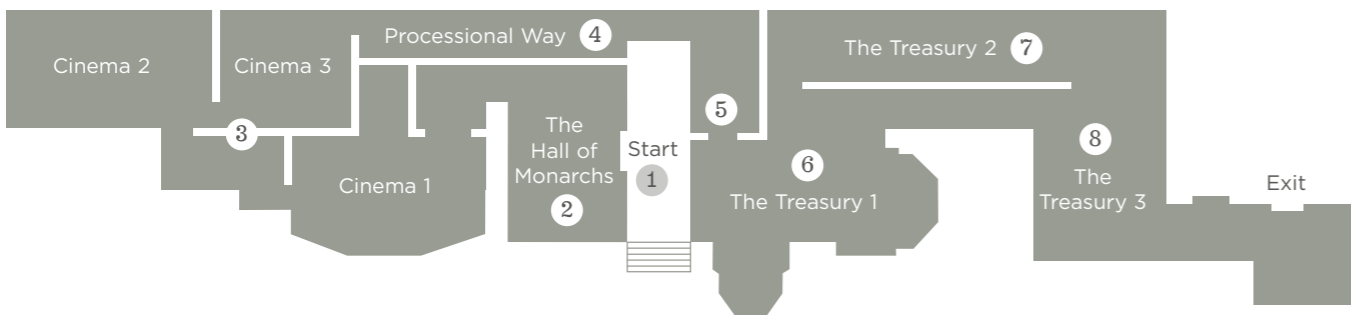


# Crowning glory!

How spectacular do you think the world's biggest cut diamond is? Explore this fabulous collection of royal treasures and see for yourself.



The Crown Jewels have been kept at the Tower of London for over 700 years. These amazing treasures are still used today for important royal events. The priceless collection you are about to see includes 10 crowns, 5 sceptres, 2 orbs, 6 ceremonial swords and over 23,000 precious stones. Wow!



### Making an entrance

Before you enter the Jewel House, look above you and see if you can see a sign telling you who opened it - and when.

Opened by:

On:

Follow me for an amazing tour, and remember - all the treasures are the *real* things!



### Meet your majesties

The trail starts in the Hall of Monarchs. Every king and queen who has ruled this country since 1066 has their own coat of arms in here.

### Animal magic

Tick off each animal you find in the Hall of Monarchs. One of these animals is a mythical beast. Do you know which one? And can you describe it.

lion	
frog	
unicorn	
wild boar	
stag	
The _____ is the mythical beast. It looks like...	

Psst! If you're still looking for a frog, don't worry, there isn't one: we were just joking!

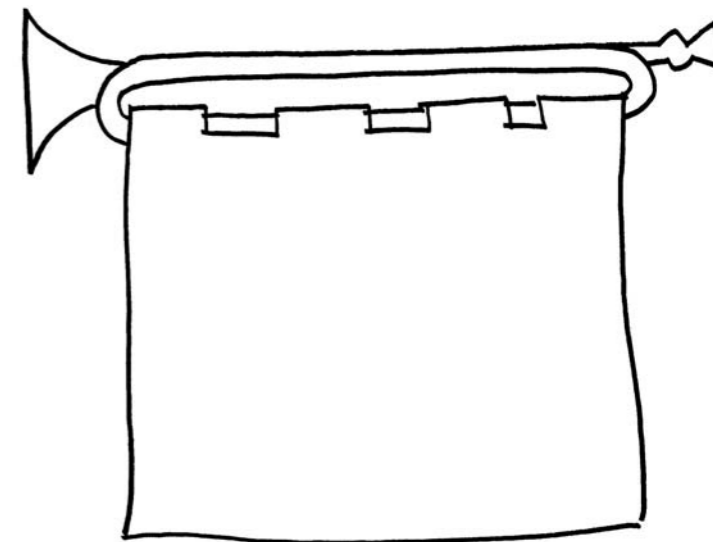
### Excuse us, madam

Can you find Queen Victoria's coat of arms? It has two animals: a lion and a unicorn. But why do you think they are the only animals in this room that are lying down? Because:

- they are tired
- they have injured their legs
- the Queen did not want to see their private parts

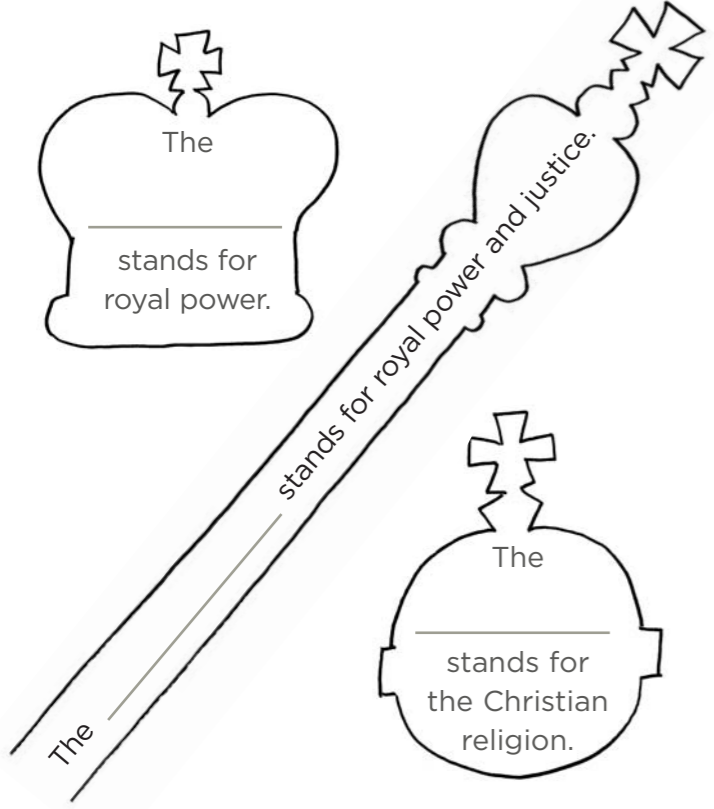
### Blow your own trumpet

When you get home, design your own coat of arms and draw it on the banner below. Include your own favourite animals.



### Screen stars

You will now see three short films. On the first screen, you can watch the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. It was the very first coronation to be shown on television. Do you know anyone who remembers watching it? The next two screens show some of the precious objects that you will see later on. Can you name these three important objects worn by the Queen at her coronation?



### Mace place

The next room is called the Processional Way where the royal maces are displayed. Maces stand for royal power and are used in important state ceremonies.

How many maces can you count here?

### By invitation only

Can you spot the mace bearers in the picture along the bottom of this display case? The picture shows guests making their way from the Tower of London to Westminster Abbey for James II's coronation in 1687.

The Tower of London is 5km (3.10 miles) from Westminster Abbey. How long do you think it took them to walk there?  
  
How many ways can you think of making this journey today?  
  
Which would be the quickest way?

### Where jewels rule

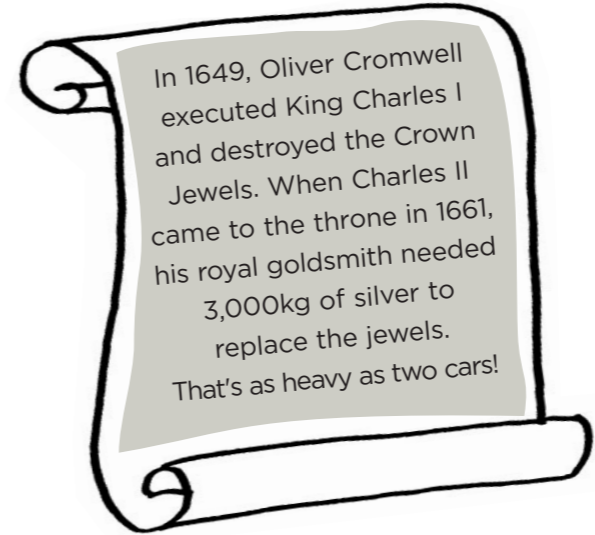
At last, we've arrived at the Treasury - home to the priceless Crown Jewels. Try knocking on the security doors. Do you think anyone would hear you if you got locked inside?

### Is it a bird?

Look for the Ampulla, a golden bird containing holy oil that is placed on the monarch's forehead during the coronation. But where does the oil come out of?

What sort of bird do you think it is?

- pigeon
- ostrich
- eagle



### Lucky spoon

Look out for the Coronation Spoon - the oldest treasure in the Jewel House. It survived Oliver Cromwell, who got rid of all the royal treasures - but missed this one.

### Who hid the leek?

The Coronation Robe is made of real gold thread and woven with English roses, Scottish thistles and Irish shamrocks. See if you can find them and draw them here.

There is also a tiny Welsh leek hidden somewhere. Can you find it? Clue: look for the griffin on the stole.

## What a gem

Follow the trail to the next room, where you will see the magnificent crowns worn by our kings and queens since Charles II's coronation in 1661. They are set with thousands of precious stones. Can you match the names below with the precious stones?

emerald ruby diamond pearl sapphire



## India's finest

The Crown of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, has the magnificent Koh-i-Noor diamond from India. Tradition says that its



male owners will suffer bad luck, but women who possess it will rule the world. So, this diamond really is a 'girl's best friend'!

## Victoria's secret

Look for the smallest crown in the Treasury. It was specially made for Queen Victoria. But why did she need such a tiny crown?

- she wanted it for one of her children
- her head suddenly shrunk
- the other crowns were too heavy

## Diamond geezer

Look at that huge diamond on top of the Sovereign's Sceptre. It's called the Cullinan I and was found in South Africa in 1905. It weighs 530 carats (106g) and is the biggest top-quality white diamond ever cut. It was given to Edward VII for his birthday. Nice present!



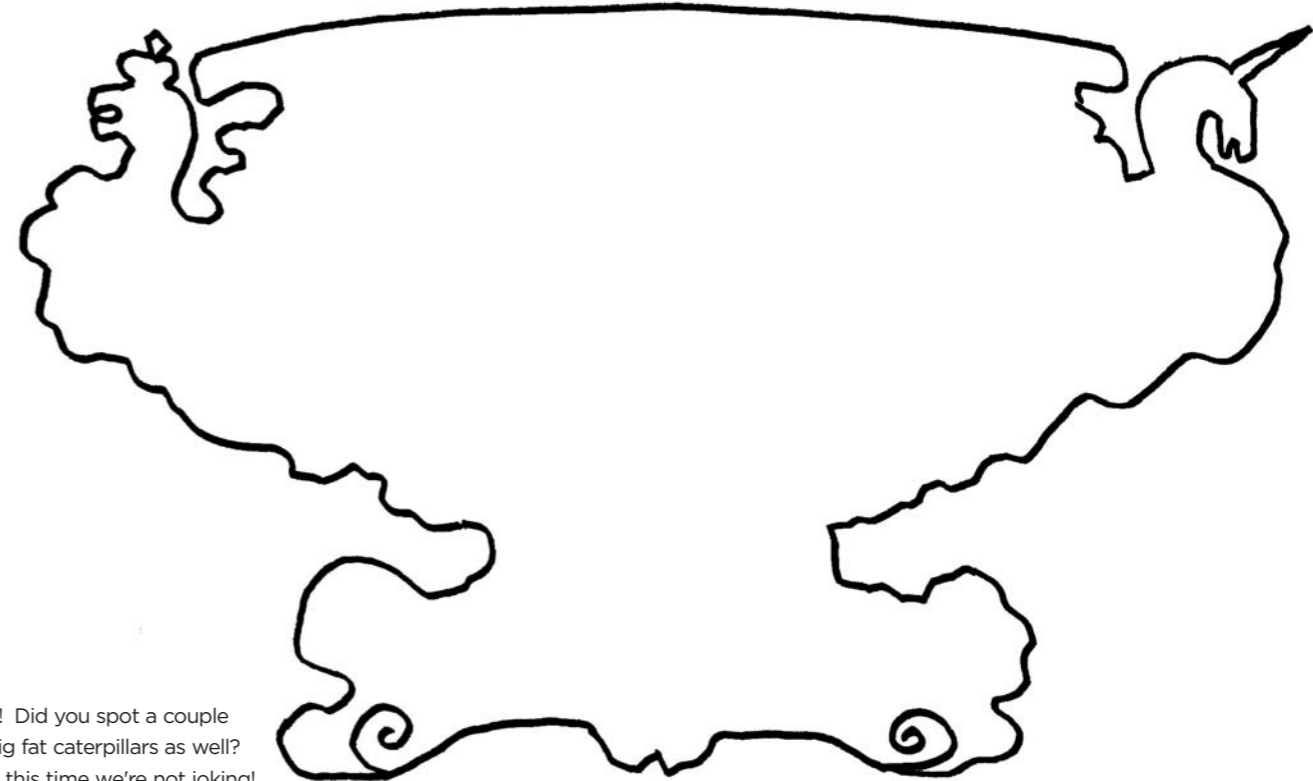
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- The diamond in an ordinary engagement ring is about one-third of a carat (0.06g). Join up the dots and see how huge the Cullinan I diamond is compared to this tiny engagement ring. • • •
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## Creature features

After the crowns come the dazzling gold pieces used at royal feasts or in church. They include the amazing Grand Punch Bowl, which weighs about 250kg and has room to stand 144 wine bottles side by side. Imagine having to polish it! Look closely, it is made in the shape of a giant clam shell covered with some rather surprising creatures.

How many can you spot? Make a list here:

The trail can be very busy here so why not fill this punch bowl with your creatures when you have more time at home.



Psst! Did you spot a couple of big fat caterpillars as well? And this time we're not joking!

# Crown yourself

Imagine that you are about to be crowned king or queen. What is the name of your kingdom?  
When you get home, design your own crown for your big day.



Once you have finished the trail, please visit  
the Welcome Centre to collect your free badge.

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## Answers

- P1. Queen Elizabeth II on 24 March 1994.
- P2. Unicorn. A horse with one horn on its forehead.
- P2. Queen Victoria did not want to see their private parts.
- P3. Orb, sceptre, crown.
- P3. There are 10 maces.
- P4. The oil is poured from its beak. The bird is an eagle.
- P4. The leek is on the stole, just under the griffin's wing.
- P5. 1 pearl. 2 diamond. 3 emerald. 4 sapphire. 5 ruby.
- P5. The other crowns were too heavy.