

What is Luminarium?

A Luminarium is a sculpture you enter for an encounter with light. This immersive art installation has been likened to a labyrinth. Walking through will awaken all of the senses, creating a sense of wonder and enchantment for all ages. Many people find the luminarium calming – a place for rest or meditation. Others are simply hypnotised by this amazing world of light and subtle and saturated hues.

The beautiful colours are created by natural light travelling through the material of the Luminarium walls. You will hear an ambient soundtrack. Each visitor has their own way of exploring the structure – some like to see every twist and turn, whilst others prefer to find a spot to rest and contemplate. We encourage you to explore in your own way!

Once you are ready to leave, you can do so through the one-way exit.

How long does it last?

That is up to you! A visit usually takes between 20 minutes and an hour – however you are welcome to stay and relax.

Most people naturally spend around 20-30 minutes inside. At busy times, we may place a time limit of 30 minutes on your visit to allow as many people as possible to experience the Luminarium.

Who is Luminarium by?

Luminarium is brought to you by Nottingham-based company Architects of Air, led by designer Alan Parkinson. Their exhibitions have travelled to over 40 counties across 5 continents, reaching over 3 million people to date.

You can find out more about Architects of Air here: www.architects-of-air.com.

When does it take place?

Luminarium will take place between 12 – 21 August, on Saturday and Sunday it will be open between the hours of 11:20am and 6pm and Monday – Friday 12:30pm-6pm. The piece uses natural light to create its daytime spectacle.

Where is it taking place?

Luminarium will take place in Kings Square in Gloucester. It is a large, inflatable structure and will be hard to miss. Stewards will be around to help guide you!

Do I need a ticket?

Yes. Tickets are £5 for an adult and £4 for a child. We recommend booking tickets in advance to avoid long wait times.

On arrival at the site, you will join one of two queues – advance ticket and on the door tickets. There is more information about ticketing below.

When you are admitted into the reception area you will remove your shoes and leave them in the designated area along with any large bags.

All belongings left at the reception are done so at the owner's own risk. You will then be admitted into the Luminarium.

ADVANCE BOOKING

A limited number of pre-purchase tickets will be available online for admission at booked times. Advance ticket holders must arrive 10 minutes before the time indicated on the ticket and will have priority access up to 30 minutes from the time indicated on the ticket. A small queue should still be expected. If advance tickets are indicated as sold out, you can still join the line onsite!

Tickets are on sale via Visit Gloucester

www.visitgloucester.co.uk/luminarium. Advance booking tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable, so please ensure all details are correct upon purchase.

ON THE DAY TICKETS

There will be a box office at the Luminarium for entry on the day and it will be done on a first come, first served basis. Once you have bought a ticket, you will join a queue for entry as others exit the Luminarium. Please note that this queue may close early in the event of high attendance.

Is it suitable for children and young people?

Yes! Luminarium is suitable for all ages and a fantastic opportunity to introduce young people to cultural events. Those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult over 18. Prams and pushchairs cannot to be taken into the Luminarium.

ACCESS

We aim to make our events as inclusive as possible. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions around access, please email visitgloucester@gloucester.gov.uk.

Is the installation wheelchair accessible?

Yes, Luminarium is suitable for wheelchairs and the Square are level.

Do Carers go free?

If you require a carers ticket, please book your ticket/s online for those you are accompanying, and email visitgloucester@gloucester.gov.uk and we will add a carers ticket to your booking.

Is it suitable for those who are deaf or hard of hearing?

Yes. The Luminarium is predominantly visual and can be enjoyed by those who are deaf or hard of hearing. There is an ambient soundscape that accompanies the installation that contains no words and is not necessary to enjoy the experience.

Is it suitable for those with a visual impairment?

Luminarium is a highly visual installation that uses colour and light, though those with a visual impairment are welcome to explore the installation to enjoy the atmosphere and ambient soundscape. The Luminarium is not an environment that is suitable for guide dogs, so guide dogs should remain outside with a member of our team.

If you have a visual impairment and would like to enter Luminarium, please make yourself known to a member of staff on arrival who can provide you with some more information and guide you.

Flashing lights, seizure warning and sensory warning

Luminarium contains no flashing lights or artificial lighting, and the colours within are created from sunlight flooding through the material.

The Luminarium may have up to 80 people at any one time, so please be mindful of this in advance of your visit.

Is there seating inside of the Luminarium?

No, there is no seating available within Luminarium, but visitors are welcome to sit and lie down within the structure if they wish at any time.

Are there toilets nearby?

King's Walk Shopping Centre has public toilets available for visitor use, including accessible and changing places toilets.

Where can I park, and how can I get there?

The nearest car park is King's Walk which is a 2 minute walk to Kings Square. The Transport Hub and Train Station are located to the north of the Square and are both roughly a 5 minute walk. For more information about getting to Gloucester click here [Getting To Gloucester - Visit Gloucester](#)

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Will the installation be cancelled in adverse weather conditions?

As Luminarium is an inflatable structure, the installation may be closed during high winds. Though firmly secured, safety is our number one priority, and the structure will reopen when it is safe to do so. In high temperatures, the Luminarium may temporarily close to cool down. The structure will open as soon as it is safe. Please listen to your stewards on the day for updates.

OTHER**Who are the organisers of Luminarium?**

Luminarium is created and delivered by Architects of Air and brought to Gloucester by Gloucester City Council.

How can I get in touch to provide feedback?

Advance ticket holders will be sent a survey after the event to gather feedback. You can also contact us by sending an email to city.events@gloucester.gov.uk with your thoughts or comments.