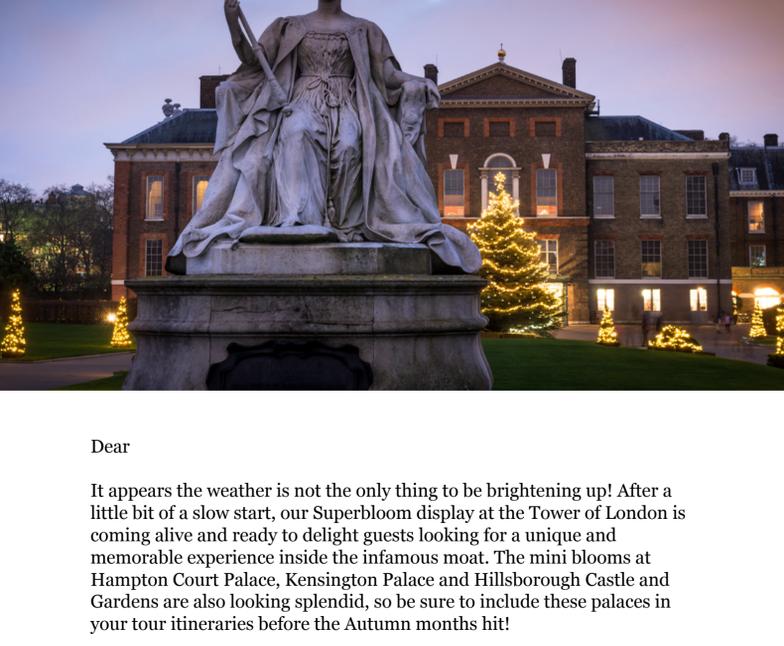


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Dear

It appears the weather is not the only thing to be brightening up! After a little bit of a slow start, our Superbloom display at the Tower of London is coming alive and ready to delight guests looking for a unique and memorable experience inside the infamous moat. The mini blooms at Hampton Court Palace, Kensington Palace and Hillsborough Castle and Gardens are also looking splendid, so be sure to include these palaces in your tour itineraries before the Autumn months hit!

The summer months may be upon us, but naturally we in the Travel Trade Team are already looking to winter 2022 and beyond!

The after-dark light trails are returning in all their splendour at Hampton Court Palace and Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, with heraldic beasts invading Henry VIII's pleasure palace and glistening baubles lighting up the night sky within the Hillsborough Castle grounds.

OHH FASHION! Our plans for Crown to Couture, the 2023 exhibition at Kensington Palace are also taking shape as is our long-awaited palace Orangery, with the restoration works nearing completion.

So, without further ado, please read on for more information on the festive treats we have in store this Christmas and the exhibition guaranteed to make your clients feel like they have stepped onto the catwalk!

Kind Regards
The Travel Team



IT'S GOING TO BE A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN AT THE PALACES!

This October, ghosts are roaming the grounds of Hampton Court Palace, Tower of London and Hillsborough Castle and Gardens.

Venturing through the palaces' most haunted spots, visitors will explore a series of playful and immersive installations as they embark on a quest to discover the stories of the spirits that walk the palace halls.

At **Hampton Court Palace**, visitors can follow the clues to find the unfortunate spirits, such as Queen Jane Seymour's quest to find her missing heart. Along the way, the courtyards and cloisters will be decked with frightening decorations. Daily ghost stories will also be told in the cellars beneath the Great Hall while roaming "dead" characters occupy the palace apartments.

Meanwhile at the **Tower of London**, visitors can go in search of the mysterious astrologer Hew Draper and follow the fuse to Gunpowder Plotter Everard Digby's barrel store. Look out for the ghost of Anne Boleyn roaming the grounds before marvelling at the world-famous Crown Jewels and infamous White Tower.

The Wild Raven Walk also returns to **Hillsborough Castle** this spooky season. Your clients will embark on an immersive walk through the gardens, re-imagining ghostly tales of Hillsborough's haunting history. Following a darkly lit path through the castle grounds, visitors will encounter ghostly characters whilst listening to the atmospheric soundscape.

Halloween at the Tower of London will run from 22 October – 31 October 2022 and the installations at Hampton Court Palace 22 – 30 October 2022. Both palace activities will be included in admission. The Wild Raven Walk will run from 27 – 30 October 2022 and will be a separately ticketed event.



WALKING THROUGH A WINTER WONDERLAND

At Hampton Court Palace from 07 December 2022 – 02 January 2023, your clients will be treated to a magical experience no other.

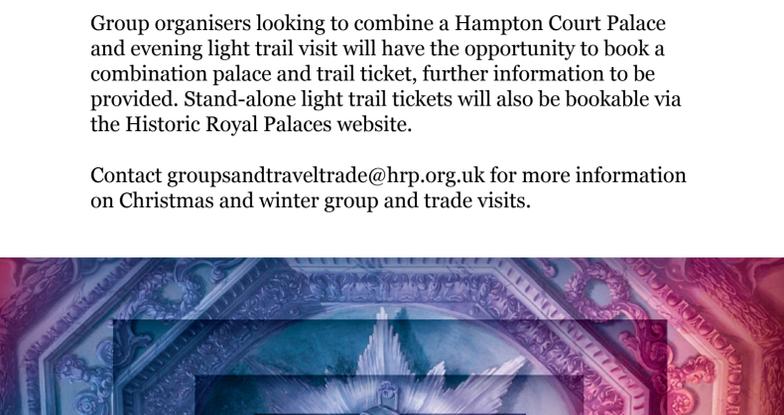
Strange creatures, inspired by Henry VIII's heraldic beasts, have been unleashed across the palace's grand gardens and historic courtyards. In partnership with award-winning outdoor event producers Wild Rumpus, this year's light trail is bigger and bolder than 2021, with guests invited to explore this festival of light and sound, that promises to enchant all ages.

Hot off the press –over a million twinkling lights and seasonal sounds will fill the air at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens as the illuminated Christmas light trail returns. From 01 December – 01 January 2023, visitors will be able to get into the festive spirit as they discover sparkling tunnels of light, pause for reflection at the mesmerising flicking flames in the fire garden and marvel at the larger-than-life illuminations.

Both light trails will be separately ticketed evening events.

Group organisers looking to combine a Hampton Court Palace and evening light trail visit will have the opportunity to book a combination palace and trail ticket, further information to be provided. Stand-alone light trail tickets will also be bookable via the Historic Royal Palaces website.

Contact groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk for more information on Christmas and winter group and trade visits.



STRIKE A POSE! CROWN TO COUTURE SET TO GRACE THE HALLS OF KENSINGTON PALACE

From 5 April 2023, visitors to Kensington Palace can enjoy our new exhibition – Crown to Couture. They will be immersed in the glamorous world of the red carpet as contemporary couture outfits from the world's most famous designers fill the glittering State Apartments and exhibition spaces.

Across the seven exhibition rooms, spectacular surviving examples of 18th century court dress will be set against some of the world's most memorable red carpet looks. This provocative display will compare and contrast the use of fashion to make an impact from a design and colour perspective to making a political statement.

KENSINGTON PALACE ORANGERY RESTORED TO ITS FORMER GLORY Make your palace visit even more memorable by combining your tour with an Afternoon Tea fit for royalty within the recently resorted Orangery.

Dating back to 1704 and originally commissioned by Queen Anne, the Orangery was initially intended as a greenhouse, but with its awe-inspiring exterior, intricate carvings and elegant pillars, features added by young architect John Vanbrugh, the building quickly became a favoured spot of the queen who frequently used it to host summer parties at the palace.

Unfortunately for most of the 20th century, the building had very little use, from housing soldiers during World War 2 to a storage unit. For a short period of time, the building was used as a palace restaurant but closed soon after for an immense regeneration scheme designed to restore the magnificent building to its former glory. Such works included restoring the brickwork and reinstating the ornate carvings.

With the project starting in June 2019 and being postponed due to Covid-19, we are pleased to announce that works are finally coming to a close and an opening date is within reach!

From Spring 2023, your clients will be able to relax in the glamour and sophistication of Queen Anne's party greenhouse! Admire the intricate carvings whilst enjoying a spot of Afternoon Tea fit for royalty (it may even include Marmalade sandwiches!). Alternatively, enjoy the elegant surroundings from the newly created terrace.

Party like its 1704! The Orangery can also host private evening events grand enough to rival the soirees once hosted by the queen herself!

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TOWER OF LONDON

Superbloom
Now until 18 September 2022

Halloween at the Tower of London
22 – 31 October 2022

Christmas at the Tower of London
23 December – 03 January 2023



HAMPTON COURT PALACE

Platinum Jubilee Mini Blooms
Until September 2022

RHS Hampton Court Garden Festival
4 – 9 July 2022

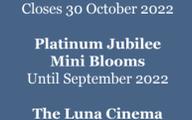
Luna Cinema at Hampton Court Palace
11-14 August 2022

Hampton Court Palace Food Festival
27 – 29 August 2022

Halloween at the palace
22 – 30 October 2022

Hampton Court Palace Festive Fayre
2 – 4 December 2022

Hampton Court Palace Light Trail
7 December – 2 January 2023



KENSINGTON PALACE

Life Through A Royal Lens
Closes 30 October 2022

Platinum Jubilee Mini Blooms
Until September 2022

The Luna Cinema
3 – 7 August 2022

Christmas at the palace
30 November – 1 January 2023

Crown to Couture
5 April – October 2023



BANQUETING HOUSE

Closed to visitors

Open house weekends
11 & 18 September 2022



HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE AND GARDENS

Pre-booked Castle Tours
Daily

Platinum Jubilee Mini Blooms
Until September 2022

Hillsborough Honey Fair
6 – 7 August 2022

Wild Raven Walk
27– 30 October 2022

Christmas Light Trail
1 December 2022 – 1 January 2023



KEW PALACE AND ROYAL KITCHENS

Open daily
1 April – 25 September 2022

Queen Charlotte's Cottage
1 April - 25 September 2022

The Great Pagoda
1 April - 25 September 2022



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