

Coming on a guided tour of the Museum of the Order of St John



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ST JOHN

Welcome to the Museum of the Order of St John.

The Museum is in a building called St John's Gate.

It is free to visit the Museum.

It is open from 10am to 5pm
Wednesday-Saturday.



The Museum tells the story of a group of people called the Order of St John. The story starts almost one thousand years ago in Jerusalem where they cared for sick pilgrims.

Today the Order runs St John Ambulance, an international first aid charity. In the Museum there are lots of objects that have been made or used by the Order of St John and St John Ambulance.

If you want to, you can see what the reception area and museum galleries are like before you visit on Google Street View at <https://bit.ly/2QPSfy2>.

Some things have changed a little bit, but mostly it's the same.

This is the front entrance. It's under the archway in the gate. Push the glass door to open it.



Visitor Welcome
Assistants have yellow
name badges and will be
wearing a transparent
mask. They will welcome
you when you arrive.
They can help you.



The tour will last about 45 minutes. There won't be an opportunity to go the toilet during the tour, but you can go to one in the Museum beforehand or afterwards.



If the fire alarm goes off there will be a loud noise. Follow the green signs to an exit. It might be a different exit from the one you would usually use.



All the spaces the tour visits are very quiet, but the guide will talk a lot and the other visitors might too. You can ask at the reception desk if you would like to borrow ear defenders.



This is our Museum reception where your tour guide will meet you.



The first stop on the tour is just outside the Museum. The ground is paved with a mixture of flagstones and cobbles.



Then you will go back through the Museum Reception and the Link Gallery to the St John Ambulance Gallery.



Then you will go through these doors and up the stairs.



There are lots of steps on the tour. If you have physical access needs, please look at our physical access guide or speak to a member of staff.



You will go into this corridor. It has a very high glass ceiling and it has a flight of shallow steps which you will stand on while the guide talks about the shields on the walls.



At the top of the stairs you will go into a room called the Chapter Hall. It is big and has a high ceiling. It's a bit echoey.



Once you've finished in the Chapter Hall, you will go down a few steps into a little room called the Old Chancery. It is often quite dark in this room.



From the Old Chancery you will go into another room called the Council Chamber. It has a high ceiling.



You will then go down these brown stairs and through the shop.



Here is the shop. You will have seen it before but through a different entrance.



You will then walk through the shop to see our medal cabinet where you will finish the tour.



If you want to, after the tour, you can look around the Museum galleries or cross over the road to visit our garden.



The Museum galleries are open all year and are free to visit. You are welcome to come again whenever you like.

You might also enjoy one of our other tours. You can find out more about them on our website.

<https://museumstjohn.org.uk/planning-your-visit/guided-tours/>

