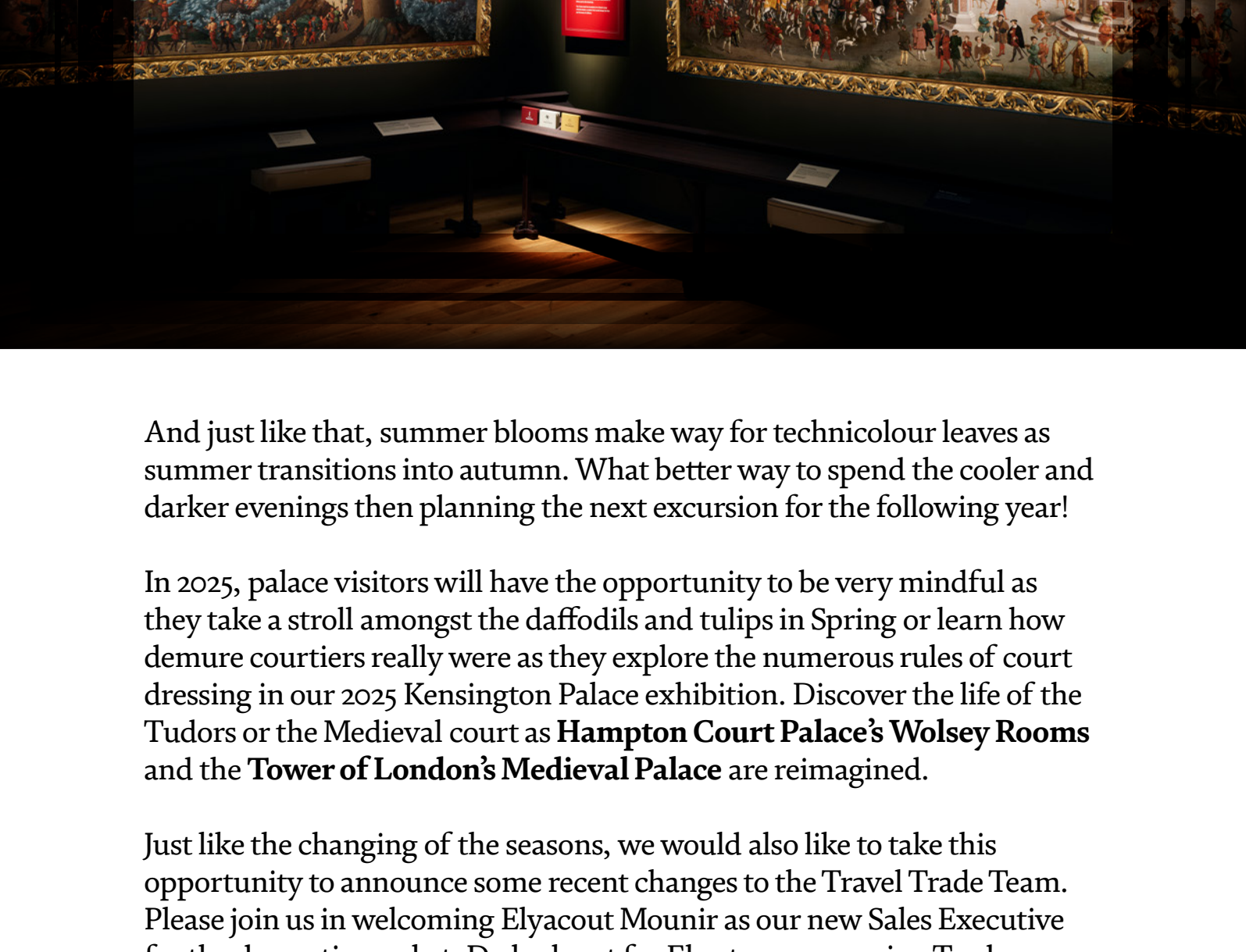


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And just like that, summer blooms make way for technicolour leaves as summer transitions into autumn. What better way to spend the cooler and darker evenings than planning the next excursion for the following year!

In 2025, palace visitors will have the opportunity to be very mindful as they take a stroll amongst the daffodils and tulips in Spring or learn how demure courtiers really were as they explore the numerous rules of court dressing in our 2025 Kensington Palace exhibition. Discover the life of the Tudors or the Medieval court as **Hampton Court Palace's Wolsey Rooms** and the **Tower of London's Medieval Palace** are reimaged.

Just like the changing of the seasons, we would also like to take this opportunity to announce some recent changes to the Travel Trade Team. Please join us in welcoming Elyacout Mounir as our new Sales Executive for the domestic market. Do look out for Ely at our upcoming Trade shows!

Kind regards  
The Travel Trade Team

## 2025 EXHIBITIONS AND BEYOND

Visitors to **Hampton Court Palace** can now delve into the **Tudor World** in our permanent exhibition. Set within the oldest palace rooms, the remarkable story of an ambitious royal dynasty is told through rare and significant 16th-century artwork and historic objects, as well as interactive displays. Find out about the achievements of the Tudors, and the impact of their rule in an age of great change.

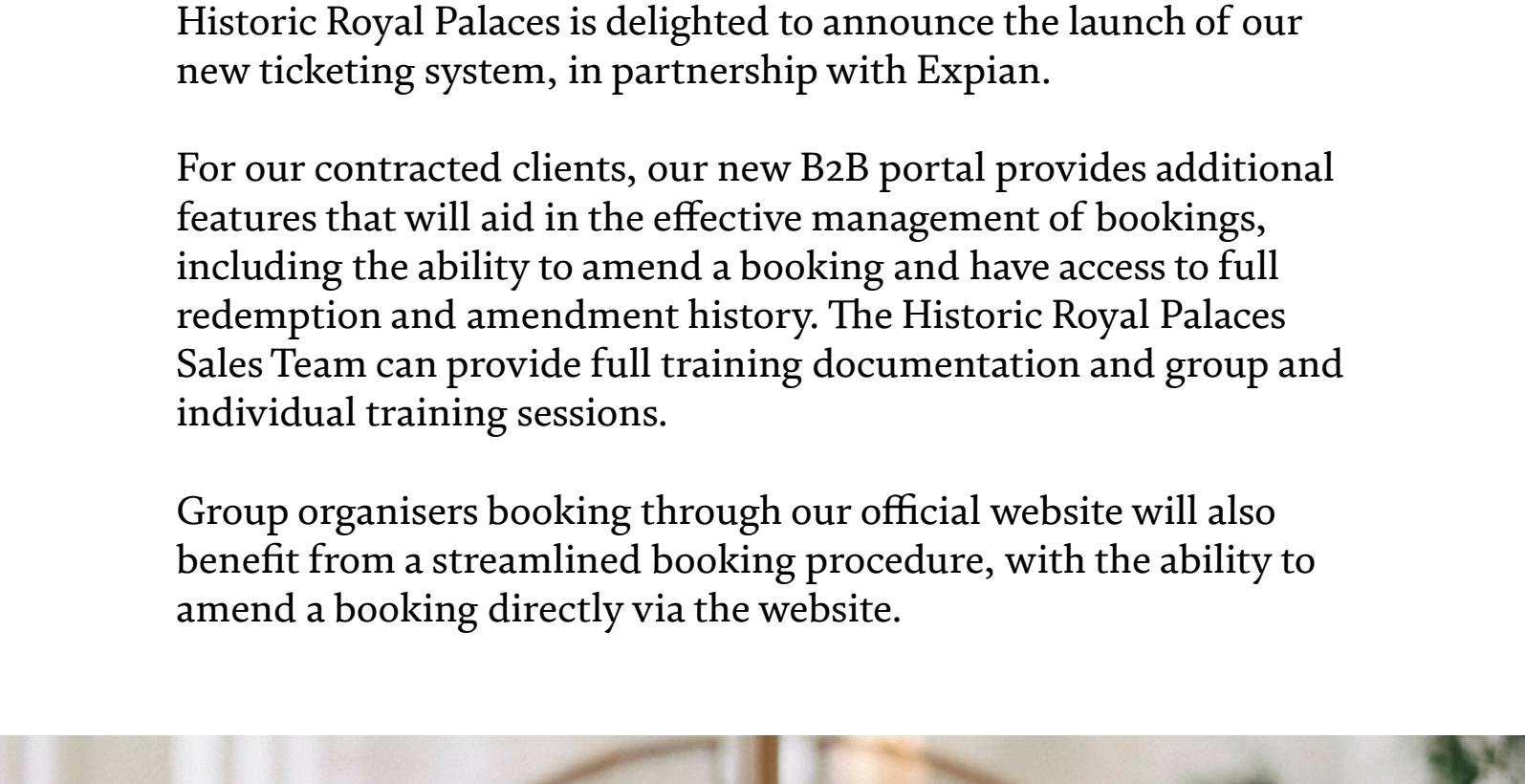
**Dress Codes** – From 13 March – 30 November 2025, a new exhibition at **Kensington Palace** will display treasures from Historic Royal Palaces' own Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection. Through displays of both instantly recognisable and lesser-known clothing, it will examine the "rules" around dressing for court, explore how members of the royal family have adapted or broken these rules over the years, as well as why we use dress to mark certain rites of passage, such as weddings. The exhibition will feature clothing worn by Queen Victoria and Princess Margaret, as well as a rare intricately-embroidered Japanese court suit and a glamorous 1920s debutante dress.

A new perspective at **Hillsborough Castle and Gardens** - Opening in March 2025, **Royal Style in the Making** will explore the intimate relationship between fashion designer and royal client, revealing the process and craftsmanship behind the creation of some of their most important couture commissions. The exhibition will feature three spectacular royal dresses never displayed in Northern Ireland before, alongside original sketches, fabric swatches, embroidery samples, letters, behind-the-scenes photographs and film footage.

From 23 May 2025, **Tower of London's Medieval Palace and Cradle Tower** will be re-imagined, transporting visitors to the medieval period through innovative storytelling, hands-on interactives and multisensory displays. For the first time, visitors will not only experience the stories of the kings who built and inhabited these spaces, but also of the queens who ruled with them, and the households who served them.

**Dates to add to your diary** - In 2026, **Kensington Palace** will host a new exhibition, marking the 150th birthday of Indian princess and former suffragette, Sophia Duleep Singh. The exhibition will examine the women of the Duleep Singh family, who were goddaughters of former Palace resident Queen Victoria.

Lastly in 2027, Historic Royal Palaces will partner with The House of Embroidered Paper on a new project at **Hampton Court Palace**. Led by fine artist Stephanie Smart, it will take place across the King's State Apartments and will see a series of garments created using only paper and thread, inspired by historic fashion and the history of silk in the UK set against the rooms' stunning baroque architecture.

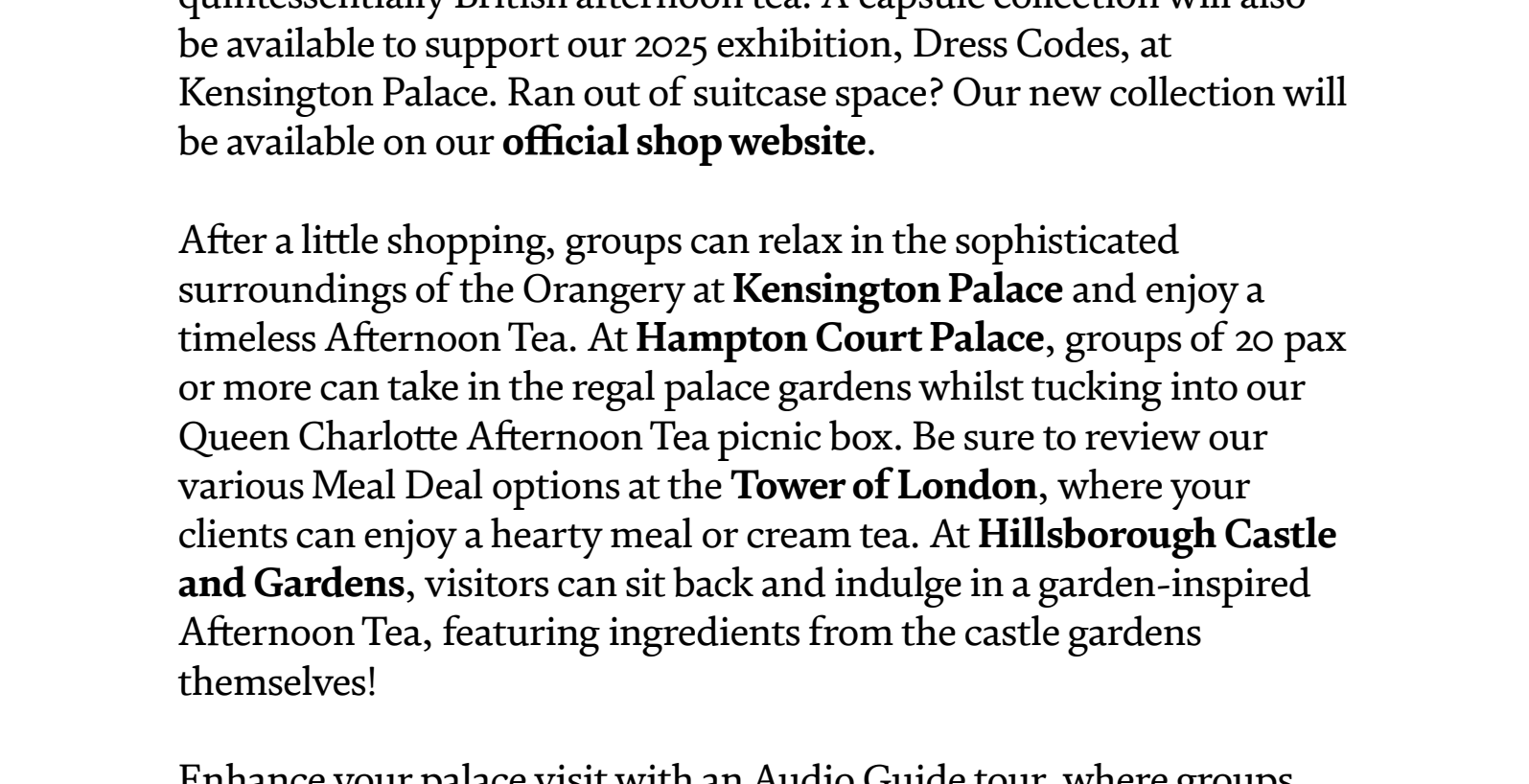


## A NEW TICKETING ERA HAS BEGUN

Historic Royal Palaces is delighted to announce the launch of our new ticketing system, in partnership with Expiant.

For our contracted clients, our new B2B portal provides additional features that will aid in the effective management of bookings, including the ability to amend a booking and have access to full redemption and amendment history. The Historic Royal Palaces Sales Team can provide full training documentation and group and individual training sessions.

Group organisers booking through our official website will also benefit from a streamlined booking procedure, with the ability to amend a booking directly via the website.



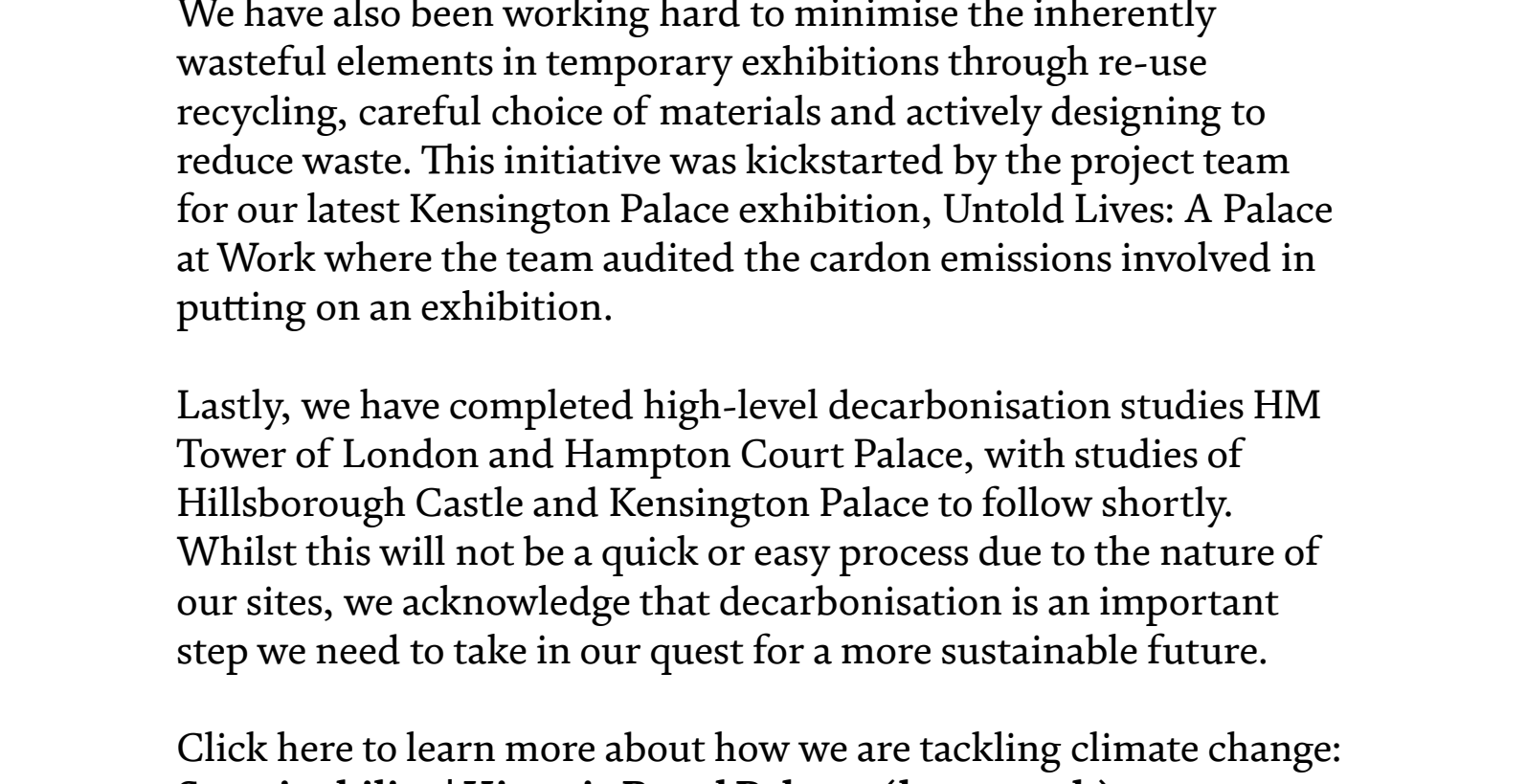
## A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA

Looking to enhance your palace visit? Why not explore our group catering options, Audio Guides or allocate a little more time for some retail therapy!

From 2025 at Hampton Court Palace, a new retail range will showcase the incredible gardens and floral displays the palace is known for. This concept will be echoed at the Tower of London and Kensington Palace, where a new, fun and whimsical design will celebrate London at its best, from the pomp and pageantry of marching guards to a quintessentially British afternoon tea. A capsule collection will also be available to support our 2025 exhibition, Dress Codes, at Kensington Palace. Ran out of suitcase space? Our new collection will be available on our **official shop website**.

After a little shopping, groups can relax in the sophisticated surroundings of the Orangery at **Kensington Palace** and enjoy a timeless Afternoon Tea. At **Hampton Court Palace**, groups of 20 or more can take in the regal palace gardens whilst tucking into our Queen Charlotte Afternoon Tea picnic box. Be sure to review our various Meal Deal options at the **Tower of London**, where your clients can enjoy a hearty meal or cream tea. At **Hillsborough Castle and Gardens**, visitors can sit back and indulge in a garden-inspired Afternoon Tea, featuring ingredients from the castle gardens themselves!

Enhance your palace visit with an Audio Guide tour, where groups can join curators, historians and conservators as they share fascinating stories and hidden palace secrets. Our 'Bring Your Own Device' audio guide will also be returning in 2025, allowing your clients to discover the history of the palaces and key figures connected to the sites from the comfort of their own device. A personal touch: The offering will soon allow guests to personalise their visit based on both their interests and their location through our Activity Planner and Digital Map. Email [groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk](mailto:groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk) to find out more.



## BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR PALACES

Historic Royal Palaces is a charity for everyone, including those who are yet to come. That is why we are committed to becoming nature-positive and carbon net zero across all three emission scopes by 2050.

We have already implemented some initiatives across our sites to help achieve this objective.

A new sustainable planting scheme has been introduced at Hampton Court Palace to reduce emissions and our use of key resources in heating glasshouses and water. Visitors can now expect to see a more permanent planting and foliage to reduce the cultivation of the soil and water wastage.

We have also been working hard to minimise the inherently wasteful elements in temporary exhibitions through re-use recycling, careful choice of materials and actively designing to reduce waste. This initiative was kickstarted by the project team for our latest Kensington Palace exhibition, Untold Lives: A Palace at Work where the team audited the carbon emissions involved in putting on an exhibition.

Lastly, we have completed high-level decarbonisation studies HM Tower of London and Hampton Court Palace, with studies of Hillsborough Castle and Kensington Palace to follow shortly. Whilst this will not be a quick or easy process due to the nature of our sites, we acknowledge that decarbonisation is an important step we need to take in our quest for a more sustainable future.

Click here to learn more about how we are tackling climate change: **Sustainability | Historic Royal Palaces ([hrp.org.uk](http://hrp.org.uk))**



<p><b>TOWER OF LONDON</b></p> <p><b>Poppy Fields at the Tower</b> 08-16 November 2024</p> <p><b>Christmas at the Tower</b> 29 November - 05 January 2025</p> <p><b>Medieval Palace</b> Opening May 2025</p>	<p><b>HAMPTON COURT PALACE</b></p> <p><b>The Tudor World</b> Permanent display</p> <p><b>Indian Army at the Palace</b> Until 28 September 2025</p> <p><b>Ice Rink</b> 22 November 2024 - 05 January 2025</p> <p><b>Festive Fayre</b> 06-08 and 13-15 December 2024</p> <p><b>Tulip Festival</b> April 2025</p> <p><b>Artisan Festival</b> 24-26 May 2025</p> <p><b>Henry VIII's Joust</b> 12-13 and 19-20 July 2025</p> <p><b>Food Festival</b> 23-25 August 2025</p>	<p><b>KENSINGTON PALACE</b></p> <p><b>Victoria's Childhood Christmas</b> 04 December 2024 - 05 January 2025</p> <p><b>Dress Codes</b> 13 March - 30 November 2025</p> <p><b>The Orangery Restaurant</b> Open daily</p>
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<p><b>BANQUETING HOUSE</b></p> <p>Tours available from Summer 2025 and private events from winter 2025</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk">groupsandtraveltrade@hrp.org.uk</a> to enquire</p>	<p><b>HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE AND GARDENS</b></p> <p><b>Christmas at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens</b> 23 November 2024 - 05 January 2025</p> <p><b>Spring Spectacular</b> March - May 2025</p> <p><b>Royal Style in the Making</b> Opening March 2025</p> <p><b>Lindt Gold Bunny trail</b> 12-27 April 2025</p>	<p><b>KEW PALACE AND ROYAL KITCHENS</b></p> <p><b>Open daily</b> April - September 2025</p> <p><b>The Great Pagoda</b> Open daily April - September 2025</p> <p><b>Queen Charlotte's Cottage</b> Open weekends and bank holidays April - September 2025</p> <p><b>Private tours</b> Available on request during open season</p>
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