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“Hope springs eternal” Alexander Pope

A new day has dawned! With travel restrictions easing and more people vaccinated, the appetite to travel is greater than ever!

We acknowledge however that for many, 2022 will be the year of big adventures. We have therefore used this unique time to put together an array of spectacular events and exhibitions guaranteed to get your clients enthused about future travel.

Cue the Fanfare! Hillsborough Castle is poised to give visitors a “royal welcome” after the village of Hillsborough is granted its royal status at the end of 2021. The Tower of London will be the place to be in summer 2022 as the moat transforms into a sea of **vibrant colour** in celebration of Her Majesty The Queens Platinum Jubilee.

It’s never too early to think about Christmas! We are also delighted to confirm that the spectacular after-dark illuminated light trail at **Hampton Court Palace** and **Hillsborough Castle and Gardens** will be returning in 2022!

Finally, we would like to conclude by saying another thank you to all our partners who have supported us throughout the pandemic. By purchasing palace tickets, you have allowed us to continue to care for these iconic palaces and tell the stories of the incredible people who once lived in them. To those partners who are looking to start afresh in 2022, we cannot wait to welcome you and your groups back!

Kind Regards

The Travel Trade Team



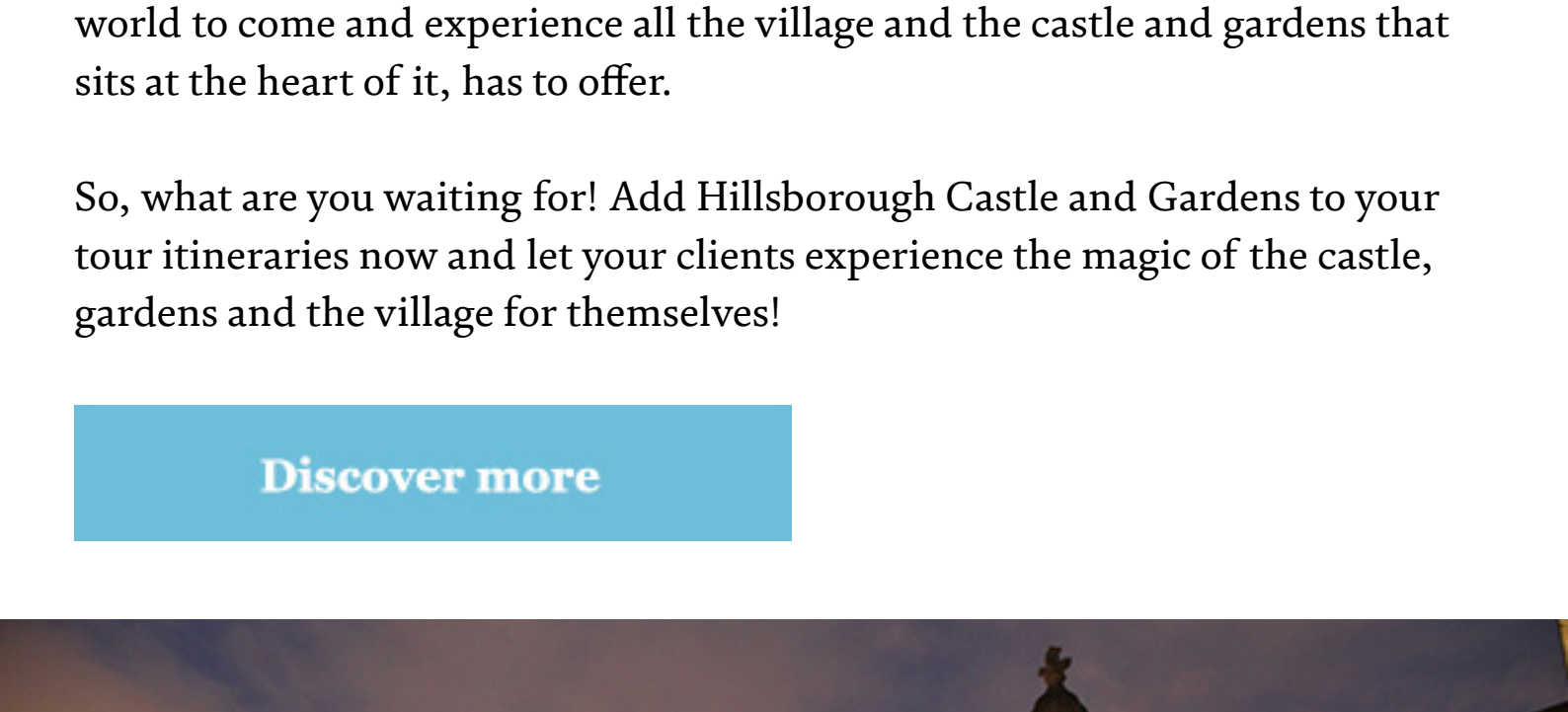
A must see in 2022! The Tower of London’s moat transformed to celebrate The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Next year will see Her Majesty the Queen become the first monarch in British history to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. Historic Royal Palaces plans to mark this historic milestone with a major new display in the moat at the Tower of London. The moat was previously the setting for a world-famous display of 888,246 ceramic poppies to mark the centenary of the First World War. Next year, it will be transformed into a stunning, colourful natural landscape, filled with vibrant flowers.

For the first time, throughout the Summer, visitors will be able to go into the moat and enjoy views of the Tower from within. The display will mark Her Majesty’s jubilee by celebrating the transformative power of nature and green spaces – something we’ve all come to appreciate after the pandemic. We’re also excited to share the news that the other five palaces will also host Jubilee events throughout the year – watch this space for more information!

Groups and Travel Trade clients will be able to book a combination ticket with a Tower of London visit. Moat only visits will be at the full price and bookable online. More details on availability and pricing will be announced in the coming weeks.

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By royal decree! Northern Ireland’s first royal status awarded to Hillsborough Village

We are pleased to announce that the village of Hillsborough in County Down will be granted royal status later this year.

Home to Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, it will be the first village or town in Northern Ireland to receive the exceptional title.

Renowned for its fine Georgian architecture, parkland and lakeside walks, the village also has a rich political history, having welcomed, among other key political figures, American Founding Father Benjamin Franklin in 1771.

We at Historic Royal Palaces are hopeful that this announcement will put Hillsborough firmly on the tourist map and inspire visitors from around the world to come and experience all the village and the castle and gardens that sits at the heart of it, has to offer.

So, what are you waiting for! Add Hillsborough Castle and Gardens to your tour itineraries now and let your clients experience the magic of the castle, gardens and the village for themselves!

Discover more



All we want for Christmas is YOU

Are you still planning for Christmas 2021 or looking to visit in December 2022? If the answer is yes to either of the above questions, read on!

From 03-05 December 2021, the Festive Fayre will be returning to Hampton Court Palace. Visitors will be able to eat , drink and be merry as they indulge in delicious street food, browse a selection of unique gifts and sing along to those classic Christmas songs!

New for 2021! From 8 December – 3 January 2022, visitors to Hampton Court Palace will be swept up in a whimsical world of planets and stars on an enchanting new light trail, Palace of Stardust.

Lastly, visit Hillsborough Castle and Gardens from 3 December - 2 January 2022 and discover sparkling tunnels of light, pause for reflection at the mesmerising flickering flames and enjoy a spiced winter warmer as the Christmas Light Trail takes over the castle gardens.

Both Palace of Stardust and the Christmas trail at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens are separately ticketed evening events.

All of the aforementioned events will also be returning in 2022, so be sure to include the palaces in your 2022 Christmas tour itinerary!

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