GROUP VISITS & PRIVATE TOURS 2015

The Official Residences of The Queen
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
CLARENCE HOUSE
THE QUEEN'S GALLERY, LONDON

WINDSOR CASTLE
FROGMORE HOUSE
PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
THE QUEEN'S GALLERY, EDINBURGH
I am delighted to introduce you to Royal Collection Trust’s latest programme of group visits and private tours. Your booking will make an important contribution to the work of The Royal Collection Trust, a registered charity established in 1993 under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.

The income from your ticket and from any purchase you make in our shops supports The Trust’s work in conservation, research, education, publishing and exhibitions, enabling the maximum possible enjoyment of the Royal Collection.

To learn more about the work of Royal Collection Trust, please visit www.royalcollection.org.uk.

Jonathan Marsden
Director of the Royal Collection

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**ROYAL COLLECTION TRUST ONLINE**

You can now plan and book many group visits online at www.royalcollection.org.uk/groups.
You can also find out more about the history of the Royal Collection on our website, which has more than 237,000 objects for you to explore.

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Buckingham Palace serves as both the office and London residence of Her Majesty The Queen. It is one of the few working royal palaces remaining in the world today. During August and September, when the Palace is not being used in its official capacity, visitors can enjoy the nineteen magnificent State Rooms.

The State Rooms lie at the heart of the Palace and provide the setting for ceremonial occasions and official entertaining. They are furnished with many of the greatest treasures from the Royal Collection, including paintings by Rembrandt, Rubens and Canaletto, sculpture by Canova, exquisite examples of Sévres porcelain, and some of the finest English and French furniture in the world.

A Royal Welcome, the special exhibition at the Summer Opening of the Palace in 2015, will provide a unique insight into creating the magic and magnificence of an official visit to Buckingham Palace. From the food prepared in the royal kitchen, to the linens and porcelain chosen, this exhibition will reveal the preparations behind State Visits and official royal occasions.

At the end of a visit to the State Rooms, Buckingham Palace’s popular Garden Café is the perfect place for groups to gather and enjoy views across the famous lawn.

Opening times
1–31 August
Open daily 09:30–19:30
(last admission 17:15)
1–27 September
Open daily 09:30–18:30
(last admission 16:15)
Timed admission. Please book early to secure your preferred date and time.

Price
Individual Group
Adult £20.50 £18.50
Over 60/Student £18.80 £16.90
Under 17/Disabled £11.80 £10.60
Price includes an audio tour in nine languages.

Group size
Minimum 15
Duration
2 hours 30 minutes

Enjoy a leisurely day out at Buckingham Palace and combine a visit to the State Rooms with a guided tour of the most remarkable features of the famous garden.

The Garden Highlights Tour includes the beautiful Herbaceous Border; the wisteria-clad summer house and Rose Garden, the enormous Waterloo Vase and the Palace tennis court, where King George VI and Fred Perry played in the 1930s.

Between the audio tour of the State Rooms and the guided tour of the garden, the itinerary allows time for your group to take in the panoramic view of the lawn from the Garden Café and to visit the Garden Shop.

Availability
3 August – 27 September
Open daily 09:30
(last admission 12:30)

Price
Individual Group
Adult £29.50 £26.60
Over 60/Student £26.70 £24.00
Under 17/Disabled £17.70 £15.90
Price includes an audio tour of the State Rooms in nine languages and a guided tour of the garden in English.

Group size
Minimum 15 / maximum 26
Duration
Minimum 3 hours 15 minutes
(2 hours 30 minutes for the State Rooms, 45 minutes for the Garden Highlights Tour)
GROUP VISIT

THE ROYAL MEWS, BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Royal Mews, one of the finest working stables in existence, is responsible for all road travel arrangements for The Queen and members of the Royal Family.

Openings times
2 February – 29 March and 1–30 November
Open Monday to Saturday 10:00–16:00 (last admission 15:15)
30 March – 31 October
Open daily 10:00–17:00 (last admission 16:15)

Price

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Price includes a new multimedia guide in nine languages or a family multimedia guide in English.

Group size
Minimum 15 / maximum 18

Duration
1 hour

A combined ticket to The Queen’s Gallery and the Royal Mews is available for groups. Please enquire when making your booking.


PRIVATE VISIT

PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR CLARENCE HOUSE

For a very special visit to Clarence House, your group can book a private late-afternoon tour of this beautiful residence.

The tour begins in the garden, where visitors can see the formal planting added in 2004-5 by The Prince of Wales in memory of his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

This exclusive guided tour includes the Cornwall Room, not seen on the Group Visit. The room is hung with 22 of The Prince of Wales’s watercolours painted between 1998 and 2006.

The tour concludes with a glass of champagne and a view of the garden.

Availability
1–30 August
Monday to Wednesday, 16:30–17:45

Price
£35 per person / minimum booking value £525
Price includes a guided tour in English, a guidebook and a glass of champagne.

Group size
Minimum 15 / maximum 40
(owing to space limitations, parties of over 20 people will be split into two groups on arrival, with entry 15 minutes apart)

Duration
1 hour 30 minutes
EXHIBITIONS

PAINTING PARADISE
THE ART OF THE GARDEN

20 March – 11 October 2015

Whether a sacred sanctuary, a place for scientific study, or a space for pure enjoyment and delight, gardens are where man and nature meet. Painting Paradise: The Art of the Garden reveals the way in which gardens have been celebrated in art across four centuries. Bringing together paintings, botanical studies, drawings, books, manuscripts and decorative arts, the exhibition explores the changing character of the garden from the 16th to the early 20th century. It includes works by Leonardo da Vinci, Maria Sibylla Merian and Carl Fabergé, and some of the earliest and rarest surviving depictions of gardens and plants.

MASTERS OF THE EVERYDAY

20 March – 11 October 2015

To appreciate an exhibition in more depth, book an exclusive introductory talk by a Royal Collection Trust expert or curator in the Gallery’s Redgrave Room. Following the talk, your group is free to enjoy the exhibition at leisure using a complimentary audio tour.

Availability
Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 during exhibitions

Price
Adult £18.80
Over 60/Student £16.90
Under 17/Disabled £9.30

Price includes an audio tour in English and information sheets in eight other languages.

Group size
Minimum 25 / maximum 80

Duration
1 hour 15 minutes

DUTCH ARTISTS IN THE AGE OF VERMEER
13 November 2015 – 14 February 2016

The Dutch artists of the 17th century painted ordinary people doing everyday things. They offer us a glimpse into the rumbustious life of village taverns and peasant cottages, and the quiet domesticity of courtyards and parlours. While the subject matter may be ordinary – the preparation of food, eating and drinking, the enjoyment of music or a family game – the painting is rich and jewel-like, with equal attention paid to a discarded clay pipe as to a fine silk drape. The meticulously documented details often allude to a work’s deeper meaning or to moral messages that would have been familiar to the contemporary viewer. Presenting 21 masterpieces from the Royal Collection, the exhibition includes works by Gerrit Dou, Gabriel Metsu, Jan Steen and Pieter de Hooch, and Johannes Vermeer’s ‘A Lady at the Virginal with a Gentleman, The Music Lesson’.

Private Evening View
18:30–20:00
£35 per person
Minimum number 50 / booking value £1,750, maximum number 150

Groups may bring their own guide and enjoy a glass of wine in the Gallery shop at the end of the visit.

Private Evening Talk and View
18:30–20:30
£40 per person
Minimum number 40 / booking value £1,600, maximum number 80

Price includes a 30-minute talk in English by an expert guide, a private view of the exhibition and a glass of wine in the Gallery shop at the end of the visit.

Special Visits

EXHIBITION TALK

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Availability
Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 during exhibitions

Price
Adult £18.80
Over 60/Student £16.90
Under 17/Disabled £9.30

Price includes a group visit, a talk in English, and tea and coffee.

Group size
Minimum 15

Duration
1 hour 15 minutes

Private Visits

PRIVATE TALKS AND VIEWS

Enjoy an exhibition without the crowds with one of our experts or your own guide.

Availability
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during exhibitions (except during the Summer Opening of Buckingham Palace)

Private Evening View
18:30–20:00
£35 per person
Minimum number 50 / booking value £1,750, maximum number 150

Groups may bring their own guide and enjoy a glass of wine in the Gallery shop at the end of the visit.

Private Evening Talk and View
18:30–20:30
£40 per person
Minimum number 40 / booking value £1,600, maximum number 80

Price includes a 30-minute talk in English by an expert guide, a private view of the exhibition and a glass of wine in the Gallery shop at the end of the visit.
Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. Established in the 11th century by William the Conqueror, it has been remodelled by successive kings and queens, including Henry II, Charles II and George IV. Today The Queen spends most of her private weekends at the Castle, which is also used regularly for ceremonial and State occasions.

Windsor Castle offers an extraordinarily rich and varied day out, all on one site. A visit to the Castle includes the magnificent State Apartments, which are furnished with some of the finest treasures from the Royal Collection. Among the masterpieces are paintings by Holbein, Rubens and Van Dyck, fine English and French furniture, and the tiny treasures of Queen Mary’s Dolls’ House. During the winter months, the sumptuous private apartments created by George IV – the Semi-State Rooms – are added to the visitor route.

Your admission also includes St George’s Chapel. Set within the Castle Precincts, this is one of the most beautiful ecclesiastical buildings in England. Ten monarchs are buried here, including Henry VIII and Charles I.

Watch the Windsor Castle video in the What to see and do section at www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/windsorcastle.

### Opening times
November to February
Open daily 09:45–16:15 (last admission 15:00)
March and September to October
Open daily 09:45–17:15 (last admission 16:00)
April to August
Open daily 09:30–17:15 (last admission 16:00)
The Semi-State Rooms are open from September to March.

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Price includes admission to the Castle and the special exhibition, an audio tour in nine languages and a Precincts tour in English.

### Group size
Minimum 15

### Duration
2–3 hours
New and for 2015 only, we are offering a special group visit as part of the programme of events marking the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

The Battle of Waterloo heralded the defeat of Napoleon and peace in Europe. In celebration, George IV created the Waterloo Chamber at Windsor Castle. Throughout 2015, this magnificent room will be at the centre of a special themed visit A Prince, A Duke and An Emperor, combining a trail through the State Apartments with a display of prints, drawings and archival material entitled AND AN EMPEROR. The trail includes objects from the battlefield, including silver, furniture, weapons and the beautiful red cloak that belonged to Napoleon.

The special visit begins in the Castle’s Winchester Tower with refreshments and a talk by a member of Royal Collection Trust staff.

Availability
10 February – 24 December
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30

Price
Adult £23.50
Over 60/Student £21.20
Under 17/Disabled £14.10

Price includes a group visit, a talk in English, and tea and coffee.

Group size
Minimum 15 / maximum 54

Duration
2 hours 30 minutes – 3 hours 30 minutes
(1 hour 30 minutes for the talk and refreshments, 1-2 hours for the remainder of your visit)

SPECIAL VISIT
THE MILITARY KNIGHTS’ TALE

This group tour offers a personal insight into the ancient and noble institution of the Military Knights of Windsor by a serving Military Knight.

First established in 1348 as part of Edward III’s great chivalric legacy, the Order of the Garter, the Military Knights of Windsor have a colourful history and a modern ceremonial role. Military Knights are not the knights of the realm we know today. Their title was originally earned in medieval battle. They were brave warriors with no home, who were chosen to represent the Garter Knights in St George’s Chapel. Here they prayed for the Sovereign, the Garter Knights and for the souls of the departed.

The Military Knights’ Tale describes how Knights are appointed, where they live in the Castle and what duties they are required to perform. The Knights process in ‘full dress’ uniform as part of the annual Garter Day Ceremony. Your guide explains the difference between this uniform, and ‘undress’ uniform, and when each should be worn.

Following the talk, the Military Knight will escort your group to St George’s Chapel, at which point your group is free to explore the Castle at leisure.

Availability
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (except January, July and August), 11:30

Price
£30 per person / minimum booking value £450
Price includes a group visit, a talk and refreshments and an introduction to the history of the Dolls’ House and its delightfully detailed contents. Your special visit continues with a private view of the Dolls’ House after your tour.

Group size
Minimum 15 / maximum 30

Duration
2 hours 15 minutes – 3 hours 15 minutes
(1-2 hours for your visit to the State Apartments, 1 hour 15 minutes for the talk and tour of the Dolls’ House)

SPECIAL VISIT
QUEEN MARY’S DOLLS’ HOUSE AND THE STATE APARTMENTS

Queen Mary’s Dolls’ House, the most famous dolls’ house in the world, is an extraordinary masterpiece in miniature. This special talk and tour gives your group exclusive access to this fascinating treasure.

The Dolls’ House took three years to complete and involved 1,500 craftsmen, artists and authors. It boasts electric lighting, hot and cold running water, working lifts, flushing lavatories and a library bursting with original works by the top literary names of the day. A showcase for British craftsmanship, the house is a perfect time capsule of a grand family’s lifestyle in the 1920s.

Your visit begins by exploring the State Apartments at leisure with an audio tour. Your guided tour then starts in the Castle’s Winchester Tower at 15:00 with refreshments and an introduction to the history of the Dolls’ House and its delightfully detailed contents. Your special visit continues with a private view of the Dolls’ House after visitors have left for the day.

Availability
February, November and December 2015
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 15:00
(Your group must arrive by 13:00 in order to see the State Apartments before the talk. Your visit concludes at 16:15)

Price
£30 per person / minimum booking value £450
Price includes a group visit, a talk and tour of the Dolls’ House in English, and tea and coffee.

Group size
Minimum 15 / maximum 30

Duration
2 hours 15 minutes – 3 hours 15 minutes
(1 hour for the talk, refreshments and an introduction to the Dolls’ House before the tour, 1-2 hours for the remainder of your visit)

Price includes a group visit, a talk and refreshments and an introduction to the history of the Dolls’ House and its delightfully detailed contents. Your special visit continues with a private view of the Dolls’ House after visitors have left for the day.
Visitors wishing to explore the Castle’s culinary history will love this behind-the-scenes tour:

The Great Kitchen is the oldest, substantially unchanged and still working kitchen in the country and has remained in constant use for nearly 750 years.

Your special guided tour begins in the Castle’s Winchester Tower with refreshments and an introduction to royal dining. You hear about the elaborate dinners prepared for Elizabeth I, George IV and Queen Victoria and about the preparations for State occasions today. The visit then continues with a tour of the Great Kitchen itself. It concludes in the magnificent State Apartments, which your group may explore at leisure with an audio tour.

### Special Visit

**Great Kitchen to State Apartments**

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**Windsor Castle and The Savill Garden**

The splendour and history of Windsor Castle is perfectly matched by the beauty and serenity of The Savill Garden, just four miles away.

In 1932 Queen Mary gave Sir Eric Savill permission to develop a 35-acre garden in Windsor Great Park. Its creation was later followed with great interest by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, and the Temperate House is dedicated to her. Visitors can delight in the vibrant colour of The Savill Garden’s beautiful herbaceous borders and the eyecatching Savill Building.

Visitors can journey through 35 acres of interconnecting gardens and exotic woodland. Every garden has its own distinctive group of plants that introduce a fresh burst of vibrant colour throughout the seasons. Excellent visitor facilities include a gift shop, plant shop and restaurant.

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**Private Visit**

**Private Guided Tour Windsor Castle**

For an experience you won’t forget, take a private tour of the State Apartments at Windsor Castle with an expert guide.

Your group’s behind-the-ropes tour takes place when the building is closed to the public. You discover how Charles II set out to rival the Versailles of his cousin Louis XIV, while George IV filled the rooms with outstanding works of art and gave the Castle its famous skyline.

The tour ends with a glass of champagne.

Please note that Queen Mary’s Dolls’ House, the special exhibition in the Drawings Gallery and St George’s Chapel are not included in this tour.

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Tranquil Frogmore House has been a favourite royal retreat for more than 300 years. Your guided tour will take you through this delightful house, telling the story of past residents.

Frogmore House was originally bought for Queen Charlotte by her husband, George III. Queen Charlotte and her daughters’ passion for art and botany is reflected throughout the interiors, particularly in the beautiful Mary Moser Room, decorated to resemble an arbour open to the skies.

The Duchess of Kent lived at Frogmore for almost 20 years, and her daughter, Queen Victoria, visited the house regularly during her long widowhood. The tour ends in the Britannia Room, where, following the decommissioning of the Royal Yacht in 1997, The Duke of Edinburgh arranged a selection of items to reflect the interior of the much-loved vessel.

Combine your visit to Frogmore House with The Savill Garden for a summer’s day out. The delightful garden is one of the enduring attractions of Frogmore. Queen Charlotte had a great interest in botany and laid out the garden with rare and unusual plants. She formed an extensive botanical library, and flowers became a major theme in the decoration of the house.

The Savill Garden is one of the finest royal gardens within Windsor Great Park, created in the late 1930s and designed for year-round interest and colour.

**Special Visit**

**Frogmore House and The Savill Garden**

**Opening times**
28 July – 24 September
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday
10:00 – 17:00
(last admission 15:00)

**Price**
Pre-booked coach groups only
£17 per person
Price includes admission to Frogmore House and The Savill Garden. A guided tour in English is included at Frogmore House only.

**Group size**
Minimum 15 / maximum 54

**Duration**
1 hour 30 minutes for each location

To book your visit to Frogmore House and The Savill Garden, please visit www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/frogmorehouse/the-house.
Visitors can explore the State Apartments, which are renowned for their unrivalled collection of magnificent tapestries. Today they are used by The Queen for official ceremonies and entertaining.

Your group can also soak up the atmosphere in Mary, Queen of Scots’ historic chambers, the setting for many dramatic events in her short reign. It was here that Mary witnessed the brutal murder of her secretary, Rizzio, by her jealous husband, Lord Darnley.

The Café at the Palace offers your group the chance to enjoy light refreshments or lunch on their visit. Please ask for further details when making your booking.

Watch the Holyrood Abbey video in the Palace What to see and do section at www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/palaceofholyroodhouse/about.

GROUP VISIT

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

Opening times
April to October
Open daily 09:30–18:00
(last admission 16:30)
November to March
Open daily 09:30–16:30
(last admission 15:15)

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Price includes an audio tour in nine languages.

Group size
Minimum 15

Duration
1 hour – 1 hour 30 minutes

A special combined visit to the Palace of Holyroodhouse and The Queen’s Gallery is also available. See page 23 for details.
This exclusive tour is available both in the morning and evening, allowing visitors to experience the charm of the Palace of Holyroodhouse when it is closed to the public.

The tour takes visitors behind the ropes in several rooms, where an expert guide introduces Holyrood’s important role today as Her Majesty The Queen’s official residence in Scotland.

Your guide reveals the Palace’s rich history, while explaining the fascinating behind-the-scenes work of the Royal Household that ensures the smooth running of Garden Parties, Investitures, Audiences and receptions.

The West Drawing Room, used by members of the Royal Family as a private sitting room during Royal Week and not normally open to the public, is included in the tour. It is among the most beautiful rooms in the Palace and boasts one of the finest 17th-century plasterwork ceilings.

Your tour continues through the State and Historic Apartments.

Private Morning Tour
Availability
Throughout the year
08:30–10:30
Price
£25 per person / minimum booking value £625
Price includes a guided tour in English, a guidebook, and tea, coffee and pastries.

Private Evening Tour
Availability
April to October
18:30–20:30
November to March
18:00–20:00
Price
£30 per person / minimum booking value £750
Price includes a guided tour in English, a guidebook and a glass of champagne.
Hospitality options available. Please telephone for further details.
+44 (0)20 7766 7322

Group size
Minimum 25 / maximum 60
Duration
2 hours

Your group can enjoy a guided tour of the gardens at the Palace of Holyroodhouse with a visit to the Historic and State Apartments.

Your tour explores the fascinating history of the Palace grounds from the 14th century to the present day with an expert guide.

It takes you to the site of the ancient menagerie, the 17th-century sundial and the Jubilee Border.

You also hear how the grounds are used today for The Queen’s annual Garden Party.

The tour of the Palace gardens is followed by refreshments in the Café at the Palace. From this point onwards, your group is free to collect their audio tours and explore the Palace and its rich history at their leisure.

Availability
1 May – 30 September
Price
£18 per person / minimum booking value £270
Price includes a Garden History Tour in English, tea, coffee and pastries, and an audio tour of the Palace in nine languages.

Group size
Minimum 15 / maximum 54
Larger coach parties can be split into two groups
Duration
3 hours 30 minutes
(30 minutes for the Garden History Tour, 2 hours for the Palace tour and refreshments)

SPECIAL VISIT

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE AND GARDEN HISTORY TOUR

Above: Palace of Holyroodhouse from the gardens
Left: Refreshments in the Café at the Palace

Below: The Darnley Jewel
Left: The Morning Drawing Room

Watch a video about Royal Week at the Palace at www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit/palaceofholyroodhouse/about.

PRIVATE VISIT

PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR
PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

Morning tours finish with refreshments in the Café at the Palace, and evening tours end with a glass of champagne.

SPECIAL VISIT

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE AND GARDEN HISTORY TOUR

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EXHIBITIONS

GOLD

27 March – 26 July 2015

The beauty and symbolism of gold, from the Early Bronze Age to the 20th century, is celebrated in this exhibition. Through 50 items drawn from across the entire breadth of the Royal Collection, Gold explores the distinctive qualities that make this rare and precious metal an enduring expression of the highest status, both earthly and divine. Among the most striking examples in the exhibition are the Rillaton gold cup, from a Bronze Age burial around 1700–1500 BC, a gold crown from Ecuador that pre-dates the Inca invasion, and a tiger’s head in gold and rock crystal from the throne of Tipu Sultan, ruler of Mysore in India.

FROM CALEDONIA TO THE CONTINENT

6 August 2015 – 7 February 2016

This is the first ever exhibition devoted to Scottish art in the Royal Collection and brings together paintings, drawings and miniatures collected by monarchs from George III to Queen Victoria. It includes the work of painters who were born in Scotland and traveled abroad, such as Allan Ramsay and Sir David Wilkie, and of those whose inspiration remained firmly rooted in their native land, such as Alexander Nasmyth and James Giles. In particular, the exhibition highlights the importance and influence of artists whose work was shaped by the ideas of the Scottish Enlightenment.

SCOTTISH ARTISTS 1750–1900

GROUP VISIT

THE QUEEN’S GALLERY AND THE PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

For a rewarding group day out, combine your visit to The Queen’s Gallery with the Palace of Holyroodhouse at a discounted price.

Enjoy an exhibition at the Gallery before exploring the Historic and State Apartments and the ruins of Holyrood Abbey with a complimentary audio tour. Your group may wish to stop for refreshments in the Café at the Palace.

Availability
Throughout the year

Price
Individual Group
Adult £6.60 £6.00
Over 60/Student £6.00 £5.40
Under 17/Disabled £3.30 £3.00
Price includes an audio tour in English.

Group size
Minimum 15

Duration
1 hour

PRIVATE VISITS

PRIVATE TALKS AND VIEWS

Enjoy an exhibition without the crowds with one of our experts or your own guide.

Private Evening View
November to March 18:00–20:00
April to October 18:30–20:30
£12 per person
Minimum number 50 / booking value £600, maximum number 80
Groups may bring their own guide and enjoy a glass of wine in the Gallery shop.

Private Evening Talk and View
November to March 18:00–20:00
April to October 18:30–20:30
£15 per person
Minimum number 50 / booking value £750, maximum number 80
Price includes a talk in English by an expert guide, a private view of the exhibition and a glass of wine in the Gallery shop at the end of the visit.
QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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All prices are correct at the time of going to press.

TICKET SALES AND INFORMATION OFFICE

How to book

**Type of visit**
- Individual visits (up to 14 people)
- Group visits (15 people or more)
- Special and Private Visits
- Visitors with disabilities

**Telephone**
- Direct booking line +44 (0)20 7766 7321
- www.royalcollection.org.uk/tickets
- +44 (0)20 7766 7300
- www.royalcollection.org.uk/tickets
- +44 (0)20 7766 7322
- specialistsales@royalcollection.org.uk
- +44 (0)20 7766 7324
- specialistsales@royalcollection.org.uk

**Online / E-mail**
- www.royalcollection.org.uk/tickets
- bookinginfo@royalcollection.org.uk

For individual tickets, you can book directly online or by telephone. Advance booking is essential for all sites and times. Over 60s/Students/Disabled and under 17s can book directly online or by telephone.

For group tickets, you can book directly online or by telephone. Advance booking is essential for all sites and times. Groups can book a minimum of 14 days in advance.

For special and private visits, you can book directly online or by telephone. Advance booking is essential for all sites and times.

For visitors with disabilities, you can book directly online or by telephone. Advance booking is essential for all sites and times.

**Facilities**
- Audio tours
- Wheelchair access
- Toilets at the end of the visit
- Toilets at the beginning of the visit
- Toilets available in the shop
- Wheelchair access, except Mary, Queen of Scots Apartments
- Wheelchair access, except the Colonnade and Cross Gallery
- Wheelchair access, except Eton Riverside and Windsor Central Road
- Wheelchair access, except St James’s Park

**How to book**

Individual tickets must be paid for at the time of booking. No commission is available.

Group visit prices apply to groups of 15 people or more. Groups can reserve and book selected tickets on the Royal Collection Trust website or by telephone. Pre-booked group tickets must be paid for 28 days prior to the day of the visit. Please note that a transaction fee of £2.00 is payable on all telephone bookings.

Special and Private Visit tickets must be paid for 56 days prior to the day of the visit or when booking. The minimum group size varies, different payment terms apply, and no commission is available.

All pre-booked group visits can be paid for by credit card or company cheque with two signatures. On-the-day group visits must be paid for by cash or credit card.

The following credit and debit cards are accepted: Visa, Mastercard, American Express, JCB and Switch / Maestro.

Company cheques should be made payable to ‘Royal Collection Enterprises Limited’. For a copy of our terms and conditions, please visit Quick links at www.royalcollection.org.uk.
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All Special and Private Visits must be pre-booked. Different payment terms apply, and no commission is available. Please contact the Ticket Sales and Information Office for further details.

### Planning a Visit

**Coach parking**

- **London** – There is no coach parking near Buckingham Palace. The Queen’s Gallery, the Royal Mews or Clarence House. Once your booking is confirmed, we will advise you of the nearest set-down and pick-up points.
- **Windsor** – Coach parking is available on Alma Road in the town centre and is clearly signed from all approach routes. A lift takes visitors from the Coach Park to Windsor Royal Station, approximately a 10-minute walk to the Castle entrance. Coaches cannot set down or pick up passengers at the entrance to Windsor Castle. Free coach parking for Frogmore House is accessible via Shaw Farm Gate. Edinburgh – Free coach parking is available adjacent to the Palace, accessible via Abbeyhill. Coach drivers must remain with the vehicle for the duration of the visit.

**Timing and security**

Sites tend to be busiest immediately after opening and after Changing the Guard. Afternoons are generally quieter.

Prior to entry, visitors and their belongings are subject to airport-style security checks.

**Refreshments**

- Buckingham Palace – During the Summer Opening, the Garden Café offers a selection of hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, salads and cakes. Available to State Rooms ticket-holders only.
- Windsor Castle – No formal refreshment facilities are available. If visitors would like to leave the Castle for refreshments during a visit, a free re-entry band can be obtained from any of the Castle shops and, during busy periods, at the Audio Returns Point. Bottled water is also available at two of the Castle shops.
- Palace of Holyroodhouse and The Queen’s Gallery, Edinburgh – The Café at the Palace offers a range of hot and cold refreshments and lunch. Groups can reserve a seating area or pre-order take-away food.

**Shopping**

A wide range of exclusive merchandise, exhibition catalogues and books about the royal residences and art collection is available from Royal Collection Trust shops at each site.

**Changing the Guard**

- **Buckingham Palace** – 11:30, daily from May until the end of July and on alternate days for the rest of the year, weather permitting. The ceremony lasts 40 minutes and takes place on the Palace forecourt. No booking is necessary as this event is free to view.
- **Windsor Castle** – 11:00, daily from April until the end of July and on alternate days for the rest of the year, weather permitting. The ceremony lasting 30 minutes and takes place on the parade ground in the Lower Ward. Admission to Windsor Castle is required in order to view the ceremony in full. There is no admission to Changing the Guard on Sunday.

Please telephone +44 (0)20 7766 7321 or visit www.royalcollection.org.uk for details.

**Group leaders and guides**

- At the Palace of Holyroodhouse and The Queen’s Gallery, Edinburgh, one group leader will receive free admission when accompanying a group of 15 people or more.
- At all sites, only Royal Collection Trust authorised Blue Badge Guides are permitted to guide in designated areas. No guiding is permitted inside the buildings.

**Filming and photography**

Photography and filming (for private use only) and the use of mobile phones are permitted in outdoor areas but not inside the buildings, except at the Royal Mews and The Queen’s Galleries. Wedding photography is not permitted at any of the sites.

**Closures**

As the official residences of The Queen and The Prince of Wales are working royal palaces, opening arrangements may change at short notice. Before visiting, please check www.royalcollection.org.uk or telephone +44 (020) 7766 7321.

**Register for updates**

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**Maps**

Concessionary rates are available for visitors with disabilities, and an accompanying companion is admitted free of charge.

Access resources include large-print texts, induction loops and mobility aids.

If a member of your party has access requirements, please contact the Specialist Sales team to discuss your visit. Please note that for the State Rooms, Buckingham Palace, wheelchair access and step-free access are available via a separate entrance at the front of the Palace. Both must be pre-booked in advance. Wheelchair access is subject to availability.