Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal

Group Visits

Enjoy a great day out together at this World Heritage Site

Groups of visitors have enjoyed the delights of Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal since the eighteenth century.

Come and see what makes this World Heritage Site so special.

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Open all year, a visit can last from a few hours to a full day...

Explore the dramatic ruins of Fountains Abbey, the most complete ruins of a Cistercian abbey in Britain

Wander around the eighteenth century Water Garden with its elegant ornamental lakes, tumbling cascades and temples

Discover Fountains Mill, one of the finest surviving examples of a monastic water mill in Britain

Enjoy the sight of 500 wild deer in the Medieval park at Studley Royal

Visit St Mary’s Church, an outstanding example of Victorian gothic architecture

Learn more about the estate with guided tours

Visit our shop and plant centre to find the perfect treat, and call into our restaurant for a bite to eat
Guided tours

Our guides bring this remarkable estate to life with fascinating facts and stories. Tours need to be booked in advance and prices are based on a minimum of 15 people. Smaller groups will also need to pay the 15 person rate.

Tours available include:

Abbey tour (1½ hours) £2.50 per person

Garden tour (2 hours) £2.50 per person

Abbey & garden ‘taster’ tour (2 hours) £3.00 per person

St Mary’s Church tour (1 hour) £2.00 per person

Eating

Our licensed Visitor Centre Restaurant has seating for over 150 people.

A variety of refreshments including hot meals are available daily using local seasonal produce.

Groups booking meals will have a reserved section of the Restaurant (menus available on request).

Shopping

Visit our well-stocked shop and discover some wonderful souvenirs to take home, from cards, books and plants, to seasonal jam and treats.

Opening dates

Open all year except 24 & 25 December and Fridays in November, December & January.

Opening times

Abbey and Water Garden
Last admission is 1 hour before closing

April to October 10.00am to 6.00pm
November to March 10.00am to 5.00pm

St Mary’s Church
Easter to 30 September 12.00pm to 4.00pm

Group Organiser Benefits

• Complimentary admission voucher for your familiarisation visit (please request prior to visit).
• Complimentary admission for organiser on the day of group visit.
• Coach meet and greet available Monday - Friday on request.

Coach driver benefits

• Free parking at Visitor Centre
• Complimentary admission
• Refreshment voucher

The ‘Wonder of the North’
Access Information

There is good access to the Visitor Centre and its facilities, but the path down to the Abbey is quite steep. Lower level footpaths by the Abbey, Mill, Hall and in the Water Garden are well surfaced and fairly level.

Facilities

Our courtesy minibus is available to transport less able visitors from the Visitor Centre to other parts of the estate.

Adapted toilets

Audio loop in Fountains Mill

Lift available to upper floor of the Mill. Wheelchairs and powered mobility vehicles can be booked in advance on 01765 643185. Wheelchair access to the Abbey is restricted and unfortunately Fountains Hall is not accessible to wheelchair users.

Admission Prices

Current prices are as follows.
1-15 in group £13.60 per adult, £6.80 per child
16+ in group £12.80 per adult, £6.40 per child

Prices are reviewed annually and may have changed by the date of your visit.

Group rates are only available when the group organiser checks in and pays at the admission point for the whole group on arrival.

Making a booking

All group visits need to be pre-booked to receive group rates.

Please contact (during office hours): Annette Tulip Bookings & Functions Coordinator Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal Ripon HG4 3DY

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