



HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

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

ENTRY TO THE TRAITORS' GATE

The Ceremony of the Keys is the traditional locking up of the Tower of London and has taken place on each and every night, without fail, for at least 700 years



WELCOME

Historic Royal Palaces, Inc. was formed by a group of Americans with a love for supporting some of the most important and interesting palaces in the world: the Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, Banqueting House, Kensington Palace, Kew Palace, and Hillsborough Castle and Gardens in Northern Ireland. These sites have witnessed many defining moments in history, from the Norman Conquest to the negotiation of the Good Friday Agreement.

Our Patrons provide essential support to Historic Royal Palaces (HRP) in the UK, from helping fund world-class exhibitions and award-winning education programs, to the conservation and care of the palaces and collections. By joining our family in the US, you will be part of an important community of worldwide supporters making a positive difference to HRP's work, and enjoy exclusive experiences and privileged access to rarely seen areas of the palaces. Events hosted in the US and online will allow you to engage with the palaces' stories at home.

These palaces have the power to lift an ordinary day into the extraordinary, to fire imaginations, and spark debate. Together we can ensure the palaces we care for are open and accessible to everyone and conserved for future generations.

Join as a Patron today and help us safeguard the palaces for another 1,000 years.




A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JBarnes', written in a cursive style.

John Barnes
President
Historic Royal Palaces, Inc.



The opportunities for Patrons to explore areas of the palaces not usually open to the public provide eye-opening experiences. The rooftop tour of Hampton Court Palace is an experience I'll never forget. The social events are always great fun and provide the opportunity to meet people with similar interests.

Michael J. Brown
Patron of Historic Royal Palaces, Inc. since 2021



An exclusive view from Hampton Court Palaces' rooftops, looking down on the Privy Garden – a reconstruction of William III's 1701 formal privy garden.



YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A PATRON

Ruby

\$1,000 +

(All but \$210 is tax-deductible)

Ruby Patrons enjoy the following benefits:

- Unlimited access to the Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, Banqueting House, Kensington Palace, and Hillsborough Castle and Gardens with up to seven members of your family
- 10% discount on admission to Kew Gardens, in which Kew Palace and the Great Pagoda are situated
- Access to a privileged program of behind-the-scenes tours and special events in the UK such as exhibition previews, curator talks, and HRP's Carols by Candlelight concert
- Invitation to one HRP Salon in the US annually
- Priority access to online recordings of HRP's curator talks
- All standard HRP membership benefits including 10% discount in HRP's shops, cafés, and restaurants, and a subscription to HRP's members' magazine, *Inside Story*
- Priority booking for sell-out member events
- Acknowledgement of your support in HRP's Annual Review

Sapphire

\$3,000 +

(All but \$590 is tax-deductible)

Sapphire Patrons enjoy the benefits of Ruby Patrons, plus:

- Invitations to all HRP Salons in the US
- A private tour of your choice for you and your guests
- Invitations to ceremonial events at the Tower of London such as gun salutes and the Constable of the Tower's annual reception
- Opportunity to attend the Privy Council Dinner* held at one of HRP's palaces
- Regular invitations to historic sites and other places of interest in the UK

*Additional cost applies

Diamond

\$10,000 +

(All but \$1,970 is tax-deductible)

Diamond Patrons enjoy all benefits of Ruby Patrons and Sapphire Patrons, plus the following:

- Tailor your experience with us and enjoy bespoke access to the palaces and collections according to your interests
- Make unforgettable memories with special private tours for you and your guests when you visit HRP's sites
- Enjoy two complimentary tickets to the curator-hosted Privy Council Dinner held at one of the palaces
- Receive VIP invitations to the most exclusive events in the palaces' calendar and private social events




Step into the King's Presence Chamber

Throughout history, only those of the highest rank, with special privileges or outstanding talents would have enjoyed access to the King's Presence Chamber. Courtiers, visiting royals

and philosophers were amongst the very few allowed to gather in the presence of the King. At Historic Royal Palaces, the King's Presence Chamber is an honoured group recognizing those who have made an outstanding contribution to the charity's life and work.

Diamond Patrons are invited to join the King's Presence Chamber by committing to three years patronage in advance. Membership of this valued group lasts for five years from your first donation, and you will receive an invitation to the most exclusive event in our palaces' calendar, the King's Presence Chamber Dinner.



Conservator examining the court dress ensemble worn by a page to a senior officer of the Royal Household at the Coronation of King George V.

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Becoming a Patron has been a fantastic, life-changing experience. I've been able to see history up close and personal in a way I have never done before; on behind-the-scenes tours I've examined iconic royal clothing in intimate detail. Meeting and talking to world-class curators and conservators on exclusive Patron tours has immeasurably enriched my knowledge of British history. All in all, being a Patron has been a fabulous treat, unlike anything I've experienced in other organizations.

Genevieve Muinzer

Patron since 2007, and a Director of Historic Royal Palaces, Inc.

YOUR IMPACT AS A PATRON

Americans make up over a third of annual visitors to the Tower of London, and 27% of total visits to Historic Royal Palaces' magnificent sites each year. The US represents HRP's largest following across all social media platforms.

If you love the palaces and want to help us engage their stories with more people in the US, become a Patron and join a special community of supporters who help give the palaces a future as bright as their past.

Why does Historic Royal Palaces need my support?

Unlike many national museums and heritage sites across the UK, HRP earns all its own income. Thanks to visitor income, HRP is able to fulfil its fundamental duties to care for the palaces. To go beyond this, HRP relies on the support of Patrons, donors, and partners, both in the UK and the US, to increase the impact of its charitable work, conduct cutting-edge research into the palaces and collections, and tell the stories of the palaces in new and inspiring ways. HRP also cares for 1,000 acres of beautiful gardens and parks that immerse people in nature, promoting wellbeing as well as fostering biodiversity.

Supporting HRP Inc. as a Patron will enable Historic Royal Palaces to:

- **Expand its reach by removing every kind of barrier to accessing the palaces** – working with community groups to welcome people from all backgrounds to enjoy the palaces, digitizing its collections, and expanding its online offer so the palaces can be enjoyed wherever you are in the world
- **Ensure its stories are current and relatable to everyone** – building on world class research to help bring new stories to light through leading major exhibitions and inspiring programming, and establishing partnerships in the UK, US and beyond that allow more people to benefit from the wonderful palaces we look after
- **Act for the future** – by engaging more students in the UK, US and globally through HRP's award-winning schools' program, being nature positive by conserving existing habitats and creating new ones, and aiming for 100% green energy

We need your support to grow our impact. Becoming a Patron will allow you to play an important role in protecting the future of the palaces, inspiring generations to come.

DID YOU KNOW?

Phillis Wheatley, the first published African American woman, visited the Tower of London in 1773. She was escorted by a man called Granville Sharp who worked in the Ordinance Office at the Tower. Sharp was a notable abolitionist, and one imagines they had much to discuss. In a letter recording her visit she described being ‘Show’d the Lions, Panthers, Tigers’. Wheatley also visited the Crown Jewels which were, at that time, held in the Martin Tower. She recalls seeing ‘Crowns, Sceptres, Diadems, the Font for christening the Royal Family.’




While Hillsborough Castle and Gardens is perhaps best known for its background role in the peace process, including hosting several American presidents, its association with America stretches back to the 18th century when Benjamin Franklin visited as a guest of Wills Hill, 1st Marquess of Downshire and Secretary of State for the Colonies. In the 20th century, Hillsborough hosted two more celebrated Americans: Eleanor Roosevelt in 1942 and Dwight D. Eisenhower in August 1962.

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The South Terrace at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens



**Becoming a Patron will
enshrine the history and
tales of these iconic palaces
in your heart.**

Ramesh Bhimsingh
Patron of Historic Royal Palaces, Inc.
since 2007

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