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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

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By Ade Solanke

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b) A rider might be unhorsed.

c) The lance will break cleanly, demonstrating maximum accuracy and power.

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**How a joust is scored**

Points are awarded for the following:

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2. A blow to the helmet (the crest is not considered part of the helmet so a strike there carries no points).
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3. Lances that break coronel (the shaped cap that is placed on the very tip of the lance) to coronel.
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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)

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**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

**Produce sales**

Tuesday 12 June 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.