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### Our Heritage



Bury St Edmunds has been settled since Anglo-Saxon times, and when a young King Edmund led his troops against Viking invaders in 869 AD it was to be a turning point in English history.

Edmund was defeated and martyred for his Christian faith. He soon became a saint, and his shrine in Bury St Edmunds attracted pilgrims from all over Europe.

The wealth of the Benedictine abbey which grew up around his shrine helped the town to flourish, with a market and fair, Guildhall and grid of fine Norman and medieval buildings.

The town later became a fashionable Georgian resort ('The Montpellier of Suffolk') with its famous fair,



assembly rooms and unique Regency theatre.

Later still, it became a magnet for Victorian literary giants, such as Dickens, Thackeray and Oscar Wilde.

Today its streets bear witness to over 1,000 years of history, from lively local tales to great national events.

Follow us... and discover the heritage of Bury St Edmunds

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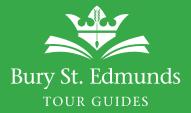
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Your visit to Bury St Edmunds wouldn't be complete without a guided tour of our historic town.

And who better to show you round than the Bury St Edmunds Registered Tour Guides, a highly-trained team who have earned the right to wear the coveted Blue Badge or Green Badge symbols of tour guiding excellence.

Touring the Abbey Gardens and the medieval town centre, we will bring to life more than a millennium of history.

We look forward to guiding you soon

## Our Daily Tours

Join one of our ever-popular daily tours of the ancient abbey and historic town of Bury St Edmunds.

Discover over 1,000 years of history, from monks and martyrs to Saxon kings and Tudor queens, from talking wolves and Magna Carta to Georgian chic and Mr Pickwick - you'll find them all in Bury St Edmunds.

Our daily tours last 90 minutes and are suitable for all ages and abilities.

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### Our other tours

OF THE TOWN

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We offer a wide variety of themed tours, including *Crime and*Punishment, Inns and Alehouses,
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Bury St Edmunds on our *Ghostly* and *Macabre* tours, with tales of ghostly spirits, foul murders and witchcraft.

Or take one of our Armchair Tours, with a guide visiting your group to lead you on a tour without even having to leave your seat!

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