Guided Tours at Cologne Cathedral — Information for School Classes

All guided tours at Cologne Cathedral must be registered in advance and may be conducted only by authorized or registered Cathedral guides. Private individuals, groups or travel agencies must therefore book a guided group tour at Cologne Cathedral via either the DOMFORUM or the Cologne Tourist Board. As was previously the case, the Cathedral is open to individual visitors without restrictions whenever services are not being held.

The number of tours is limited to ten tours per hour, and the size of school groups is limited to 30 people (including the accompanying adults). The individual tours will be scheduled during the time periods reserved for tours.

All group tours must be equipped with group guidance systems. These are radio-operated audio systems; each visitor is issued a small receiver and a headset to which the tour guide's remarks are transmitted through a microphone. The use of different frequencies makes it possible to conduct several group tours at the same time in the same area without interference. One objective of this system is to keep down the noise level within the Cathedral, thus helping to safeguard the interests of visitor groups and worshipers alike. In addition, this technology enables the participants to understand more clearly the explanations provided by their Cathedral guides.

Groups of children or young people receive the group guidance system free of charge. Children's groups are required to use a group guidance system only starting with the fifth school year.

Registration

1. Specialized teachers of religion, art or history may be issued a one-time guide's license to conduct an independent group tour. The prerequisite for this is a registration application in writing on the school’s official stationery. A registration fee of €10 per school class will be charged.

2. School classes can also book a guided tour via the DOMFORUM or the Cologne Tourist Board. Details concerning prices are provided at:

DOMFORUM
Visitors' Centre for Cologne Cathedral
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50667 Köln
Tel. +49 (0) 221 / 92 58 47 30
Telephone hours: Mon – Thu: 10 a.m. to 12 noon / 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.,
Fri: 10 a.m. to 12 noon
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www.domforum.de

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Cologne Tourist Board
Kardinal-Höffner-Platz 1
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Sat: 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Fax +49 (0) 221 / 346 43 59 429
www.cologne-tourism.com
info@koelntourismus.de

VISITING ADDRESS: DOMFORUM at Roncalliplatz, Roncalliplatz 2, 50667 Köln

Additional note

In order to maintain peace and quiet in Cologne Cathedral, we request that teachers accompanying school groups refrain from organizing any group activities — for example, "rallies" — in the Cathedral.

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