

TOWER OF LONDON, RELAXED EVENTS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND LOCATIONS

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TOWER OF LONDON - HAMPTON COURT PALACE - BANQUETING HOUSE KENSINGTON PALACE - KEW PALACE - HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE AND GARDENS



STARTING INFORMATION



This visual story will show you what you can expect when you visit the Tower of London.

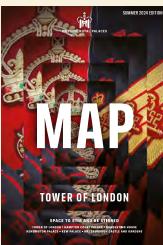
The Tower is very old and some areas are inaccessible for wheelchairs.

Our website has more information for wheelchair users.

It can be very cold outside at the Tower so please wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes.

TOWER MAP





You will be able to pick up a paper map when you visit the Tower.

The Chapel Royal will not be open during your visit.

WHAT YOU WILL SEE AT THE TOWER

FORTRESS

Battlements

Crown Jewels

Moat

The Tower's Mint

Traitor's Gate

White Tower

The Fusilier Museum

Meet the Yeoman Warders



















Medieval Palace

Ravens

Royal Beasts

Yeoman Warder exhibition



PRISON

Bloody Tower

Imprisonment at the Tower

Torture at the Tower







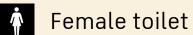
There are some areas at the Tower with information that might be upsetting for some visitors. We can provide more information and advice if you are worried.

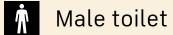
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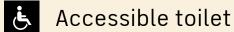


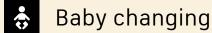
All of our facilities will be on the paper Tower map that you will pick up when you visit.

You can ask any of our staff for directions and they will help you.

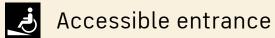
















STAFF



Our staff will be there to help you when you visit the Tower.

Our staff will be wearing uniforms and lanyards.

ARRIVAL





You will use this entrance, called the Middle Drawbridge, when entering the Tower due to building work on our main entrance. This entrance faces the river.

- Please arrive for your time slot, this will help keep queuing to a minimum
- Please have your tickets ready for our team to scan

Our staff will look inside your bag before you enter the Tower. This is important for security. Our staff will check your bag as quickly and carefully as they can.

HISTORY RIOT



You can meet historic characters who are looking forward to chatting with you.

There will not be any scary/graphic topic matter covered. Our historic interpreters are SEN experienced.

THE TOWER REMEMBERS



You will see lots of poppies around the site in a display called The Tower Remembers. This display is to honour those who fought in service.

"By seeing the poppies, this will help all our visitors remember those who fought and died for us in times of war." Anna Kimber, Deputy Governor

"All Yeoman Warders have had long careers in the Armed Forces first and the poppies are very important to us all as a symbol of Remembrance. Remembrance is not just about looking back though and feeling sad about things that happened, its also about looking forward in the direction of hope and strength."

Yeoman Warders

YEOMAN WARDERS



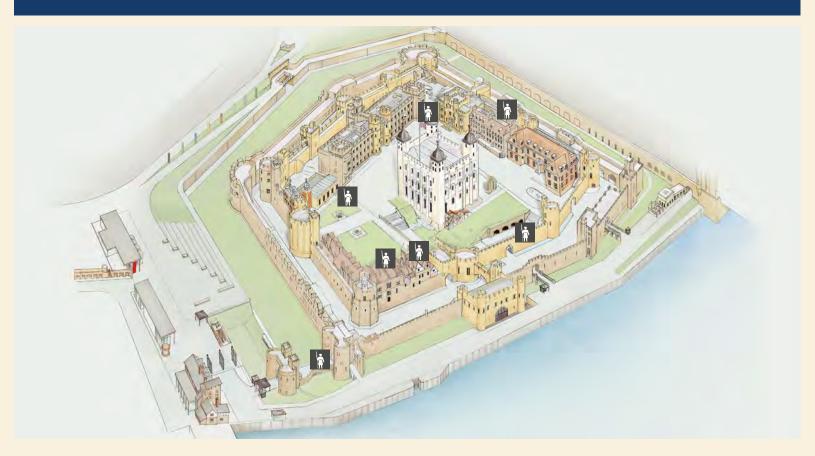
You will see the Yeoman Warders when you visit the Tower.

They live and work at the Tower.

They are very friendly and know lots of interesting stories about the Tower.

You can say hello, ask them questions and take photos with them.

FIND OUR YEOMEN WARDERS



You can find our Yeoman Warders at different places around the Tower. This map shows you where you can find a Yeoman Warder (please note: their positions may vary within their designated areas). They will be able to tell you the history of that part of the Tower.

RAVENS





We have 8 Ravens on site.

These clever birds call the Tower of London home!

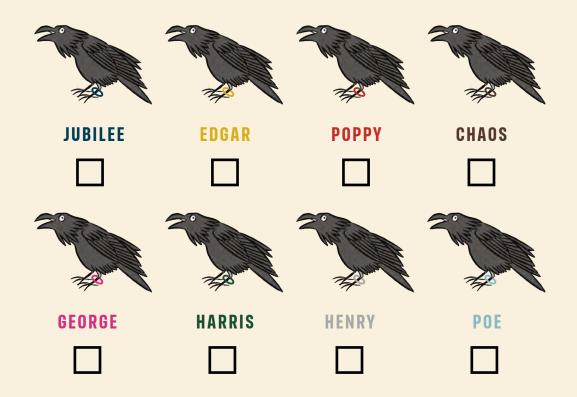
Please feel free to say hello from a distance, they love to pose for photographs but they do not like being touched or fed.

The Ravens names are Jubilee, Edgar, Poppy, Chaos, George, Harris, Henry and Poe.

Sometimes the ravens make loud and expected noises. Do not touch or feed them.

FIND OUR RAVENS

Can you spot the Ravens? Tick off each Raven you've said hello to. You can identify them by the colour they're wearing around their leg. Remember not to touch them even if they come close to you.



THE TOWER AS A ZOO



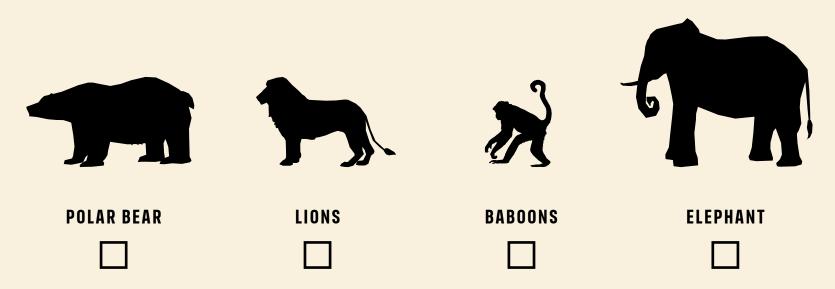
Did you know the Tower of London was a zoo a very long time ago?

How many exotic animals can you spot? We have a family of lions, a polar bear, an elephant and a troupe of baboons!

FIND THE ANIMALS

Can you spot all the animals that used to live here? Tick them off as you spot them!

Some are hiding up high on top of walls!



THE CROWN JEWELS



The Crown Jewels are inside the Waterloo Block.

During our Relaxed Hour the lights will be brighter and the moving travelator will be switched off.

THE CROWN JEWELS



There are guards at the Waterloo Block.

It is their job to protect the Crown Jewels.

This is a very important job. They cannot talk to you or take pictures with you. You can take pictures of them.

It is important that you stay behind the barriers at all times and listen to any instructions from our staff.

THE CROWN JEWELS



The Crown Jewels are kept safe inside the Waterloo Block today, but have been housed at The Tower of London for centuries.

THE WHITE TOWER



The White Tower is the oldest part of the Tower of London and where the site gets its name. Today it is full of armour.



You might see armour that looks like this.



Due to the age of the White Tower it is only accessible by steep steps. Inside there are some tight spaces.

CAFÉ AND SHOP



The Raven's giftshop will be open during your visit.



A Café will also be open to get hot/cold drinks and snacks.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE TOWER OF LONDON



The Tower used to a prison and some of the areas and stories can be upsetting and scary for visitors.

There will be staff in these areas to warn you and signs with more information.

You do not have to go into these spaces if you do not want to.

Our staff are there to help you when you visit the Tower.







ACCESSIBILITY





Some areas of the Tower are very tight with close walls and low ceilings.



The battlements and some of the towers have tight and steep spiral staircases.

For more information on accessibility please see our web page here.

SAYING GOODBYE



At 10.50 we will remind you the event is coming to a close.

If you would like to stay onsite you are welcome to. The Tower will become much busier and louder after 11am.

Thank you for visiting us. We look forward to seeing you again soon!