



HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

HAMPTON COURT PALACE

HALLOWEEN

**MAP AND GUIDE INSIDE...
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Join the hunt for the ghosts of Hampton Court and discover their spooky tales



SYBIL PENN VIA BASE COURT



CARDINAL WOLSEY VIA CLOCK COURT



WILLIAM III VIA FOUNTAIN COURT



CHARLES I VIA WILLIAM III'S APARTMENTS



JAMES I VIA HENRY VIII'S KITCHENS



JANE SEYMOUR VIA CLOCK COURT



SÉANCE VIA HENRY VIII'S APARTMENTS



GALLERY OF THE DAMNED VIA CLOCK COURT

Can you find the ghosts *roaming* the palace?



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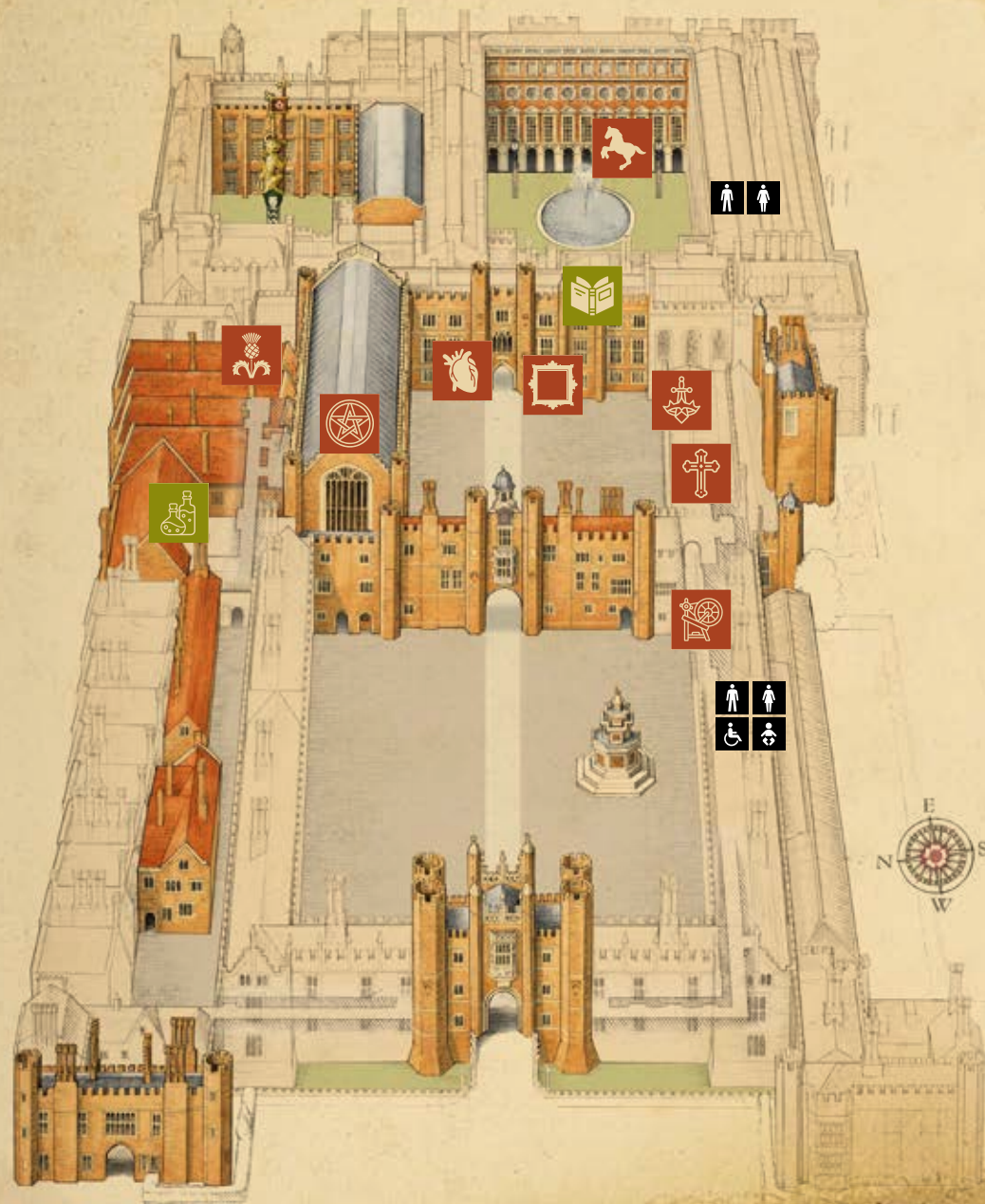
Don't miss out on more *spooky fun*...



FIRESIDE GHOST STORIES
VIA CUMBERLAND ART GALLERY



POTION-MAKING & PROTECTIVE MARKS VIA
HENRY VIII'S KITCHENS



THE GHOSTS OF HAMPTON COURT ARE BACK...

The walls have cracked, and the ghosts of kings, queens and servants have returned to the palace, forced to relive the moments that changed their lives...or ended them.

Use the map to find them: some are stuck in their rooms, trapped repeating their worst moments. Other ghosts are roaming the palace, retracing the footsteps that were once so familiar to them.

... ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH TO FIND THEM ALL?



POTION-MAKING & PROTECTIVE MARKS

Don't forget to visit Henry VIII's Kitchens today.

Discover the magical secrets of the palace's protective marks and graffiti with our resident experts and investigate the hubble and bubble of experimental distillation as our potion-making Kitchens Team create historic elixirs to cure your curses!

Spiritual Middens

Have you ever found weird things behind your walls? Make sure you look out for the display of the spooky artefacts found inside the palace walls and floors – hidden hundreds of years ago to protect past residents from evil spirits!



FIRESIDE GHOST STORIES

Cartoon Gallery *via Cumberland Art Gallery*

11:00, 13:00, 14:00, 15:00 (20 mins)

Take a seat by the fireplace and enjoy being spooked by our storyteller's ghostly tale.



SYBIL PENN

DATE: 1560s

What made them famous?

Sybil Penn was a servant here and worked for Henry VIII and his three children loyally for over 20 years.

Why Hampton Court Palace?

Sybil died at the palace from the deadly smallpox in 1562, soon after nursing Elizabeth I back to health.

➔ **SPOOKY FACT:** Legend says that builders discovered a spooky spinning wheel hidden behind a wall 200 years ago, not long after Sybil's tomb in the nearby church was disturbed!



ELIZABETH I

DATE: 1560s

What made them famous?

Elizabeth I was both powerful and frightful, and her subjects knew it. A self-styled immortal goddess with fiery red hair, a ghostly white face and sparkling jewelled gowns, her spooky presence lives on through her portraits.

Why Hampton Court Palace?

Elizabeth I lived here throughout her life. She was even held prisoner at Hampton Court by her sister Mary I in the 1550s.

✦ **SPOOKY FACT:** In October 1562 Elizabeth lay in a coma with smallpox. Many people thought she would die: only poor Sybil died a grisly death.



JOHN BLANKE

DATE: 1510s

What made them famous?

John was one of Henry VIII's private trumpeters. He played at important royal events like tournaments and royal parades.

Why Hampton Court Palace?

Trumpeters like John announced important people as they arrived at Henry VIII's palaces... his ghost may even welcome you here too!

➔ **SPOOKY FACT:** John was possibly from North or West Africa and remains the only Black Tudor we have an identifiable image of. *If you listen closely, his trumpet blasts can still be heard today.*



MILLICENT AYLESBURY

DATE: 1560s

What made them famous?

Millicent created perfumes, cosmetics and medicines by distilling plants to make sweet waters for the Tudor kings and queens.

Why Hampton Court Palace?

Millicent used plants from Hampton Court's gardens. Distillation was a highly skilled process. Her healing power and skill at brewing potions was vital to the monarch at this magical time of year.

🕒 **SPOOKY FACT:** Tudor women, like Millicent, who made potions from plants, were sometimes called wise women... and sometimes accused of being witches.





CARDINAL WOLSEY


DATE: 1520s

What made them famous?

Cardinal Wolsey was Henry VIII's top advisor. He made all the King's important decisions; he even led the Catholic Church in England!

Why Hampton Court Palace?

Wolsey lived at Hampton Court in the 1520s. The rooms above this exhibition were used by him on important occasions.

 **SPOOKY FACT:** In 1529 Wolsey upset Henry VIII and was sent to be executed. Luckily, Wolsey died before his head was chopped off. Until his last day he blamed his arch-nemesis...Anne Boleyn.



KNIGHT HOSPITALLER


DATE: 1300s

What made them famous?

The Knights Hospitaller were a religious order. They founded a hospital in Jerusalem and cared for pilgrims regardless of faith and fought in the Crusades. Eventually they had hospitals all over Europe – even here in Surrey!

Why Hampton Court Palace?

Hampton Court is built on top of a Knights Hospitaller building, first constructed in 1236. The bell above the astronomical clock in Clock Court may be the oldest part of the palace, and could have hung in the Hospitallers chapel.

 **SPOOKY FACT:** Some say Hampton Court's tolling bell awakens a ghostly Knight who wanders under its spell, confused by how his house has changed.



WILLIAM III


DATE: 1690s

What made them famous?

William III was a short man but a spine-tingling fighter. He became King of England in the 'Glorious Revolution', replacing the deposed Catholic ruler James II, in 1689.

Why Hampton Court Palace?

As King of England, William lived at Hampton Court. This part of the palace and gardens was built for the King and his wife, Mary II.

 **SPOOKY FACT:** In 1702 William's horse Sorrel stumbled on a molehill. The King fell off and died. His Jacobite enemies were delighted... they cheered and celebrated their hero: 'the little gentleman in the black velvet waistcoat' – the mole.





SOPHIA DULEEP SINGH

DATE: 1910s

What made them famous?

Sophia was an Indian Princess, a popular celebrity, and one of the most photographed women of her time. She campaigned fearlessly for women's right to vote and was a militant Suffragette.

Why Hampton Court Palace?

Sophia and hundreds more 'Grace and Favour' residents lived at Hampton Court. *Can you spot some of their doorbells during your visit?*



SPOOKY FACT: Sophia's voice still echoes around her home. Even today, her fight continues and her voice still needs to be heard. *Are you prepared to help her?*



CHARLES I

DATE: 1640s

What made them famous?

Charles I was a King whose country erupted in civil war. He was captured twice and in 1649 was beheaded before thousands of people in London.

Why Hampton Court Palace?

The palace was one of the King's homes and stored hundreds of his favourite paintings – you can still see most of them here today – but in 1647 it became a prison, as Charles was held here by his enemies.



SPOOKY FACT: In 1647 Charles was sent a letter threatening him - it told Charles 'Your Majesty is but a dead dog' – so he fled Hampton Court on a stormy night. Soon after he was recaptured and was sent to be executed.



JAMES I

DATE: 1600s

What made them famous?

Already King of Scotland, James became King of England in 1603. He was terrified of witches and even wrote a whole book about them called Daemonologie in 1597.

Why Hampton Court Palace?

After 1603 James sometimes lived at Hampton Court and his fear of witches followed him. Some of the protective marks carved into the palace walls might date from his reign. Legend says the ghost of the King still roams the corridors scribbling notes on witchcraft and sorcery.



SPOOKY FACT: In 1606 William Shakespeare and his actors performed Macbeth for James I here in the Great Hall – a play that includes three witches!

Charles I



James I



JANE SEYMOUR

DATE: 1530s



What made them famous?

Jane was Henry VIII's third wife, and the only Queen to give the King a living male heir – Prince Edward.

Why Hampton Court Palace?

On 24 October 1537 Jane died at Hampton Court, just days after giving birth to Prince Edward.



SPOOKY FACT: When Jane died, her heart was cut out and buried in Hampton Court's Chapel Royal. The rest of Jane's body was buried in Windsor Castle.

BARBARA VILLIERS

DATE: 1660s

What made them famous?

Barbara Villiers was the beauty icon of her time and a fearsome woman. She was Charles II's mistress and liked getting her own way: one Christmas she stole all the King's presents and had them sent to her instead!

Why Hampton Court Palace?

Barbara's portrait hangs in the Communication Gallery. She chose to be painted like Minerva, the Roman Goddess of wisdom and war. Perhaps she wanted to show she could be just as wise and powerful as a king or queen.



SPOOKY FACT: Go and find Barbara's portrait. On the shield she carries is the snake-covered head of the mythical monster Medusa. *Be careful...it is said all who look on Medusa's face are turned to stone!*



THE KEEPER OF THE KEYS

DATE: 1530s



What made them famous?

Hampton Court is a maze of hundreds of rooms, each unlocked with a different key. Only the Keeper of the Keys knows them all, and he alone decides who may or may not enter!

Why Hampton Court Palace?

The palace has always had a Keeper of the Keys. They know every cobwebbed corner, creaking floorboard and secret passageway... the palace and its visitors cannot hide their secrets from him - *not even you.*



SPOOKY FACT: *Can you hear the jangling of keys? The rattling of the doors?* Some say it is the Keeper's ghostly work. Sometimes he appears in doorways or holds doors shut so none can enter his realm.



SÉANCE

DATE: 1900s

What made them famous?

When a group want to speak with a ghost, they hold a séance. They are led by a medium, who goes into a trance and summons the spirits to answer questions. *Who will answer, and what stories can they tell us?*

Why Hampton Court Palace?

People have been contacting ghosts at Hampton Court for 200 years. The most famous ghosts found here are Henry VIII, some of his wives, and even his children: Mary, Elizabeth and Edward.



SPOOKY FACT: They call this the Haunted Gallery – the most haunted part of the palace – where the ghost of Catherine Howard (Henry's fifth wife) is seen running at night.



GALLERY OF THE DAMNED

DATE: 1600s

What made them famous?

Kings, queens and servants were painted by great artists – even those who suffered grisly and gruesome deaths – like those displayed in the Gallery of the Damned.

Why Hampton Court Palace?

The palace has always displayed a king or queen's art collection – some of the earliest ghost sightings were in our picture galleries.



SPOOKY FACT: Don't forget to creep along our haunted galleries today... *do you dare look at the figures in the eye?*



*Thanks for visiting Halloween
at Hampton Court Palace*



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