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.
Please help us to protect our historic objects and interiors by carrying, not wearing, backpacks. Or leave them in the visitor lockers by the buggy park off Clock Court (returnable £1 coin required). Thank you.

Scooters are not allowed into the palace. Please enquire on arrival about storage facilities but be aware that space is limited.

Photography

Non-commercial photography and filming are allowed everywhere except the Chapel Royal, Royal Pew and Cumberland Art Gallery.
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.

For your safety

Children must be supervised at all times.
There are uneven steps and surfaces that are slippery when wet. There is also deep water and steep drops on site. Please take care.

Audio guides

Available until 15:30 from the Information Centre on Base Court in the following languages.

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.

Chapel Royal
Sunday Services

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 and Chapel of H.M. The Queen, with traditional services according to the Book of Common Prayer. Its Choir of Gentlemen and Boys usually sings at two services on Sundays.

Chapel Royal
Weekday Services

Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-12:50

Twice a week there is a said lunchtime Book of Common Prayer Eucharist to which all are welcome. The Chapel and Royal Pew will remain open to visitors throughout.

Closing times

15:45
The Maze
Georgian Story
16:00
Privy Kitchen Café
Royal Tennis Court
The Formal Gardens
The Baroque Story
The Chocolate Kitchens
Cumberland Art Gallery
Lost Dress exhibition
16:15
All other routes and shops
Fountain Court toilets
16:25
East Gate
Base Court toilets
16:30
West Gate
Tiltyard Café

Meetings and events

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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Historic Royal Palaces
Hampton Court Palace

4 November – 20 December 2019
Monday to Friday from 4 November

Welcome Walk (30 minutes)
11:00 (Does not run 5-9 Dec)
Find out about Hampton Court before it became Henry's famous palace on a Welcome Walk through the Courtyards led by one of our costumed interpreters.

Meet in Base Court

Guided Tour of the State Apartments (30 minutes)
11:45; 13:15 and 14:45
Hampton Court is buzzing with the news that Queen Elizabeth may visit! Join her courtiers as they prepare, and explore how life in the palace changed between the reigns of King Henry VIII and his daughter, Queen Elizabeth I.

Meet in Base Court
(This route uses stairs. If you have a mobility issue, please ask our staff for the lift route to the Great Hall)

Meet & Greet
Look out for opportunities to bump into our presenters in Elizabethan costume throughout the day.

Various times and locations on the Tudor route

Saturday and Sunday from 9 November

Welcome Walk (30 minutes)
11:00 (Does not run 5-9 Dec)
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Meet in Base Court

Good Queen Bess
Dressing for Queen Elizabeth I's Court (30 minutes)
11:30 and 14:00
How do you dress for Queen Elizabeth I's Court? Meet our costumed interpreters to see and discover more about Elizabethan dress and fashions.

Queen's Guard Chamber (Georgian Story)

Guided Tour of the State Apartments (30 minutes)
12:30 and 15:00
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Elizabethan Cookery
Weekends only: 10:00-16:00
November 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30 December 1, 6-8, 14-15
Join us each weekend this autumn and discover the tasty treats served up to the Court of Queen Elizabeth I. The Kitchens at Hampton Court Palace are famous for having been built for King Henry VIII, but they continued to be used by his daughter, Elizabeth I, to feed her courtiers and staff. From roast beef to spiced marchpane, come and discover some of the Tudor delicacies that would grace the tables in Elizabethan palace, and find out how food fashions changed through the sixteenth century as our team of history cooks whip up some tasty Tudor treats.

Storytime Adventures
1 December
11:45, 13:00, 14:15 (20 minutes)
Great Watching Chamber
Lively storytelling sessions linked to Hampton Court’s magnificent history.

Festive Family Fun
Join us this festive season to make your own Elizabethan inspired Christmas decorations.
30 November and 1 December: Christmas Wreath Making
7-8 December: Perfumed Pomanders
14-15 December: Lovely Lace Baubles
21-22 December: Colourful Wooden Tree Charms
11:00 – 16:00 in the Classroom next to the Family Room (Clock Court)

Play digital missions for families
Pick up a ‘Time Explorers’ device from the Information Centre and go on an interactive adventure around the palace.
You can also download ‘Time Explorers’ from the App Store or Google Play Store to your own device for free.

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day
At 11:00 on both days we will remember palace people who died in various wars since 1914.
On Sunday 10 November the Choral Matins service will begin in Clock Court with the national two-minutes silence and then move to the Chapel Royal afterwards.
On Monday 11 November there will be a full service including a reading of the names and wreath laying, also in Clock Court.
On both days routes and shops will close at 10.45 and re-open as soon as the ceremonies are over. Visitors are invited to join staff congregating in Clock Court.

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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 Gallery open daily 10:30 – 16:30
No photography please

The Lost Dress of Elizabeth I
12 October 2019 - 23 February 2020
See the Bacton Altar Cloth, a rare survival of Elizabeth I’s wardrobe, on display at her former home.

Mantegna’s Triumphs of Caesar
Explore one of the most important sets of paintings in the Royal Collection.
Gallery open daily 10:30 – 12:30 and 13:30 – 16:00

Winter Garden History Tours
Discover how the palace gardens evolved over the centuries.
Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays only 12:00 (60 minutes) Meet at the East Gate

Shire Horse Sunday
Sunday 17 November 2019
15:00
Each November, on Shire Horse Sunday, the whole herd is blessed by HM’s Chaplain prior to Evensong.
The meeting point is the East Front Gardens at 15:00 for the blessing of the Shire horses, with Evensong at 15:30 in the Chapel Royal. All are welcome.

Festive Fayre
6 - 8 December 2019
Friday and Saturday: 10:00-18:00; Sunday: 10:00-16:30
Eat, drink and be merry as the Hampton Court Palace courtyards are transformed into a food-lover’s Christmas wonderland at the Festive Fayre.
Soak up the atmosphere and spirit of the season. Browse unique gift stalls and watch seasonal cooking demos live in The Kitchen. With everything from Christmas pudding to sausages, and brownies to churros, our 100 hand-picked artisan producers and companies are guaranteed to delight even the most committed foodie.

Bite Size Carols
Saturday 7 December
Join the choristers of the Chapel Royal on the Saturday of the Festive Fayre and sing some of your favourite carols during their bite-sized 20-minute carol services. Services take place at 11:00, 14:00 and 15:00.
Chapel Royal