

### Tudor Christmas returns to Hampton Court Palace

Food, fun and festivities await your clients this winter, all set against the glorious backdrop of Henry VIII's magnificent palace!

From 10 November to 7 January, visitors will be able to get skating as the popular Ice Rink returns. Additionally, from 8 to 10 December the BBC Food Fayre comes back to the palace courtyards. Included in palace admission, it will be the perfect occasion to stock up the pantry and pick up great Christmas gifts.

Finally, from 21 December to 1 January, (excluding 24 to 26 December) travel back in time to Elizabethan England. Witness jesters in the courtyards, music and dancing, as courtiers and artists jostle for royal favour whilst an aging Queen Elizabeth I looks on.



# Imprisonment at the Tower

New interpretation will be coming to the Tower of London in spring 2018 to explore its fascinating history as one of the country's most infamous prisons.



The Bloody Tower will tell the story of "high status" prisoners such as Sir Walter Raleigh, who was confined there in relative comfort, even having his own tobacco garden.

Meanwhile, an introductory exhibition at the Beauchamp Tower will allow visitors to discover not only who was imprisoned there and why but also to reflect on the emotional responses to imprisonment, conveyed through the Tower's incredibly preserved graffiti. Plan a visit for 2018 now and give your clients a fresh look at one of the most iconic aspects of the Tower's history.

### A pagoda restored and new stories to discover at Kew Palace

Following a multi-million pound restoration project, the Great Pagoda at Kew will be finally unveiled and reopened to visitors in spring 2018, complete with 80 specially designed rooftop dragons.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy the Dragon Trail — a new dragon themed walk from Kew Palace to the Pagoda.

At Kew Palace, visitors will also find new interpretation, objects and themes to discover as we celebrate the family who built and enjoyed the Pagoda; George III, Queen Charlotte and their children in the year which marks the 200th anniversary of Queen Charlotte's death.



#### An important anniversary at Kensington Palace

2019 will mark 200 years since the birth of Queen Victoria at Kensington Palace. We will be celebrating this important anniversary by opening a permanent re-presentation of her rooms, telling the story of her fascinating life at the palace.

Princess Victoria was born at Kensington Palace and spent her childhood there. She was educated under the strict "Kensington System", to prepare her for her future role as monarch. However, life for the young princess was not all lessons – there were childhood entertainments, puppets, dolls and stories and later music, operas and dances. It was also at Kensington, in 1836, that Victoria first met her future husband, Prince Albert and where she became Queen in 1837, beginning her 63 year reign.

Plan a visit for your clients in 2019, to explore the fascinating story of the young Princess Victoria, brought to life as never before. A programme of performance, special events, tours and talks will also run throughout the year.

# New Yeoman Warders join the Tower of London

This spring we welcomed Daniel Benson from County Durham and Amanda Clark from Lancashire as the newest Yeoman Warders at the Tower of London! They take up the iconic role of 'Beefeater' at one of the UK's most familiar landmarks, joining 35 other Yeoman Warders who live and work here, alongside their families.



## Palace highlights

Tower of London	Hampton Court Palace	Kensington Palace
Crown Jewels	Group Guided Tours	<b>Diana: Her Fashion Story</b>
Daily	Daily on request	Daily
<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	<b>BBC Food Fayre</b>	Enlightened Princesses
Tue-Sat on request for groups	8 to 10 Dec 2017	Until 12 Nov 2017
Imprisonment at the Tower	<b>Tudor Christmas</b>	Victoria's 200th Anniversary
Spring 2018	21 Dec 2017 to 1 Jan 2018	2019
Banqueting House	Kew Palace	Hillsborough Castle
<b>Hidden History Talks</b>	<b>Curious Kew Tours</b>	<b>Castle Tours</b>
Daily, subject to availability	On request	Daily (pre-booked groups)
Rubens' Ceiling	<b>Pagoda</b>	Castle Closed
Daily	Spring 2018	Oct 2017 to July 2018

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