# The grand opening of Hillsborough Castle and Gardens

Historic Royal Palaces' newest edition will open its doors fully to all visitors in April 2019. The castle's State Rooms have now been fully re-presented and are ready to dazzle your groups with their intimate splendour year-round.

The grand opening will see the magnificent garden renovations fully realised, including the lost gardens trail, four acre walled garden and the beautiful terraces around the castle itself.

Groups and visitors will be welcomed through the entirely new visitor facilities, including a group's reception area, a new car and coach park increasing our capacity from 6 coaches to 16, as well as transportation from this fantastic new area up to the castle itself. With a café at the village entrance and the village to explore too, your itineraries will provide an unforgettable day in Hillsborough.



# Victoria in the spotlight for 2019



To mark the 200th anniversary of Queen Victoria's birth at Kensington Palace, operators and group organisers have

the opportunity to feature two new themes on their tours.

**Victoria - A royal childhood** will be our permanent representation of the rooms she grew up in. Also on display, the stunning Tiaras, a gift from Prince Albert.

**Victoria - Woman and crown,** a new temporary exhibition located in the Piggot Galleries continues the story exploring her public and

private image and her role as Queen, Wife and Mother. This story reveals how her nine children and forty two grandchildren extended her influence across Europe and the Empire.

Both Victoria - A royal childhood and Victoria - Woman and crown will open on 24 May 2019 and will be included in the admission to the Palace. These exhibitions will also be available to operators interested in the Private Morning Tours.



# Scrumptious options to keep your groups satisfied

Why not make it the best day out in history for your tours and groups by including refreshments in one of our delightful cafes or restaurants.

At the Tower of London and Hampton Court Palace our caterers have designed group meal deal options to accommodate groups in their self service cafes. From morning coffee.

afternoon tea or lunch choices, this is the simplest, time saving option to

offer your groups. Prices start from as little as £6 per person.

At the Pavilion at Kensington Palace, this elegant waiter service restaurant offers brunches and morning tea before midday, and is the best value afternoon tea venue in town. From just £19.95, groups can sip tea, indulge in pastries, sandwiches and scones, all overlooking the sunken garden where the Duke and Duchess of Sussex posed for their engagement photos. For full details groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk

# 2020: Hampton Court Palace – Glamping 1520 Tudor style

2020 is the 500th anniversary of The Field of Cloth of Gold; an extraordinary meeting of King Henry VIII of England and his French counterpart, Francis I, in the fields of northern France. To mark this historic diplomatic occasion, designed to foster peace between the two nations, we are planning a festival of lavish entertainment including jousting, masquerades, feasts, ornate portable palaces and wine fountains at Hampton Court Palace. This will be accompanied by an exhibition exploring the events of 1520, more details to follow. Contact groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk



## Palace highlights



### Tower of London

The Crown Jewels
Daily

Horrible Histories -Terrible Tudors 25-31 May 2019

**Escape the Tower**Daily, July and August 2019

**Victorian Christmas** 27-31 Dec 2019



### **Hampton Court Palace**

**Florimania** 

29 to 31 March 2019

Easter Lindt Gold Bunny Hunt 6-22 April 2019

**Summer Weekend Joust** Dates tbc

RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival 2-7 July 2019

**Tudor Christmas** 27 December - 1 January



### **Kensington Palace**

Easter Lindt Gold Bunny Hunt 6-22 April 2019

Victoria: Woman and crown 24 May 2019

**Victoria - A royal Childhood** 24 May 2019

Christmas at Kensington December 2019



### **Banqueting House**

Palace group tours On request

**Hidden History Talks**Daily, subject to availability



### **Kew Palace**

Curious Kew Tours On request

**Georgian family life** 5 April - 29 Sept 2019

Royal Kitchens

5 April - 29 Sept 2019

**Great Pagoda opens** 5 April to 29 Sept 2019



### Hillsborough Castle

Castle Tours
Daily

Horrible Histories -Gorgeous Georgians and Vile Victorians

10-17 August 2019

Christmas at Hillsborough December 2019

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