

## Group Tours

Group tour parties are welcome at Ripley Castle by prior arrangement, any day of the year except Christmas Day from 10.00am until 5.00pm

The Castle Tour is fascinating and highly entertaining, there are so many humorous anecdotes about the Castle and the family, and the whole group will love the portraits and furnishings, and armour.

Groups will hear how 'Trooper Jane' Ingilby held Cromwell at gunpoint in the Library, how Sir John rebuilt the Castle but lost his wife and how Sir Thomas saved the life of Edward III. The highlight of the tour is the Knight's Chamber, on the second floor of the Tudor Tower. Here you discover the secret priest's hiding place and hear all about the priests that once occupied it. If your group has a specific interest, let us know and we can tailor the tour to suit your requirements.

Your coach driver can drop you off right outside the gift shop so there is very little walking involved, and our Guide will meet and greet you as you enter the Gift Shop. Excellent toilet facilities (including disabled and baby changing) are available next to the Gift Shop, by prior arrangement we can also have an electric invalid buggy.

The guided tour takes approximately 60 minutes, and neck loops are available for the hard of hearing.

Your Coach Driver and Organiser gets **FREE** entry into the Castle and Gardens. The Coach Driver is also given a voucher for the Tearoom.

To book a tour please contact the Estate office and we can check availability.

If your group wishes to dine with us during their visit to the castle we have two options available. For groups of 25 and below we can reserve tables in our Tearoom, whilst groups above 25 can be accommodated in one of the historical rooms in the castle (subject to room availability). You can of course visit our Tearoom ad hoc during opening hours.

Ripley's historic church is generally open for visitors and there are plenty of shops to visit..

Schools tours are a speciality, tell us which periods of history you wish to cover and our guides will work with you to ensure that the children get the most from their visit. See our Education section for further information. To book a school group tour of Ripley Castle, please contact us.

For further information, booking forms and menus please contact [enquiries@ripleycastle.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ripleycastle.co.uk)