

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



Danger: Children/water



Sheer/steep drops



Uneven surfaces/steps



Slippery surfaces



Supervise children

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 off 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.

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
The Magic Garden

16:00

Privy Kitchen Café
Royal Tennis Court
The Formal Gardens
The Chocolate Kitchens
Cumberland Art Gallery

16:15

All other routes
Fountain Court toilets

16:25

East Gate
Base Court toilets

16:30

West Gate

16:45

Palace Shop

17:00

Tiltyard Café
Vrow Walk toilets
(by car park)

The Chapel Royal and Royal Pew are closed to visitors during Sunday Services

20 - 28 March 2020



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



Historic Royal Palaces
Hampton Court Palace

Daily

Welcome Walk (30 minutes)

11:00

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

Trumpets, tents and tournaments

(30 minutes)

11:45; 13:15 and 14:45

It's 1544, King Henry VIII and King Francois I are at war again. But only twenty-four years ago, at the Field of Cloth of Gold, we seemed to be entering a new era of peace and co-operation. Where did it all go wrong? Meet two of Henry VIII's courtiers, who compare memories of the past and concerns for the present.

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/Great Watching Chamber)

Meet & Greet

Look out for opportunities to bump into our presenters in costume throughout the day.

Various times and locations in the Tudor palace



Saturday & Sunday

Music at court (15 minutes)

11:00, 11:30, 12:15, 12:45, 13:45, 14:30, 15:15

Join our musicians to hear music of the court.

Great Watching Chamber

Storytime Adventures

5 April, 16 April

12:00, 13:15, 14:30 (20 minutes)

Queen's Guard Chamber

Lively storytelling sessions linked to Hampton Court's magnificent history.

Tudor cookery

Weekends: 21-22 March and 28-29 March

Drop-in daily 10:00-16:00

Discover some of the Tudor delicacies that would grace the tables in Henry VIII's palace as our team of history cooks whip up some tasty Tudor treats.

Join us in Henry VIII's enormous kitchen complex and try your hand at roasting meat, help create Tudor dishes fit for Henry's Court, or just watch the hustle and bustle in this busy food factory.

Florimania 2020

Friday 20 March to Sunday 22 March

William III's Apartments

Florimania returns for the Mothering Sunday weekend, bringing the historic building to life and celebrating spring with vibrant floral displays – this year exploring our rich heraldic past using flowers to represent the symbolic badges and emblems of the Tudor Kings and Queens of England.

Floral arranging demonstrations

11:30 and 14:00

The Stone Room, William III's Apartments

The organisation behind our floral displays, the National Association for Flower Arranging Societies, will be sharing their skills and handy tips on flower arranging.

Embroidery Demonstration and Presentation

12:45 and 15:15

The Stone Room, William III's Apartments

Experts from the Royal School of Needlework will share their knowledge of Goldwork, its history and use in industry, as well as demonstrate the variety of stitches used in this fabulous hand embroidery technique.

Florilegium botanical paintings

The Orangery

The Hampton Court Florilegium Society will display a selection of their work from our archives, celebrating the planting in our world-famous gardens.

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 – 16:00 (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 – 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

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