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Group Enquiry

The Home of Charles Darwin, Down House

Thank you for your interest in organising a group visit to **The Home of Charles Darwin, Down House**.

Hereafter please find the Group Visit Request / Group Booking Form and detailed information about the site to help you with the organisation of your visit.

Don't forget to pre-order guidebooks so that we can prepare everything for your group's arrival.

We look forward to welcoming you and your group.

If, after having read this information, you have any other questions

please do not hesitate to contact us on:

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Please note: until you receive a confirmation from us you have not made a booking. You are welcome to call us in advance to check availability.

Tour Reference / Group Name _____

Contact Name _____

Company Name and Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Fax Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Date	Time of Arrival	Estimated number of people visiting					
		Please do not include coach driver and tour leader in the figures.					
		Number of Adults		Number of Concessions		Number of Children	
		Non-members	English Heritage Members	Non-members	English Heritage Members	Non-members	English Heritage Members

Method of transport Name of coach company _____

Cars _____ Please advise the number of cars expected.

I would like to book the following (please tick). Prices valid from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 and may vary on event days.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Standard visit: We offer a 15% discount for groups of 11 or more paying visitors, if one person makes payment for the group. You also receive one free place for every additional 20 people in your group. Coach driver and tour leader and English Heritage members are admitted free of charge and do not count towards the group numbers. Normal admission price: £8.80 per adult; £7.50 per concession; £4.40 per child. Group of 11 or more paying visitors: £7.48 per adult; £6.38 per concession; £3.74 per child.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Guided Tour: Tours of the garden are available July – September only at a cost of £3.00 per person plus normal admission. Tours must be pre-booked.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Guide books x _____ @ £3.99 ready for collection upon arrival.

Please also complete page 2



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Method of Payment (please tick)	Voucher/ Invoice		Debit Card / Switch	
	Cash		Cheque	
	Credit Card			

For Office Use	Diary		Client	
	Guide		Retail	
	Catering			
Copy of form sent to: Travel Trade Marketing, 3 rd Floor WHS				

It would be helpful if you could supply the following information for us:

1) How did you find out about us? E.g. advert (which one?) recommendation etc.

2) What prompted your visit?

3) Would you like to receive the free English Heritage Groups publication 'Attractions'? YES_____ NO _____

English Heritage will use your details to process your booking and will keep you on record for future reference.

From time to time, we may send you information about group visits to English Heritage sites.

If you DO NOT wish to receive this, please tick this box

We may also wish to contact you for market research. If you DO NOT wish us to do so, please tick this box

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Group Visits Information

◆ **Opening Times valid from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010:**

1 Apr – 30 Jun	11am – 5pm	Wed – Sun & Bank Hols
1 Jul – 31 Aug	11am – 5pm	Daily (Grounds Open to 6pm)
1 Sep – 1 Nov	11am – 5pm	Wed – Sun
2 Nov – 20 Dec	11am – 4pm	Wed – Sun
21 Dec – 31 Jan	Closed	
1 Feb – 31 Mar	11am – 4pm	Wed – Sun

Please note that the grounds are open from 10am year round.

- ◆ **Site Location:** On Luxted Road, Downe, off the A21 or A233. Access for coaches is via the A233 turning into Downe Road.
- ◆ **Coach Parking:** As you turn into Downe Road, coming via the A233 bear left as you enter the car/coach park for the coach bay.
- ◆ **Prices & Group Discounts valid from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010:** We offer a 15% discount for groups of 11 or more paying visitors, if one person makes payment for the group. You also receive one free place for every additional 20 people in your group, plus free entry for the tour leader and coach driver. English Heritage members are admitted free of charge and do not count towards the group numbers.

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Carers for visitors with disabilities FREE. English Heritage Members FREE.

Prices may vary on event days, please reconfirm with the site.

- ◆ **Guided Tours:** Guided Tours of the garden are available at a cost of £3.00 per person plus normal admission. Please note these tours must be pre-booked and are only available July – September.
- ◆ **Guide Books:** Available at a cost of £3.99. Pre-order to ensure that your guidebooks are ready and pre-packed for your arrival.
- ◆ **Duration of Visit:** We advise you to allow at least 2 – 3 hours for your visit.
- ◆ **Disabled Access:** There is a lift to the first floor exhibition rooms and a ramp on the first floor. There is one wheelchair available for visitor use. Please use the two disabled parking spaces available. The disabled toilet is located across the patio area from the tea shop. Please make us aware of the special needs of any member of your group before your arrival so that we can offer every assistance.
- ◆ **Catering:** the Darwin Tea Shop is open from Wednesday to Sunday inclusive from 10.30am until 45 minutes before the site closes. There is inside seating for 27 people. Groups can pre-book packed lunches, buffets or lunch for 6 or more people in your group. Please note that picnics are not allowed in the grounds.
- ◆ **Facilities:** Shop which is open as per site. Toilets which are wheelchair accessible. Exhibitions about Darwin's work, life and family.



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- ◆ **Restrictions:** No Dogs are allowed on site. No Photography in the house. Visitors are asked to turn their mobile phones off on arrival at Down House.
- ◆ **Nearby English Heritage Sites:**

Eltham Palace	Tel: 020 8294 2548
Lullingstone Roman Villa	Tel: 01322 863467

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