

ORGANISING A GROUP TOUR OF SURGEONS' HALL MUSEUM (10-20 people)

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh invites you to visit Surgeons' Hall Museums, to discover the fascinating history of surgery in Edinburgh and beyond. Special guided tours of Surgeons' Hall for groups of between 10- 20, lasting 2 hours, run on Mondays at 2pm and 5:30pm (*please contact the Museum for available dates*).

These tours are for group bookings only. Afternoon visits can be paid for on the day or by invoice; the cost for afternoon visits are £3/5 per ticket. Evening visits have a fixed cost of £75 and must be paid for in advance by cheque payment. As we have a small number of guides, and places fill up quickly, we ask a minimum of four weeks' notice when booking a tour. The 2pm tours will explore the Museum and the restricted area of the Pathology Museum upper gallery. The 5:30pm tours will take you through the College and Museums, exploring the collections and history as you go. There will also be time to look around the Museums independently and to ask your guide questions.



Please ensure all members of the party are aware that they will be visiting an anatomy and pathology museum, and are prepared for the nature of the exhibits.

SURGEONS' HALL MUSEUMS

Surgeons' Hall Museums are divided into three main galleries:

Museum of the History of Surgery

The Museum of the History of Surgery traces the key dates in Scotland's surgical advances and focuses on key figures such as Syme and pre-anaesthesia surgery, Simpson and the discovery of chloroform as an anaesthetic; and Lister and the breakthrough discovery of antiseptic. You will also explore the collections for which Robert Knox himself once cared, learn of the social surroundings and need for developing medical knowledge which led to the Anatomy Act of 1832. The upper gallery of the History of Surgery hosts temporary exhibitions on topics including 'Skin Deep: The Restoration of Form and Function'.



Surgeons' Hall Pathology Museum

Surgeons' Hall houses one of the largest and most historic collections of surgical pathology in the World. Developed as a teaching museum for students of medicine, its fascinating collections, including bone and tissue specimens, artefacts and works of art, have been open to the public since 1832, making it Scotland's oldest Museum. In this gallery, you can see a wide range of

specimens including; examples from the Greig Skull collection, displays on vascular trauma and disease, military history and the story of 'The Real Sherlock Holmes'. Access to the usually restricted area of the upper gallery is included in the 2pm tours (please ask your guide for access on 5:30pm tours).



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The Dental Museum

The third gallery features the Menzies Campbell Collection, one of the most extensive dental collections in the UK, which comprises of fascinating artefacts, including replica Etruscan dentures, dental specimens; and artworks featuring the social commentary of Rowlandson and dark humour of Orme.

GENERAL INFORMATION and ACCESS FACILITIES

The Museums are part of a historic building and access is spread over several different floors. On a tour, access to the Pathology Museum is via wide stairway to the first floor, and then a further, smaller stairway to Museum of the History of Surgery. A wheelchair lift provides access to the Pathology Museum and a seated lift can take you to the History of Surgery Museum. Unfortunately, there is no lift to the upper galleries of The History of Surgery Museum and Pathology Museum. If you plan to use these facilities, please do give advance notice on the booking form.

Disabled toilet facilities are currently only available on the ground floor.

All photography, including video and live filming is forbidden in all parts of the college.

There are no special parking arrangements for Museum visitors although the college is fairly near public car parks, and there are pay and display meters nearby. Visitors can also be dropped off near the Museum entrances.

There is a Café Bar in Ten Hill Place Hotel (<http://www.tenhillplace.com/hospitality.htm>) and there are a number of restaurants and cafés near Surgeons' Hall.

In all parts of the college buildings, strict security arrangements are in force with closed circuit television and duty officers.

CHARGES for GROUP TOURS (10 - 20 people)

Daytime Mondays at 2pm (enter by 9 Hill Square) 0131 527 1711/1649	£5/3 per visitor – pay in the day at the Museum front desk or request to be invoiced.
Evening Mondays from 5:30pm – 7:30 (enter by 6 Hill Square) 0131 527 1600	£75 per group – cheque payment must be sent in advance
Fellows & Staff	Free of Charge (staff overtime costs are applicable for tours which run after 8pm).
Please note that there are no concession rates for evening tours.	

Tour Payments: On your booking form, please specify how you will be paying for your tour. Please note, we cannot not accept payments on the day for evening tours.

Health and Safety responsibilities: To comply with Fire Evacuations Legislation, please bring two lists of participants' names with you, on arrival, please hand one list in to reception and keep a copy for yourself.

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