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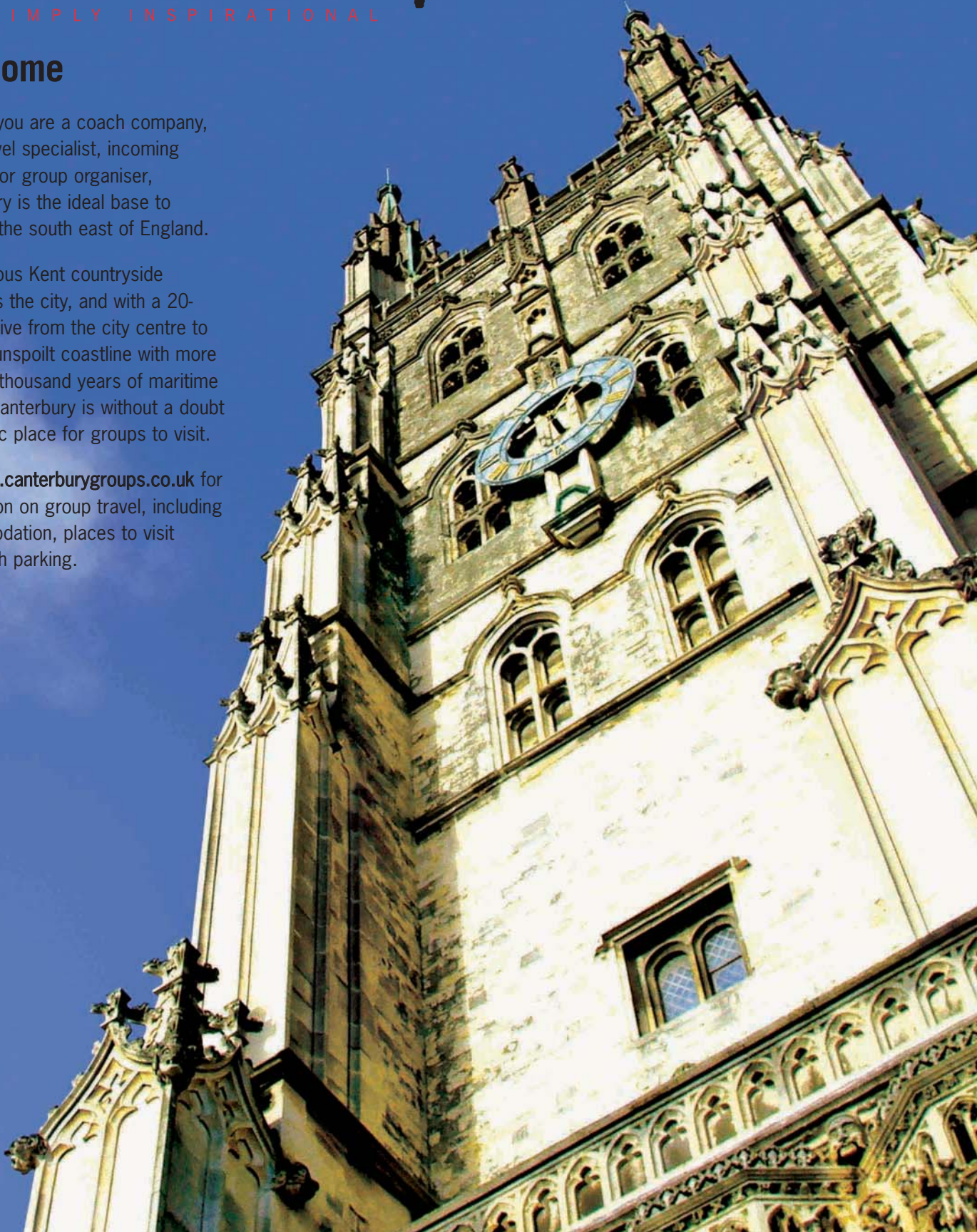
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Welcome

Whether you are a coach company, small travel specialist, incoming operator or group organiser, Canterbury is the ideal base to discover the south east of England.

The glorious Kent countryside surrounds the city, and with a 20-minute drive from the city centre to miles of unspoilt coastline with more than two thousand years of maritime history, Canterbury is without a doubt a fantastic place for groups to visit.

See www.canterburygroups.co.uk for information on group travel, including accommodation, places to visit and coach parking.





Canterbury Cathedral

Mother Church of the Anglican Communion and one of the UK's most visited group attractions, the cathedral offers a wide variety of facilities for groups, from guided tours, private evening tours, audio tours and audio-visuals in several languages to lectures, choir workshops/recitals and 'behind-the-scenes' tours to the cathedral archives, library, stained glass studio, stone conservation workshop, vestry or organ loft. Programmes can be tailored to meet the group's interest, budget and available time.

Educational groups

The cathedral is a wonderful resource for visiting schools, colleges, language schools and universities. The 'schools department' provides high calibre resources and support for visiting school groups from infant to secondary, enabling them to interpret the building and enhance the quality of their visit. Facilities range from guided tours, themed trails and project work to a wide selection of specialised educational publications and questionnaires.

Assistance for further or specialist education is offered through specialised guided tours, publications and questionnaires. Specialist subject matters range from history and architecture to art, religion and tourism.

Free teacher information sheets and pupil questionnaires in English, French, Dutch, German and Italian may be downloaded free of charge from

www.canterbury-cathedral.org/schools/schoolsoverseas.aspx

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge

First class modern accommodation, within the security of the Cathedral Precincts and yet only two minutes from the city centre, shops, restaurants, bars and cafés. Every room has stunning views of the cathedral.

The lodge also offers hospitality for groups, whether it is a breakfast bacon roll, buffet lunch or three-course silver service dinner. To view facilities and sample menus, visit

www.canterburycathedralodge.org





St Augustine's Abbey

Cathedral opening times

Weekdays	
Summer	0900 hours to 1730 hours *
Winter	0900 hours to 1700 hours*
Sundays (all year)	1230 hours to 1430 hours*

* Last entry half an hour before closing time.

Please note the cathedral is a working, living church and regularly closes for special services and/or events. Always check opening times before travelling.

Group rates (pre-booked, valid until 31 March 2011)

Entrance	
Adult	£7
Primary schools	£4
Secondary school parties	£4 (off peak) £5 (peak time)
Other educational groups (including language schools)	
Students under 18 years	£6
18 to 24 years	£6.50

For costs of additional facilities such as guided tours, audio tours and audio-visuels, please contact the Visits or Schools Office.

For more information visit

www.canterbury-cathedral.org or
 Contact **+44 (0) 1227 762 862**,
 E-mail: visits@canterbury-cathedral.org or
schools@canterbury-cathedral.org
www.canterbury-cathedral.org
www.canterburycathedrallodge.org



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This great abbey, marking the rebirth of Christianity in southern England, was founded in AD597 by St Augustine. Originally created as a burial place for the Anglo-Saxon kings of Kent, it's part of the Canterbury World Heritage Site, along with the cathedral and St Martin's Church.

The impressive abbey is situated outside the city walls and is sometimes missed by visitors. At the abbey, you can also enjoy the museum and free audio tour.

Group rates (minimum 11 people)

Adults £3.85 Children £2 Concessions £3.25

Monasteries, Magnificence and Misfortune:

A short guide to one of the oldest monastic sites in England.

A detailed tour of the abbey grounds. Highlights include the grave of St Augustine and four Anglo-Saxon Kings of Kent, beautiful atmospheric remains of the impressive and important monastery that include the crypt, various chapels, the nave and cloister, as well as an impressive view of the city of Canterbury. Your tour guide will explain the abbey's historical and religious significance enabling you to catch a glimpse of what this glorious building may once have been like.

Duration: Approximately 90 minutes.

Minimum maximum: 11 to 30 people

Advance booking required?: Yes, two weeks if they are to take place any day other than a Friday.

Call to book: **+44 (0) 1227 767 345**

www.english-heritage.org.uk/staugustinesabbey

Joint ticket with Canterbury Cathedral

Arrange an unforgettable day out to Canterbury World Heritage Site – and save money. This group ticket gives access to **both** St Augustine's Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral, located only a short walk from each other past St Martin's, the oldest church in England and also part of the World Heritage Site. Pre-booking required.

Combines Cathedral/Abbey group rates (minimum 11 people, pre-booking required:

Adults £10 Children £8.50

To book: **+44 (0) 1227 767 345** (Abbey) or

+44 (0) 1227 762 862 (Cathedral, Visits Office)

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The Canterbury Tales

Step into medieval Canterbury and accompany Geoffrey Chaucer's colourful characters on their magical pilgrimage from London to the shrine of Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral in this highly entertaining and accurate re-creation of life in medieval England.

Along the way, their stories of love, romance, jealousy and trickery are vividly re-created with the liveliness of Chaucer's famous tales. Meet some of his best loved characters including The Wife of Bath, the bawdy Miller and The Pardoner - enjoy their stories as you make the journey in their company to Canterbury.

Audio tours provide an excellent 45 minute introduction to the city of Canterbury and its most famous literary connection.

New for schools in 2010: 'Medieval Life' workshop sessions, tailored to suit your study requirements. Free Education Packs are also available on booking, suitable for Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 pupils.

Audio handsets are available in English, French, Dutch, German, Italian, Spanish and Japanese.

Free tastings for groups

On the completion of your journey why not enjoy a free sample tasting of English mead or fruit wine served in our gift shop. (Please note this tasting must be booked in advance when you make your group booking.)

Events programme 2010

A programme of free events will be staged during the year at the attraction and in the churchyard to the rear of The Canterbury Tales.

For full details of these events including dates, visit www.canterburytales.org.uk or phone **+44 (0) 1227 378 144**

Opening times

January to February 1000 hours to 1630 hours

March to June 1000 hours to 1700 hours

July to August 0930 hours to 1700 hours

September to October 1000 hours to 1700 hours

November to December 1000 hours to 1630 hours

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day



Group rates

The following are discounted group rates and apply for parties of 15 or more.

Rates valid until: 31 January 2011

Adults: £6.95 Seniors: £5.95

Child: (5 to 15 years) £5.35 Student: (16+) £5.95

UK school: (primary and secondary) £4.75

Language schools: (UK based) £5.10

Special offers will be available for groups from time to time, please enquire when making your booking.

Groups must be pre-booked in order to obtain the following benefits including the group discount rate.

Benefits for pre-booked groups

- Discounted admission prices for groups of 15 or more
- Priority admission
- Free familiarisation visit for group organiser
- Free admission for coach driver
- One adult admitted free with every 10 students/children

Access

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors, but the historic layout and design of this site means that access may be difficult for certain individuals. The attraction has ramps, lifts, a hearing loop and wheelchair accessible toilets. To prepare for your visit call **+ 44 (0) 1227 454 888**.

How to book

Advance booking is always advisable. Our group booking office is open weekdays from 0900 hours to 1600 hours. When you make your booking we will require a contact name, address, telephone number, preferred visit date and the number in your group. Your booking will then be confirmed in writing. You can contact us as follows:

The Canterbury Tales

St Margaret's Street,

Canterbury, Kent CT1 2TG

Phone: **+ 44 (0) 845 070 6255** (Group bookings)

Fax: **+ 44 (0) 1904 527 701**

E-mail: groups@continuum-group.com

www.canterburytales.org.uk



Canterbury River Tours

Canterbury Historic River Tours

This multi award-winning tour provides an entertaining experience for visitors of all ages. Starting from the Kings Bridge, you will discover Canterbury from the unique perspective of the River Stour. You will be given an historical commentary whilst you discover some of Canterbury's finest and most important architecture set against outstanding views of natural scenery.

Canterbury Historic River Tours is well versed in taking groups of all sizes, nationalities and age groups and can offer a meet and greet service where a guide can collect your group from the coach park or designated drop-off point and bring you directly to the tour.

Each boat has a capacity of up to 12 passengers. For groups with more than 36 people, we advise you divide your group into hourly time slots (for example 36 people at 1000 hours and 36 people at 1100 hours).

Opening times and admission

1 March to 31 October 1000 hours to 1700 hours

Group prices are dependent on age, number and the time of booking, with morning tours receiving the best group rates. Call or e-mail for details.





Museum of Canterbury, Stour Street

Take a trip to the Museum of Canterbury

From Roman settlements to Rupert Bear, see the history of this famous city through exotic objects, hands-on displays and activities all set in the beautiful medieval Poor Priests' Hospital. The museum is also temporarily housing some of the paintings from the Royal Museum and Art Gallery.

Planning a group visit

It is best to allow parties to go round in groups of 15. If you are bringing parties of 35 or more then these will need to be split into smaller groups to ease congestion at the entrance. Please contact front of house staff to discuss access for larger parties.

Please allow 45 minutes for your trip around the Museum of Canterbury.

Teachers and group organisers are welcome to make a preliminary visit free of charge and to discuss with staff the practical arrangements for a group visit and how to link to other attractions.

Booking service

To ensure access without overcrowding, please telephone first to check available times and to make a booking. You are advised to book your visit at least four weeks in advance. You need to confirm your booking by completing and returning the appropriate booking form. Your booking is only valid once we have received this form. Forms are available from the museums' office.

Opening times and admission charges

The museum is closed on Good Friday and for some of the Christmas period. Please check before making your visit. Prices are valid until 31 March 2011.

Monday to Saturday 1100 hours to 1700 hours (last entry 1600 hours). Also open on Sundays from June to the end of September 1330 to 1700 hours (last entry 1600 hours)

Adult £3.60, Concessions £2.30 Groups 10+ 10% discount

We offer a range of concessions for groups, including a 10% discount for parties of 10 and over. Teachers receive free entry as do group leaders and coach drivers with groups of 30 or more. Our charges are reviewed annually on 1 April.



Guided tours

An experienced guide will show you round the Museum of Canterbury for an additional charge. The tours last approximately 45 minutes and can be arranged to suit different ages and interests. They are operated separately by Canterbury Tourist Guides and are available in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, and Russian. Payment for tours should be made directly to the guide.

Canterbury Museum

Stour Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2NR

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Fax: + 44 (0)1227 455 047

E-mail: museums@canterbury.gov.uk

www.canterbury-museums.co.uk

Museum of Canterbury

Phone: +44 (0)1227 475 202

Contact

Contact the museum staff for further information, to request booking forms and to discuss special needs your party might have. We look forward to welcoming your group in the future.

Groups website

Visit our new groups website at www.canterburygroups.co.uk where you can check out attractions, accommodation, events, itineraries and more information for groups visiting the Canterbury district.

The screenshot shows the website www.canterburygroups.co.uk/ in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The page has a navigation menu with links for Home, Schools & Education, Accommodation, Itineraries, Attractions, Events, Food & Drink, Downloads, Parking, and Help & Contact. A search bar is visible with the text "distance from shanghai to balli". The main content area includes a "Welcome to the Group Travel Site for Canterbury" section, a "Top Attractions" list, and a "Canterbury Attractions Passport" section. The browser window also shows the taskbar with several open applications and the system clock at 16:25.



General Information

Coach drop off point

A two bay coach drop-off and collection point is available at St Georges Lane. Located in front of the Whitefriars shopping centre and adjacent to the bus station, it is a short walk from most city centre attractions.

The drop-off is only available to coach operators who have registered and pre-booked a dropping off/collection time by calling **+ 44 (0) 1227 378 131** (during office hours only) or e-mailing **canterburyinformation@canterbury.gov.uk**. The use of the drop-off is included in the cost of parking at St John's coach park, which is unchanged at £10 per coach for 12 hours.

The drop-off will be supervised at all times and coaches that have not pre-booked will be turned away.

You will be allocated a 20 minute time slot for dropping off and collecting passengers. If you are unavoidably late, you can notify the Canterbury Visitor Information Centre on **+44 (0) 1227 378 100** to make alternative arrangements.

Canterbury coach park

Canterbury has a coach park at St John's, a few minutes pleasant riverside walk from the city centre. The coach park is easily accessible from the main routes into the city with parking machines accepting credit cards and cash. The charge is £10 and there is no pre-booking required. The coach park has a Welcome Centre with information about what to do in the district, refreshments, toilets including disabled, baby changing facilities and water point.

Welcome to Canterbury

All pre-booked coaches dropping off their parties in St Georges Lane will be met by staff from Canterbury Visitor Information Centre. Our friendly staff will welcome your party, give out maps of the city and will be able to answer any questions to help you get the best out of your visit.

If you need any further information to help plan your trip to Canterbury please do not hesitate to contact the Visitor Information Centre.

Canterbury Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre is located opposite the main Cathedral entrance gate. Staff can help you with a wealth of information about Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay, as well as the rest of east Kent. Whether it's before, during or after your visit, we offer assistance with all aspects of your stay and the planning for your return visit. We can book tickets for local and national accommodation, cross channel ferries, local day trips and excursions. We stock a wide range of books, maps, gifts and souvenirs. So don't forget to pay us a visit when you're in the area.

Canterbury Visitor Centre

12/13 Sun Street, Canterbury CT1 2HX

Phone **+44 (0)1227 378 100**

E-mail **canterburyinformation@canterbury.gov.uk**

www.canterbury.co.uk or **www.canterburygroups.co.uk**

Other attractions

There are many more attractions to visit and activities and events to enjoy. Visit **www.canterburygroups.co.uk** for up-to-date and/or more detailed information.

Canterbury offers a wide range of accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets. After all, there is too much to see and do to fit into one day! To book accommodation, visit **www.canterburygroups.co.uk**

Canterbury Tourist Guides

A city tour gives a wonderful insight into Canterbury's finest architecture with beautiful natural scenery.

E-mail: **guides@canterburytouristguides.co.uk**

www.canterbury-walks.co.uk

The Canterbury Ghost Tour

An entertaining mix of local history, humour and hauntings.

E-mail: **info@canterburyghosttour.com**

www.canterburyghosttour.com

