

GROUP VISIT INFORMATION

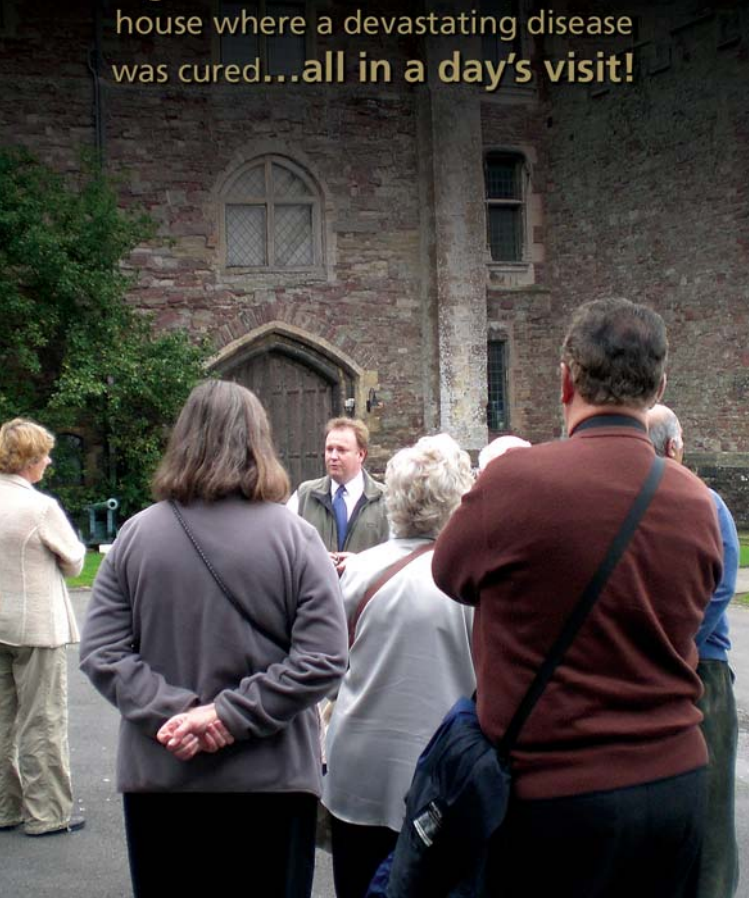


BERKELEY
CASTLE

the
EDWARD JENNER
MUSEUM



Visit the infamous Norman Castle where
a King was murdered & the Queen Anne
house where a devastating disease
was cured...**all in a day's visit!**



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Thank you for your interest in the two celebrated houses of Berkeley Castle and The Edward Jenner Museum (The Chantry) situated in the historic Gloucestershire town of Berkeley.

Berkeley Castle is still the home of the Berkeley Family who built it in 1153, and is most famous for the brutal murder of King Edward II in 1327. Edward Jenner (1749-1823), a close friend of the Berkeleys, lived next to the Castle and is famous for eradicating Smallpox through his pioneering invention of vaccination.



Berkeley is a great destination for groups; spend your day in a remarkable castle, a beautiful eighteenth century country house, or wander around the small historic market town.

The Castle and The Edward Jenner Museum are only a couple of minutes walk from each other, via the 13th Century church, St Mary's. The church still shows battle damage (musket loops and bullet holes) from the 1645 Civil War siege of the Castle and is also where Edward Jenner is buried.

For your convenience, a Joint Ticket is sold at both attractions.

Exclusive Access

For those Groups that want to visit both venues and have exclusive access, we can arrange this by appointment when both sites are closed to the general public.

Admission

Both attractions are open to pre-booked groups* all year round. See websites for details.

** Group rates apply to pre-booked parties of 20 or more.*



Payment

We request that organised groups pay by cheque or credit card on arrival at the Ticket Office.

We offer the following benefits for Groups:

- Group itineraries and Joint Tickets
- FREE coach parking at the Castle to visit both attractions
- FREE admission for coach drivers of visiting groups
- FREE familiarisation visits for organisers and Blue Badge guides
- Both attractions are open all year for pre-booked groups
- Refreshments available at both sites (must be pre-booked)
- Special tour of the Castle by Charles Berkeley (£100 per group)
- Exclusive tours with the museum's Education & Events Officer
- Illustrated talks by the Director of The Edward Jenner Museum
- 'Behind the scenes' tours (by arrangement)
- Themed tours (by arrangement)

Duration of visit

The Edward Jenner Museum: A visit will normally last between 1 and 2 hours (including Vinery, Temple of Vaccinia, grounds and Gift Shop).

Berkeley Castle: A visit will normally last 3 hours, (between 1 and 2 hours for the Castle; 1/2hr for the outdoor gardens, plus lunch or refreshments, Gift Shops, etc).

Refreshments

Teas and buffet meals can be provided at either attraction by prior arrangement. Both the Castle and Museum are licensed for the sale of alcohol with food.

Disabled information

Due to the nature of the building, the Castle has no wheelchair access; there are also steps and uneven floors throughout the building. If in doubt, please ring the Castle Office for advice.

The Museum offers wheelchair access with ramps to the ground floor only. The Museum grounds are generally on the level.

Conferencing/banqueting

Both venues offer conference facilities and private hire for special occasions, either individually or jointly.

Banqueting is available in the Castle Great Hall and/or The Edward Jenner Museum's Old Cyder House Conference & Education Centre.

Why not call us today to arrange your visit?

Location

Berkeley is located mid way between Bristol and Gloucester just off the A38 (follow the brown signs from the A38 at the Berkeley turning) and can be reached from either J13 or J14 of the M5 and 8 miles from the M4.

The neighbouring castle and museum are only a couple of minutes walk to the shops and café in Berkeley. Accommodation is available in the Berkeley Arms Hotel.

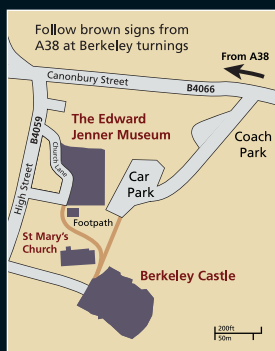
Groups are extremely welcome in Berkeley and we are very well situated for visiting many attractions around Bristol and Gloucester as well as other Cotswolds destinations. Please do get in touch if you have suggestions or ideas for your group that are not mentioned here.

Parking

The Edward Jenner Museum has free parking for 25 cars. Minibuses can also use our car park and there is free coach parking in Berkeley Castle's car park (if you are visiting the Edward Jenner Museum only you can still park here), which is a short stroll from the museum.

On arrival

Coaches must park in the dedicated Castle coach park at the foot of the drive. Groups going straight into the Castle should make their way to the Ticket Office and then on through the Castle's Great Doors into the Inner Courtyard where they will be met by their guide.



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