



WILTSHIRE WELCOMES GROUPS THIS CHRISTMAS

There is a wealth of things to do in Wiltshire for groups and the travel trade this Christmas. So, if you're looking to find an amazing festive day out or book a Christmas party, we have something to offer your group.

Christmas Events and Activities

The Festival of Light 2023 at Longleat

Rediscover the stories that shaped our childhood and make your own magical moments as [Longleat](#) presents Treasured Tales: The Festival of Light 2023. The UK's original and best lantern festival returns from 11th Nov to 7th January 2024, and its inviting you to step straight into the pages of your favourite stories, reimagined as stunning lanterns. In addition to this year's brand new lantern scenes, you can also enjoy access to all Longleat's popular animal and adventure attractions, including the Winter Safari experience. Groups of 12+ receive a 20% discount on standard rates. [Online booking](#) available for up to 32 pax.

Studley Grange Garden & Leisure Park

[Studley Grange Garden & Leisure Park](#) offers pre-booked group packages with talks and tours from horticultural experts, close encounter animal experiences and great value catering options. This year they will be celebrating the festive season with a special Breakfast or Tea with Santa. Discounted group rates apply.

Christmas at Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm

[Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm](#) is kicking off the festive season with Christmas Jazz and The Salisbury Big Band on Friday 1st December and there is a Festive Murder Mystery on Sat 9 December. Visitors can pre-book breakfasts with Santa and wreath making workshops, plus there will be themed trails and plenty of wholesome family Christmas fun on the Farm! Why not make it a festive break and stay in the 70 bed Stonehenge Hostel? Discounted group rates apply.

Salisbury Cathedral's Advent and Christmas

The festive season gets underway at [Salisbury Cathedral](#) with the return of Sarum Lights, a light and sound experience running over five days from 7-11 Nov and the popular Carol Concert for Groups is back at 14.00 on 12 December. Take the opportunity to look around the building at its festive best, with a soaring 34ft Christmas Tree at the West End and take some time afterwards to enjoy Christmas refreshments and browse in the Gift Shop. Prices from £18pp. The Cathedral's Twilight Tower Tours, ideal for small groups, where visitors can enjoy fabulous views at the end of the 332-step climb through the Cathedral's hidden roof spaces to the base of the Spire. Tours start from the end of November and prices from £16pp, with private tours for 10pax from £170.

Christmas at Stourhead

Christmas returns at [Stourhead](#) on Saturday 25th November – Monday 1st January, with more than a million lights and seasonal sounds filling the stunning landscape grounds. Walk through the sparkling Cathedral of Light, glowing fields of flowers and trees drenched in jewel-like colour among other installations.

Find out more about 'What's On' this Christmas at
[visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on/christmas](https://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on/christmas)

Festive Overnight stays and party venues

The Stones Hotel

[The Stones Hotel](#), Salisbury, is running a series of Festive party nights, themed fancy dress nights, Street party nights and exclusive party nights from only £35pp for groups. There's also a 20% discount on accommodation when booked in conjunction with a party night. Alternatively, stop off for an afternoon Festiv' Tea between 24 Nov – 23 Dec for only £22pp. Minimum group sizes apply.

Holiday Inn Salisbury Stonehenge

[The Holiday Inn Salisbury Stonehenge](#) is getting into the festive spirit with Tribute nights including Motown and Madonna or bring your party to theirs with disco through the decades. Alternatively, from 1st – 22nd Dec, stop off for a festive lunch or dinner at the Solstice Bar and Grill (2-courses £28pp or 3 courses £32pp). Or book Sunday lunch with Santa on 10th or 17th Dec from only £28pp. Minimum group sizes apply.

A Spotlight on Milford Hall Hotel & Spa

[Milford Hall Hotel & Spa](#) is a beautiful 4 Star hotel situated in the heart of Salisbury, offering a perfect location for a staycation to explore the city. It has 45 traditional or executive en-suite bedrooms. The restaurant offers different options for breakfast and lunch, dinner with various menus to suit both individual travellers and groups. The Garden room and conservatory are available to relax in over a cocktail or afternoon tea and can be booked to host a meal stop. If something different is required, the Garden Room opens onto the terrace, which makes a fantastic location to relax when the sun is shining.

Christmas is an extra special time of year to stay at Milford Hall Hotel, with festive decorations and Christmas culinary adventures to tickle your taste buds. Christmas lunch is available throughout December for both individuals and group bookings. From the hotel you can walk to Salisbury Cathedral, explore the city centre and market square, or visit Stonehenge which is only 8 miles away making this a perfect base for your group.

Groups rates apply for of 20+pax. Trade benefits include group discount of 10% on lunches/dinners with a complimentary room and meal for guide or driver.

The latest Wiltshire [Travel Trade Guide](#) is a one-stop-shop resource for all those planning group trips to the county's amazing attractions and overnight accommodation highlighting specialist tours and facilities for the trade.

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