

The Real Tennis Champions Trophy

17 – 22 July 2018

Hampton Court Palace is proud to announce the return of the Hampton Court Palace Real Tennis Champions Trophy. Visitors will be able to watch the top 10 professional real tennis players in action from the Tennis Court corridor.

During the competition, we will also be offering some informative content about Real Tennis and the Tournament out on the East Front. These will be at set times so please see the separate Real Tennis Champions Trophy flyer for details.

Play Digital Missions

Download our 'Time Explorers' app and go on an interactive adventure around the palace. Become a secret spy at the Tudor court, find a gift for William III, plan a palace party or re-design Hampton Court for George II!

Using the app travel back in time to explore the palace, complete the digital challenges and meet characters from history to win your Mission badges!

Visit the Information Centre to find out more or download from the App Store or Google Play Store for free.



Tudor Joust weekend

14 – 15 July 2018

Cheer on the rival knights as they compete for glory, and soak up the thrill and spectacle of the joust as guests of the King.

Chapel Royal Sunday Services

Sundays until 15 July

08:30 – 09:00 Said Eucharist

11:00 – 12:15 Choral Matins or Eucharist

15:30 – 16:20 Choral Evensong

The Chapel Royal is still an active church with traditional services according to the Book of Common Prayer.

Services resume on 16 September.


Photography

Non-commercial photography and filming are allowed everywhere except the Chapel Royal, Royal Pew and special exhibitions.


Historic Royal Palaces is a safeguarding aware organisation and takes its responsibility to protect children and vulnerable people seriously. We may sometimes ask therefore that visitors refrain from filming or photographing other visitors.

The King Commands...

...that you share your experiences at court

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Audio guides

Available until 17:00
from the Information
Centre on Base Court in
the following languages.



(Subject to availability)

A variety of special tours
is available including
options for families and
partially sighted visitors.

Audio guides are included
in your ticket price.
Not available for under 5's.

Things to remember



Please do not eat or drink
inside the building.

Smoking and vaping are
prohibited inside the palace
and courtyards.

Please resist touching the
magnificent but fragile
objects that you will see
displayed within the palace.

To protect these historic
objects we have to use
window blinds to keep
light levels low and we
place fragile items
behind barriers.

Closing times

17:00

Fountain Court Café

17:15

The Maze

The Magic Garden

Georgian Story

17:30

Privy Kitchen Café

Royal Tennis Court

The Formal Gardens

The Baroque Story

The Chocolate Kitchens

Cumberland Art Gallery

17:45

Last entry to the palace

routes and shops

Fountain Court toilets

17:55

East Gate

Base Court toilets

18:00

Tiltyard Café and West Gate

29 June – 2 September 2018

What's on today



Experience the splendour of
a day at court

Use this guide together
with the Palace Map to
help you find each of the
special event locations



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Food and Feasting

Thursdays – Mondays

The Court Must Have a Queen

By Ade Solanke

11:30, 12:30 and 15:30 (35mins approx)

The Great Hall

Henry VIII is looking for a fourth wife after the death of his beloved Jane Seymour, and Thomas Cromwell is overseeing the finishing touches to a feast he hopes will seal the marriage treaty between Henry and Anne of Cleves. The palace is a flurry of activity as everyone prepares, but Henry’s mood threatens to upset weeks of planning. Can the return of the favoured court trumpeter, John Blanke, help to soothe the king’s mood?

Performed by:

Jack Benjamin, Wesley Charles, Royce Cronin, Steve Dorsett, Rhiann Francis, Lindsay Goodhand, Marcia Lecky, Siôn Tudor Owen, Yvonne Riley & Mathew Wernham

Director: Sam Curtis Lindsay | Music: Simon Slater
Movement: Annie-Lunnette Deakin-Foster
Design: Amelia Jane Hankin | Casting: Emily Jones
Assistant Director: Mumba Dodwell

Daily

Re-discover Henry VIII’s Kitchens

Location: Henry VIII’s Kitchens

Hampton Court Palace was not just the home of Henry VIII and his six wives! Encounter history where it happened as you explore the sights, sounds and smells of this essential part of the palace, brought to life like never before.

Experience life as one of Henry VIII’s kitchen staff and learn about the jobs that kept the King and Court fed. From clerks to cooks, Boiling House to Board of the Greencloth, lend a hand and learn what went into feeding over 400 people a day.

Join Henry VIII’s cooks and help roast meat in front of the fire or reproduce recipes from the past in our interactive cookery in the Great Kitchen.

Daily

Life Below Stairs

Created and perfomed by Past Pleasures Ltd

11.00-16.00

Locations: Around the North Cloister

Hampton Court Palace housed an army of servants working long hours to tight schedules. We bring to life the Tudor yeomen, laundresses, barbers, sergeants of the cellars and women of the nursery hurrying about the King’s business.

Don’t be surprised if you run into some of these members of King Henry’s staff bustling about below stairs. Feel free to ask them about their work, their clothes and the tools of their trades, or indeed their opinions about their boss!

Daily

Meet the Controller

11:00, 13:00, 15:00

Meet in Base Court

Who is going to pay all these servants? The man with the money will introduce you to the busy world of life below stairs at the Tudor palace.

Produce sales

Tuesdays until the end of October

13:30-14:30

Vegetables and fruit that would have graced the King’s table will be available to buy from the garden stall.

Tuesdays only in the Kitchen Garden.

Story Time Sundays

1 July, 5 August, 2 September

12:00, 13:00, 14:30 (20 minutes)

Great Watching Chamber

Become part of a fun story here at the palace! Our enjoyable interactive sessions are based on well-known children’s books which can be linked to Hampton Court’s magnificent history. On each date we will be bringing a different story to life as we discover what the Tudors ate and what life at Henry VIII’s court was like. Everyone is welcome!

The Great Palace Quest

1 – 24 August

11:00 – 16:00

Join our family activity quest as we celebrate Tudor ‘food and feasting’ at Hampton Court Palace! Everyday there will be Tudor dancing to join in with and wonderful music to listen to. Collect your Great Palace Quest map and complete the challenges inside. Don’t forget to look for our Palace Quest letters to help you solve our special code word so that you can collect your prize.

On selected days, also help us recreate sections of the Field of the Cloth of Gold painting and enjoy the other fun activities that we will be organising. Please visit our classrooms for further information.

Plant pot fun

6 August, 13 August, 20 August

11.00 – 16.00

What herbs did the Tudors use in their cooking? Visit us in the Kitchen Garden to find out and plant your own seeds to take home with you.



Don’t miss out on our other activities and tours



Henry VIII’s Crown

A replica of Henry’s Crown is on display in the Royal Pew 10:00 – 17:30 (12:30 – 15:00 on Sundays)

No photography please



Mantegna’s Triumphs of Caesar

Explore one of the most important sets of paintings in the Royal Collection.

Gallery open daily 10:30-13:00 and 14:00-17:00



The King’s Wardrobe

Make sure you’re dressed suitably for court with a traditional velvet cloak from the Wardrobe (subject to availability).

Information Centre, Base Court



Great Vine Talk

Meet our Vinekeeper and find out about the world’s largest vine.

King’s Eating Room, William III’s Apartments
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 13:30 (20 mins)
Until 31 August



Garden History Tours

Discover how the palace gardens evolved over the centuries.

Daily until 30 September

At 14:00 (60 mins)

Meet at the East Gate



Meet a Palace Gardener

Wednesdays until 27 September

At 13:30 (30 mins)

Meet at the East Gate

Horse-drawn Charabanc rides

Tour the East Front Gardens in Victorian style!
June and October: weekends and bank holidays

July, August and September: daily
11:00-17:00

1 wheelchair space available on 11:00 ride
Adult £5, Child £3