In June 2020, it will be 500 years since Henry VIII of England and Francis I of France met near Calais for a Grand European Summit.

Designed to improve relations between the two kingdoms, the princes enjoyed a fortnight of feasts, tournaments, masquerades and religious services. So extravagant was the affair that it became known as the “Field of Cloth of Gold”.

From 23-31 May 2020, a spectacular festival of Tudor sport and entertainment will see the “re-match” held at the palace with jousting, foot combat and wrestling alongside a culture war of food, crafts and art!

From Easter 2020 Hampton Court Palace will host a special exhibition to mark the event. Your clients will be transported back to 1520 as they explore surviving artworks, objects and documents from the event itself and meet the key characters from the rival courts of Tudor and Valois.

Contact us for more details on planning your groups for spring and summer 2020.
The Historic Royal Palaces booking portal for Agency Voucher Scheme clients went live in 2018. This has been well received by those using it thus far. It makes the customer arrival experience a far greater pleasure, doing away with exchanging vouchers on arrival, and ensuring more accurate invoicing.

Currently available for bookings at the Tower of London and Hampton Court Palace, in 2019 Banqueting House, Kensington Palace and Hillsborough Castle and Gardens will be added. Agencies select the date of visit and additionally a time slot for Banqueting House, Kensington Palace and Hillsborough Castle tour. The barcoded vouchers are then delivered by email. At present these still need to be printed, but we are working to introduce mobile admission vouchers later in the year.

By booking through the B2B portal, your guides and clients will avoid any queue to exchange vouchers and proceed directly to the entrance where their barcodes will be scanned on admission. If you are not currently an Agency Voucher Scheme trade client, fear not! You can book your groups online through our website and receive the barcoded tickets via email following payment.

Historic Royal Palaces is aiming to embrace the future through technology solutions for a seamless experience with us, so your customers can delve into the dramatic stories and characters that inhabit the palaces with ease.

We have a selection of Exclusive visits and Private tours across all palaces as long as Meghan Markle’s wedding train, so there is plenty to choose from to satisfy the most demanding clients.

What better way to start the day then being blown away by the fabulous finery in the Jewel House with a private viewing of the Crown Jewels at the Tower of London. Whether it be exploring the stories of the Modern Royals at Kensington Palace in an early morning tour or relaxing and taking in the breathtaking views from the rooftops of Hampton Court Palace, you can make your client’s experiences memorable and maybe their dreams come true.