



# A Guide to Direct Cremation

## What is a direct cremation?

Direct cremation, also referred to as a cremation without ceremony or an [unattended funeral](#), is ideal for those who do not want a service or ceremony prior to the cremation.

Your loved one will be collected a few days before the funeral from their place of rest, and cared for in our high quality mortuary facilities before being taken directly to the crematorium on the day of the cremation, in a specialised funeral vehicle.

Unlike a traditional funeral, there is no procession, so no requirement for costly extras such as a hearse or limousines, and no funeral service or ceremony at the crematorium. A direct cremation usually takes place without the attendance of any mourners.

## How much does a direct cremation cost?

**Direct cremation** is one of the most affordable funeral options in the UK. You should expect to pay considerably less than the average traditional funeral you'd arrange with the assistance of a Funeral Director.

The cost will differ between providers, and not all packages will include the same services. Many providers will also only cover a specific locality, with additional fees outside of a specific radius.

A direct cremation by Simplicity Cremation costs £995 and is available throughout all of mainland Great Britain. The cost covers all of the necessary elements of the cremation, which includes:

- Doctor's fees for medical certificates
- Cremation fees

The direct nature of this service means that there is no embalming and no opportunity to view the deceased. We will provide a simple coffin, and your loved one will be dressed in a simple gown for cremation.

Following a direct cremation, the ashes will be scattered in our gardens of remembrance or can be returned to the family upon request, at an additional cost. If you are planning a memorial with the ashes present, please allow up to 6 weeks for the return of ashes.

- Collection of the deceased from place of rest a few days prior to cremation \*
- A simple wood effect coffin
- Transportation to the crematorium in a specialised funeral vehicle

\*We can bring the deceased straight into care for an additional charge of £250 should they be resting outside of a hospital or coroners. This covers care in our quality mortuary facilities until the day of cremation.

Please consider that unlike a traditional funeral where the Funeral Director will invoice you after the funeral has taken place, the payment must be made in full before we can begin to make any arrangements.





## How to choose a quality direct cremation provider

It's important to do your research before choosing a direct cremation service provider, we'd recommend selecting a reputable company with the relevant knowledge, experience and facilities to carry out a respectful funeral for your loved one.

A low cost funeral should not mean substandard care. As part of the UK's largest funeral group, we're the only direct cremation provider that has its own staff, vehicles, mortuaries and crematoriums. Our nationwide network of facilities ensure a consistently high quality of care, teamed with decades of experience in conducting funerals.

When someone close to you dies, it can be an

extremely stressful and emotional time. At Simplicity, we are dedicated to supporting people through what can be a difficult time. From the moment we collect your loved one to the moment the ashes are scattered in our gardens of remembrance or returned to you, every stage of the process is carried out with the utmost care. Our bereavement and advice counselling service is available 24 hours a day should you need it, something not all providers will offer.

As recognition to our high quality services, we were awarded Best Direct Cremation Provider in the 2018 Good Funeral Awards.

## Why do people choose direct cremation?

A direct cremation suits those people that for whatever reason, do not want a funeral service at their own or their loved one's funeral. There are a number of reasons an increasing number of people are choosing direct cremation, which may include:

### **A direct cremation is an affordable alternative to a traditional funeral**

There are an increasing number of people looking for more affordable funeral options, although this is not always the driving factor for those that choose direct cremation. When cost is the reason, it's often because the deceased wished for the money that would have been spent on a traditional funeral to be spent in a more meaningful way by their family

### **Your loved one expressed their wishes for a low key funeral**

Some people really do not want a fuss when they are gone. Many people do not see the value in some of the ceremonial aspects such as a hearse, limousines or floral tributes and would prefer a simpler affair.

### **Your loved one did not wish for a funeral with a religious ceremony**

We provide the cremation without any religious aspects. Should your loved one have wanted a religious service, you may wish to organise a memorial at a later date.

### **Family or friends of the deceased live far away**

Distance can often make it hard for the family to travel to a funeral, particularly if they live abroad. It is easier to transport ashes abroad than to repatriate. Some people also choose direct cremation because as the next of kin, the responsibility to arrange the funeral has fallen to them, but they were not particularly close to the deceased.

### **You want to hold a celebration at a different time and place away from the crematorium**

Many people opt for this kind of funeral in favour of holding a memorial or celebration of life in honour of their loved one at a later date.

Whatever your reason for choosing direct cremation, we will guide you through the entire process.

## Can you attend a direct cremation?

A direct cremation does not usually offer any kind of funeral service or the presence of a minister or officiant, and usually takes place without the presence of any mourners.

If you'd prefer a funeral with the option to attend, you may find our [intimate funeral](#) which allows

a short time in the chapel for up to 12 people or [attended funeral](#) which allows a full length ceremony led by the family, for an unlimited number of people may suit your needs better. See page 6 for more information.



## Our services

Our direct cremation and attended funeral services provide all of the essential elements of a funeral, without the expense of some of the more expensive ceremonial elements, and are available throughout mainland Great Britain.



### Unattended Funeral

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Cremation fees
- Simple wooden coffin
- Doctor's fees
- Preparation for cremation in our professional mortuary facilities
- All transportation in a specialised funeral vehicle
- Scattering of ashes
- Direct cremation with no mourners present

PRICES START AT

**£995**



### Intimate Funeral

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Cremation fees
- Simple wooden coffin
- Doctor's fees
- Preparation for cremation in our professional mortuary facilities
- All transportation in a specialised funeral vehicle
- Return of ashes in a simple container within mainland Great Britain
- A short time in the chapel to say a few words and witness the committal for up to 12 people
- Choice of music

PRICES START AT

**£1,395**



### Attended Funeral

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Cremation fees
- Simple wooden coffin
- Doctor's fees
- Preparation for cremation in our professional mortuary facilities
- All transportation in a specialised funeral vehicle
- Return of ashes in a simple container within mainland Great Britain
- Full length cremation service with unlimited attendees
- Choice of music

PRICES START AT

**£1,895**

## Additional Services

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| • Bring straight into our care (where we prepare and care for your loved one at one of our mortuaries until the day of the cremation) | £250 |
| • Out of hours collection (outside of 9am-5pm)  | £150 |
| • Provision of a Simplicity urn   | £50  |
| • Return of ashes in a simple container (where not already provided as part of the chosen Simplicity Cremation package)               | £75  |

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

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| • Viewing of the deceased | • Arranging of floral tributes |
| • A procession            | • Minister or celebrant        |
| • A hearse or limousines  | • Collection of donations      |



## How to arrange a Simplicity Cremation

Arranging a Simplicity Cremation is a simple, straightforward process. Unlike a traditional funeral, you will not have to spend hours face to face with a funeral director.

Most of the arrangements can be made over the telephone by our expert team. Our local team will then meet you in person to sign the required paperwork, at a time and place convenient to you. The cremation will not be able to take place until the paperwork has been completed. From this point, we will take care of the process, keeping you informed every step of the way.

An unattended funeral will take place at one of our preferred crematoria, at a time and place of our choice. We'll let you know when the cremation has

taken place. This may take a few weeks due to the capacity at the crematoria.

If you have chose an intimate or attended funeral, the cremation will take place at one of our crematoria nearest to the place of rest, on an available date of your choosing.

You will be able to arrange a funeral ceremony when choosing an attended funeral, for more information see our [Guide to Arranging a Funeral Service](#).

Our phone lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so we'll be here when you need us most.

## Prepaid Funeral Plans

If you like the sound of a Simplicity Cremation for yourself, you may be interested in a [prepaid funeral plan](#).

Not only will this allow you to freeze the cost of your funeral at today's price, but it will also alleviate your family from the stressful task of making your funeral arrangements when the time comes. They will simply need to call us and we will set the funeral plan into motion.

If you do not feel ready to purchase a plan, you may wish to complete our [funeral wishes form](#) and share it with a member of your family. This will let them know what you'd like when the time comes but doesn't require any payment or arrangements. We'd advise you engage with family ahead of time as wills are no longer a reliable means of communicating funeral wishes.

**If you've any further questions we've not answered as part of our guide to direct cremation, take a look at our [frequently asked questions](#). Alternatively, send us a question via our contact us form or call us anytime on 0800 484 0260.**



