitor Centre
Discover the history and development of the Historic Quayside through artefacts and exhibits and watch the short film ‘Exeter, 2,000 Years of History’. Admission FREE
T. 01392 271611 | www.exeter.gov.uk/quayhouse

St Nicholas Priory – A Tudor Home
Experience Tudor life in the heart of Exeter. Former medieval priory now presented as a furnished Elizabethan town house. Admission charge.
T. 01392 665858 | www.exeter.gov.uk/priory

Topsham Museum
Overlooking the Exe estuary, visitors can enjoy displays of local history and maritime interest. Admission FREE
T. 01392 873244 | www.devonmuseums.net/topsham

Tuckers Hall
Medieval guildhall of the Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen, built in 1471. Admission FREE
T. 01392 412348 | www.tuckershall.org.uk

Self Guided Heritage Trails
Explore Exeter’s rich and varied past on three FREE self-guided heritage trails. Leaflets detailing the trails are available from Exeter Visitor Information & Tickets.
T. 01392 665700 | www.exeter.gov.uk/heritagetrails
• Please note guided tours may be subject to cancellation or alteration without notice.
• Most tours contain steps, slopes and steep or rough ground.
• Only assistance dogs are permitted to accompany owners on the tours.
• Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Adults remain in charge of the children and are responsible for their care and control.

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