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## Fanfare focus:

### **Diana: Her Fashion Story now open**

'There are loads of movie stars and celebrities but there will be only one Diana.' Elizabeth Emanuel, fashion designer.

The much anticipated new exhibition, 'Diana: Her Fashion Story' is now open at Kensington Palace and to mark the occasion we thought we would give you a

closer look at one of the objects on display.

Diana, Princess of Wales, wore some of the most glamorous and iconic dresses of the 20th century. One of the most famous was the midnight-blue velvet gown designed for her by Victor Edelstein in 1985. The Princess wore this dress when she danced with actor John Travolta at the White House. Diana was an accomplished dancer and images of the pair gliding around the dance-floor filled screens and newspapers all over the world. The dress was one of her favourites, and is one of the many highlights of the exhibition.

'Diana: Her Fashion Story' is included in admission. Groups must pre-book their entry time slot to avoid disappointment. Contact [groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk](mailto:groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk)



## Latest news:

### **Courtiers, Cooks and Clockmakers a mission for international students**

Launching in spring 2017, this strikingly designed, self-directed guide, will give international students all they need to create their own exciting Hampton Court Palace experience.

A set of 12 characters feature on the deck of cards, packed with riveting tales sparking the imagination of students and encouraging them to reveal their stories along the trail. The trail will help students gain a greater understanding of the history of the palace and its fascinating inhabitants – from courtiers, cooks to clockmakers!

The activity is suitable for ages 11+ and available in English, French and German, plus an EFL (English as a

Foreign Language) version. The resource will encourage group discussion and collaboration and change the way students engage with heritage sites whilst satisfying a wide range of interests. Don't forget that International Missions are already available at the Tower of London, offering the perfect supplement to any student visit and a fantastic souvenir for the cost of just £2 per student. Please contact the Sales Team for more information.





## Forward Planning:

### Enlightened Princesses: Caroline, Augusta, Charlotte and the Shaping of the Modern World

In 1716 Kensington Palace was filled with rainbows. Physicist Isaac Newton was performing scientific experiments in the palace with light, prisms and optics. He was one of the many great thinkers, scientists and artists invited to Kensington Palace by three remarkable royal women.

'Enlightened Princesses' tells the story of how Caroline, Augusta and Charlotte each uniquely helped to shape court culture and the enlightened age in which they lived. From optics to medicine, art to architecture, science to philosophy, each princess had a passion for a wide range of subjects.

The exhibition will feature objects from world class collections, including scientific instruments from the Science Museum, botanical drawings from the Natural History Museum, 18th century toys from the Victoria and Albert Museum, personal artefacts from the Foundling Museum and a specially commissioned artwork from renowned artist Yinka Shonibare, MBE.

The exhibition is a collaboration between Historic Royal Palaces and the Yale Center for British Art (YCBA). It will run at Kensington Palace from 22nd June to 12th November 2017, and at the YCBA from 2nd February to 30th April 2017.



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## Forward Planning:

### The Tudor Joust at Hampton Court Palace 15 and 16 July

The magnificent Hampton Court Palace is best-known as the preferred residence of Henry VIII. Henry spent a considerable amount of time at the palace and as such it was fully equipped with every sort of convenience a King could need.

His love of sport also meant that the palace was furnished with tennis courts, bowling alleys, hunting grounds and of course the great Tiltyard, which played host to the grand spectacle of the Joust.

This year, the palace and gardens of Hampton Court will come alive with Tudor entertainment once more as they welcome back the Joust. The East Front Gardens will ring out with the sound of charging horses' hooves and the clash of cold metal, recreating all the pomp and ceremony of this lavish court event. Come and watch the knights compete for glory!

The Hampton Court Palace Joust will be taking place on 15 and 16 July and the event will be included in admission.



## Daytime Events for Groups



### DAILY

#### Crown Jewels

To best avoid waiting in line to view the fabulous finery, plan a morning visit. The Tower opens at 9am on Tues-Sat, 10am on Sun-Mon.

#### New! Armoury in Action

Meet the characters who worked in and around the Tower in the Royal Armouries new White Tower exhibition. Discover more about their lives and their backgrounds and experience what their jobs involved in this famous fortress.

### SUMMER 2017

#### Defend the Tower!

14 April – 31 August

England's greatest medieval fortress is under attack from all sides! You must help our heroic guards defend the mighty castle against its most dangerous enemies.

#### Story Scramble

May – August

Meet characters from the past on this family-friendly trail. Handle objects and look for clues as you connect the pieces to reveal a thousand years of history

#### Go Medieval at the Tower

29, 30 April and 1 May

Witness the pomp and pageantry of the coronation of Margret of Anjou in 1445 when the young queen stayed at the Tower. A fun-filled family event, Medieval in the Moat will cater for all ages and interests, offering a wide range of activities and live interpretation.

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### DAILY

#### The Cumberland Art Gallery

Discover magnificent artworks from The Royal Collection in the Cumberland Art Gallery at Hampton Court Palace. The gallery occupies a beautifully restored suite of rooms designed by William Kent for the Duke of Cumberland, the favourite son of George I.

### LAST MINUTE SPRING

#### Florimania

24 – 26 March

Once again the beautiful interiors of Hampton Court Palace will be brought to life with vibrant floral displays and the sweet scents of spring.

### SUMMER

#### Tudor Kitchens Daily Roast

April – August

Watch as the great fire is lit and our team of cooks get to work in the largest kitchens in Tudor England.

### Encounters with the Tudors

7 April – 31 August

Immerse yourself in the stories of the palace through a series of up-close encounters with characters from its Tudor past.

### Garden History Talks and Tours

14 April – 30 September

A programme of talks and tours designed for gardens special interest groups. Contact the Sales Team for more information.

### Hampton Court Palace Gardens

The gorgeous gardens spring to life in the summer. Visitors can enjoy a traditional charabanc ride through the East Front Gardens, sunbathe in our deck chairs or pick up some tips from the Gardeners' Hut.

### RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

4 – 9 July

The world's largest flower show returns to Home Park.

[www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-hampton-court-palace-flower-show](http://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-hampton-court-palace-flower-show)





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### BBC Good Food Festival 26 – 28 August

Returning for its fourth year the festival takes place in the East Front Gardens and is included in palace admission. Indulge the taste buds of your group at the numerous stands and outlets, a perfect added value excursion for your calendar.

### AUTUMN Ghost Tours 31 October 2017 – March 2018 (selected Friday evenings)

See Hampton Court Palace in an eerie new light. Experience the unique atmosphere of Henry VIII's state apartments, including the deserted palace courtyards – if you dare! Ghost Tours are a separately ticketed event.



#### DAILY

##### New! Diana: Her Fashion Story

Follow the evolution of Diana's style, from the demure, romantic outfits of her first public appearances, to the glamour, elegance and confidence of her later life.

#### SUMMER

##### New! Enlightened Princesses: Caroline, Augusta, Charlotte and the Shaping of the Modern World 22 June – 12 November

Explore the story of three remarkable German royal women, Caroline of Ansbach, Augusta of Saxe-Gotha and Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, who married into the British royal family in the 1700s.

##### Victoria Revealed Reopens 22 June

The popular exhibition focusing on one of the palace's most famous residents reopens with a focus on the relationship between Victoria and her beloved Albert.

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#### DAILY

##### (subject to availability) Hidden history talks

Join our palace experts at 11.30hrs for a short insight into the amazing history of this dramatic building

##### The Handling Collection - Weekends

Experience the thrill of holding an authentic piece of history in your hands, whilst learning more about it from an expert.



##### SUMMER 2017 OPENING 1 April – 1 October

Summer opening dates are now confirmed at this intimate Georgian palace. Pre-book your group's time slot when booking your visit to

Kew Gardens, the palace is included in the gardens admission.

### Guided tours for groups

Groups can book a guided tour with our costumed palace experts for just £6 per person. Discover the intimate royal family life of George III and visit the royal kitchens, a fascinating time-capsule of early 19th century culinary history.



#### DAILY Castle Tours

Pre-booked groups of 20 or more are welcomed year round, to book your visit call +44 (0) 28 92681376.

#### Faces of Hillsborough

Following the guided tour of the beautiful State Rooms, visitors can discover some of the people, great and small, who have visited Hillsborough Castle in our special photography exhibit.

#### SUMMER 6 April – 30 September

The official residence of the Royal Family will open for public and individuals to join our guided tours once again. Groups must pre-book their House Tour.

All events subject to change, correct at time of going to press.



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## Retail ideas:

### Take home a little piece of history

Whether inspired by the iconic black ravens or the legendary Royal Beasts at the Tower of London, by the stunning gardens at Hampton Court Palace or the sumptuous ceilings and interiors at Kensington Palace, our palaces provide a unique shopping opportunity for your clients.



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Therefore, while planning your itineraries, make sure to allow time for a visit to our royal shops where we offer a wide selection of chinaware, jewellery, toys, clothing, accessories and much more; all of which would make a perfect souvenir of your clients' trip to London as well as a great gift for their friends and family back home.

A favourite amongst visitors is our beautiful Royal Palace chinaware. The collection, made in England and finished with 22ct gold, ranges from £22.99 for a Royal Palace mug, to £125 for the Royal Palace china gift set.

We also have timeless jewellery inspired by historical figures such as Anne Boleyn. The 'B' necklace, available for £50, was one of her favourite pieces of jewellery and can be personalised for the recipient.

Selected products from our in-store tablets can be shipped directly to your clients' home.

Visitors are also able to shop online at [www.historicroyalpalaces.com](http://www.historicroyalpalaces.com)



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## Renovation news: A major project at Hillsborough Castle

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Historic Royal Palaces is embarking on an exciting project – we're opening the doors of Hillsborough Castle for everyone to explore the stories of this extraordinary place and take part in its inspiring new future. To allow the renovation, the castle will be closed to visitors from 1 October 2017 until 1 July 2018.

Our ambition is to make Hillsborough Castle more accessible for everyone to enjoy. We plan to create new visitor facilities including car parking, a learning centre and retail space.

As part of the renovation project, the Walled Garden will also be restored and a section of the grounds, known as the Lost Garden, will be returned to its former glory. Inside the castle itself, visitors will be able to explore the newly presented and interpreted State Rooms for an insight into their use as both a royal residence as well as a venue for entertainment and political discussion.

The re-presentation of the castle will be completed in time for a summer opening in July 2018, with the remaining visitor facilities to be in place by the following summer.

Contact us at [groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk](mailto:groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk) to discuss how you can include Hillsborough Castle in your Northern Ireland programmes.



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**Exclusive:**

**Tower of London: Private group viewings of the Crown Jewels**

The Tower of London is well-known for being the enduring custodian of the fabulous finery and regalia, the Crown Jewels. This collection of priceless treasures draws visitors from all over the world but did you know that your clients could enjoy a more intimate, private viewing?



**This exclusive experience encourages visitors to explore the history of the Crown Jewels and the role of the Tower in protecting them.**

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Clients can visit the exhibition privately, outside normal visitor hours, with a knowledgeable Jewel House Warden to lead the group. This exclusive experience encourages visitors to explore the history of the Crown Jewels and the role of the Tower in protecting them.

To suit the needs of your group, we offer both a morning and an evening viewing. The morning experience starts at 08.15hrs and concludes as the Tower opens to the public at 09.00hrs, at which point your group is free to explore the rest of the fortress (on Sundays and Mondays, the experience starts

at 9.15hrs with the Tower opening to the public at 10.00hrs).

The evening visit starts at 18.30hrs with sparkling wine and canapés in the Jewel House. This is followed by the private viewing of the exhibition which concludes at 20.00hrs. The morning viewing costs £75 per person plus VAT and the evening costs £110 per person plus VAT. Minimum group size is 15 people, maximum 150.

For more information on this and the other exclusive tours at the palaces, please contact [\*\*groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk\*\*](mailto:groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk)





## Final note: Traditions of the Tower

The Tower of London is one of the oldest and most impressive buildings in London but there is more to its history than stone and mortar. The Tower is also steeped in human tradition, playing host to many ancient ceremonies, most of which can still be viewed today.



Besides the world-famous Ceremony of the Keys, there is also the Opening Ceremony which starts at 8:45am. Early-bird groups can book in advance to meet with a Yeoman Warder and watch from the inside as the Tower is opened to the public. Sometimes visitors may even be lucky enough to experience one of our gun salutes during their visit to mark a special occasion! June will be our busiest

month with salutes on the 2, 10 and 17 June to mark the coronation date of HM the Queen, the birthday of HRH Prince Philip and the official birthday of HM the Queen respectively.

More information on all of our special ceremonies, including the gun salute schedule, can be found on our website:

[www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london](http://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london)

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**Hampton Court Palace**  
**Banqueting House**  
**Kensington Palace**  
**Kew Palace**  
**Hillsborough Castle**

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We raise all our own funds and depend on the support of our visitors, members, donors, sponsors and volunteers.