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A powerful fortress protecting the Crown Jewels



Historic Royal Palaces is the independent charity that looks after the Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, the Banqueting House, Kensington Palace and Kew Palace.

Each of the five royal palaces in our care has survived for hundreds of years. They have witnessed peace, prosperity and splendid periods of building and expansion, but they also share stories of more turbulent times, of war and domestic strife, politics and revolution.

Tower of London
London, EC3N 4AB

Hampton Court Palace
Surrey, KT8 9AU

Banqueting House
Whitehall, London, SW1A 2ER

Kensington Palace
London, W8 4PX

Kew Palace
Richmond, TW9 3AB

Membership

Join us and explore all our palaces, as many times as you like.

Membership benefits include:

- Unlimited visits to our five palaces*
- Member-only special events
- 10% discount in the palaces' gift shops and catering outlets

Plus much more. For our excellent membership prices and further information call **0844 482 7788**.



* membership includes free entry to Kew Palace, which is situated within Kew Gardens. Entry to Kew Gardens is not included and must be purchased separately.



La Tour de Londres, construite par Guillaume le Conquérant en 1066-1067, est l'une des forteresses les plus célèbres au monde et le monument historique le plus visité de Grande-Bretagne. En dépit de sa sinistre réputation de lieu de torture et de mort, bien d'autres histoires peuvent être racontées à son sujet. Ce symbole tout-puissant et permanent de la conquête normande servit de palais royal, d'armurerie et pendant quelques temps, dans les années 1830, abritait même une ménagerie ! Un étonnant mélange de personnages y eut un rôle à jouer, de l'infâme voleur de bijoux, le Colonel Blood, à la pauvre Lady Jane Grey.



Der Tower von London, der 1066/67 von Wilhelm dem Eroberer gebaut wurde, ist eine der berühmtesten Festungen der Welt und Großbritanniens meistbesuchte historische Stätte. Allgemein bekannt als berüchtigter Ort für Folter, Mord und Hinrichtungen, gibt es aber nicht nur Bluttaten aus der Vergangenheit des Towers zu berichten. Dieses gewaltige und unvergängliche Symbol normannischer Eroberung diente als Königsburg, als Waffenkammer und Zeughaus, und in den 1830ern mehrere Jahre sogar als Menagerie! Viele faszinierende Personen haben hier eine Rolle gespielt, u. a. der arglistige Kronjuwelenräuber Oberst Blood, die tragische Lady Jane Grey.



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La Torre di Londra, fatta costruire da Guglielmo il conquistatore nel 1066-7, è uno dei castelli più famosi al mondo. È l'attrazione turistica più visitata della Gran Bretagna. Sebbene venga identificata soprattutto con intrighi, assassini, esecuzioni e torture, la Torre ha anche conosciuto giorni più lieti! Questo imponente simbolo della conquista normanna è stato residenza reale, armeria di stato e negli anni '30 del XIX secolo ha anche ospitato uno zoo. Vari personaggi straordinari hanno percorso questi luoghi, quali l'inesorabile colonnello Blood, che quasi riuscì a rubare i gioielli della Corona; la povera lady Jane Grey, regina per pochi giorni, decapitata nella Torre a soli 16 anni.



La Torre de Londres, fundada por Guillermo I el Conquistador en 1066-7, es una de las fortalezas más famosas del mundo y el monumento histórico más visitado de Gran Bretaña. A pesar de su macabra reputación como lugar de tortura y muerte, también ha sido testigo de historias de carácter muy diferente. Este edificio, un símbolo poderoso y duradero de la conquista normanda, ha servido de residencia real, arsenal e incluso zoológico en la década de 1830. Un intrigante conjunto de personajes ha desempeñado un papel importante a lo largo de su historia, entre los que figuran el malvado y cruel ladrón de joyas Coronel Blood y la trágica Lady Jane Grey.

Armour © courtesy of the Board of Trustees of the Armouries.



Opening times

Open daily except 24-26 Dec and 1 Jan

1 Mar - 31 Oct

Tue - Sat 9.00 - 17.30

Sun - Mon 10.00 - 17.30
(Last admission: 17.00)

1 Nov - 28 Feb

Tue - Sat 9.00 - 16.30

Sun - Mon 10.00 - 16.30
(Last admission: 16.00)

Allow at least 2-3 hours for your visit.

Admission prices

Enjoy great discounts when booking advance tickets online at www.hrp.org.uk

How to get here

Tower of London, London, EC3N 4AB

Underground: Tower Hill station: Circle and District Lines
Tower Gateway station: dlr
Bank station: Northern, Central, and Waterloo & City Lines
London Bridge: Northern and Jubilee Lines

Train: Fenchurch Street and London Bridge

Bus: 15, 42, 78, 100 and RV1

Riverboat: From Charing Cross, Westminster or Greenwich to Tower Pier

Sightseeing buses: Included in all major tours

History makes you hungry!

The **New Armouries Restaurant** and **Tower Wharf café** provide a wide range of refreshments from morning coffee, salads, sandwiches and hot meals to delicious afternoon teas.

Take some history home with you

There are four exclusive shops at the Tower of London, selling a wide range of books, gifts, souvenirs and postcards. They all have their own themes and products, so do try and visit more than one.

Hear the full story

Discover the Tower with an audioguide and experience five unique and intriguing tours. Choose stories about the Medieval Palace, imprisonment, execution, the dazzling Crown Jewels and find out what it's like to live in the Tower today.

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Crown Jewels

Be dazzled by the 23,578 gems that make up the Crown Jewels, including the glistening Imperial State Crown, which alone has 2,868 diamonds, 273 pearls, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, and 5 rubies.

This astonishing collection of priceless Coronation Regalia has been an unmissable highlight of any visit since the 17th century, with only one attempt to steal them!



New! Henry VIII: Dressed to Kill

Displayed over 3 floors of the historic White Tower this stunning new exhibition celebrates the 500th anniversary of Henry VIII becoming King of England. Some of the world's rarest arms and armour have been selected from the treasures of the Royal Armouries and international collections; these spectacular objects have never been seen together since the reign of his daughter Elizabeth I. Part propaganda, part fashion, the exhibition conveys the power, majesty, wealth and psychology of the man, the icon and the king - who always ensured he was "Dressed to Kill."



Yeoman Warder tours

Join a Yeoman Warder tour (popularly known as 'Beefeaters') and you will be entertained by captivating tales from the Tower; pain and passion, treachery and torture, all delivered with a smile and a swagger!



Off with their head!

Execution inside the Tower, away from the gawping crowds, was a privilege reserved for those of high rank. Visit Tower Green and see the evocative memorial to the people who died here.

The Medieval Palace

Discover what life was like in the surprisingly luxurious Medieval Palace and explore the stories of Henry III, Edward I and their courts at work and play in the very rooms that they used.



The White Tower

Inside its menacing walls you can enjoy the surprising serenity of the Chapel of St John the Evangelist, a unique survival of an 11th century fortress chapel. Measure yourself up against the original armours worn by Henry VIII in the stunning must-see exhibition Henry VIII: Dressed to Kill.



The ravens

Legend has it Charles II believed that if the ravens were ever to leave the Tower, the fortress and the kingdom would fall. So, for many years the ravens have become one of the Tower's most famous sights, and just in case, our Ravenmaster keeps a close eye on our winged characters!



Prisoners of the Tower

The Tower has held many famous prisoners from the highest levels of society, some held in astonishing comfort and others less so... During your visit, don't miss the graffiti left from prisoners 500 years ago. Take a visit to the infamous Bloody Tower where you can help solve the mystery of who murdered the two Little Princes.

...don't delay, discover a little bit of history today!