

# HAMPTON COURT PALACE

# ACCESS GUIDE & SENSORY MAP

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# We welcome all visitors to Hampton Court Palace and aim to make everyone's day out successful and enjoyable.

Use this guide on your visit to Hampton Court and explore the palace and our accessible routes and experiences.

Our friendly Hosts in red or blue uniforms, or our Volunteers in red sashes, are happy to help you on your visit.





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#### **MAP KEY**

- ∩ Audio Guide
- Audio Guide dropbox
- s Shop
- Privy Kitchen Café (11am-3pm)
- Tiltyard Café
- † Chapel Royal (open Weds-Sat)
- & Accessible toilet
- Baby change
- Female toilet
- Male toilet
- ¿ Level access route
- **Stairs**

#### **ACCESS KEY**

- 🛃 Ramp or slope
- Wheelchair store a limited number of wheelchairs and motorised scooters are available to borrow
- & Accessible toilet
- Accessible lift (please ask a Host in a red coat for access)
- Cobbled and uneven surfaces
- Smooth or polished surface
- Area of low light levels
- **™** Handrail
- **Steps**
- Sound effects
- Wall projections
- Best route for wheelchair users
- Henry VIII's Kitchens
  - Henry VIII's Apartments
- Georgian Story
- William III's Apartments



Cumberland Art Gallery



Chocolate Kitchens



The Tudor World



Palace Gardens

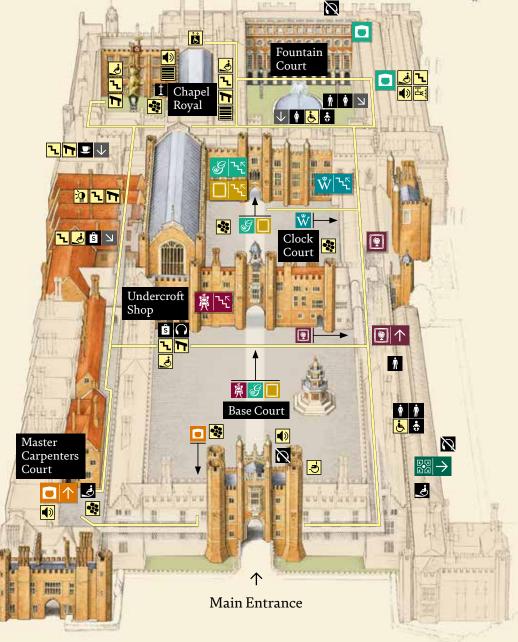
Please note there are uneven surfaces around the palace. For all access needs including lifts please speak to one of our Palace Hosts.



Palace Gardens, Maze, Magic Garden, and Titlyard Cafe

#### Palace Gardens Rule 1





Seymour Gate

# WHEELCHAIR HIRE AND HEARING LOOPS

You are welcome to use one of our wheelchairs in our palace apartments, or an electric buggy in our courtyards and gardens during your visit today. Please speak to a Host at the Main Entrance.







Induction loops can be found in the following locations:

Ticket Office Undercroft Shop Privy Kitchen Cafe Tiltyard Cafe

Switch your hearing aid to the 'T' setting to activate.

Bluetooth headphone adaptors for hearing aids and noise cancelling headphones are available. Please speak to a member of staff.

# **AUDIOGUIDES**

Collect your free Audio Guide in the Undercroft Shop or scan here to access on your own device.





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Audio tours with step-free routes are clearly marked on the device.

British Sign Language (BSL) tours are available for Henry VIII's Kitchens, Georgian Story and The Tudor World.

An Audio-Described (AD) Tour is available for The Tudor World.

Transcripts of our audio guides are available upon request. Please speak to a Host in the Undercroft Shop.





### **ACCESSIBLE TOILETS**

You can find step-free accessible toilets in Base Court and Fountain Court.





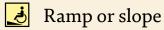
**Base Court is closest to:** Henry VIII's Kitchens, Henry VIII's Apartments, The Tudor World

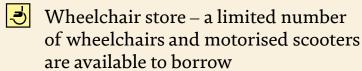




**Fountain Court is closest to:** William III's Apartments, Georgian Story, Palace Gardens

#### **ACCESS KEY**





& Accessible toilet

Accessible lift (please ask a Host in a red coat for access)

Cobbled and uneven surfaces

Smooth or polished surface

Area of low light levels

**▶** Handrail

**L** Steps

Sound interpretation

₩all projections

♣⁺ Potential crowding

Touch interactive

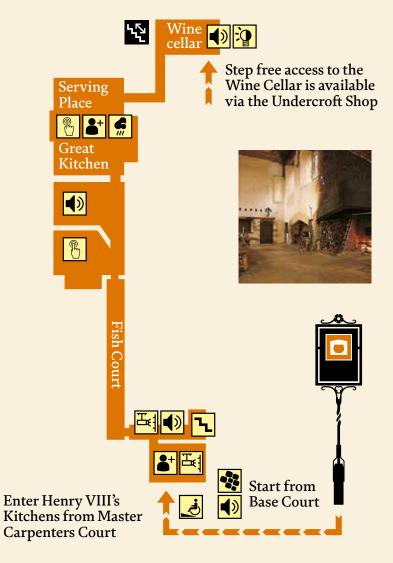
Strong smells

Mannequin

#### **HENRY VIII'S KITCHENS**

1509-1547





#### **ACCESS INFORMATION**



Henry VIII's Kitchens is a step free route



Some of the flooring is uneven



Some areas can get very crowded and loud



Some areas have low light levels



The kitchens have some tight spaces when busy



Tactile and handling objects throughout the kitchens



Access to the Boiling Pot is via 4 steep steps







Access to the Wine Cellar is down 8 steep steps. A handrail is available. Step free access is available via the Undercroft Shop



Strong smells of burning wood and food from the fire



Projections are used throughout the kitchens



Sound effects are used throughout the kitchens





Audio guide available, including BSL

# HENRY VIII'S KITCHENS VISUAL STORY



Sound effects are used throughout the kitchens



Projections are used throughout the kitchens



Some areas can get very crowded and loud



Tactile and handling objects throughout the area



Strong smells of burning wood and food from the fire



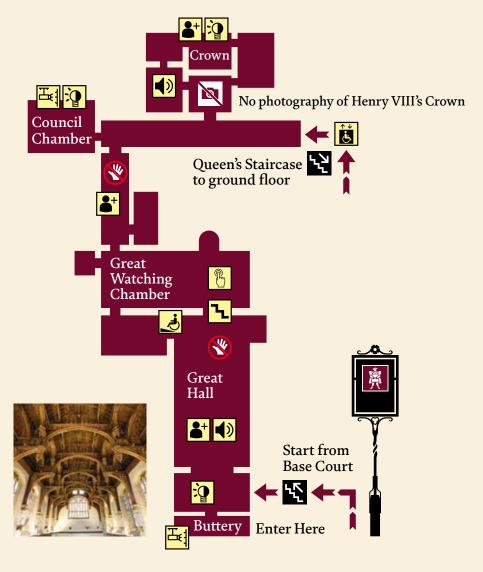
Access to the Wine Cellar is down 8 steep steps. A handrail is available. Step free access is available via the Undercroft Shop

#### **HENRY VIII'S APARTMENTS**

1509-1547







#### **ACCESS INFORMATION**





Once on the first floor, Henry VIII's Apartments is a step-free route. To exit to the ground floor, please ask a Palace Host or Volunteer to use the staff-operated lift



Some areas can get very crowded and loud



Some areas have low light levels



Tactile and handling objects throughout the apartments



Please do not touch historic objects behind ropes and barriers



Projections are used throughout the apartments



Sound effects are used throughout the apartments



Audio Guide available

Please note: subject matter include themes of death, illness, imprisonment and execution





### **ACCESS INFORMATION**

Henry VIII's Apartments are on the first floor but are accessible via lift for visitors with limited mobility.

To access Henry VIII's Apartments via a staff-operated lift, please ask a Palace Host or Volunteer, wearing either a red uniform or red sash, if you wish to use it.

They will take you up the lift and escort you to the start of the route or you can complete the route in reverse order.

# HENRY VIII'S APARTMENTS VISUAL STORY



Once on the first floor, Henry VIII's Apartments is a step-free route.

To exit to the ground floor, please ask a Palace Host or Volunteer to use the staff-operated lift



An interpretive film about The Queens of Henry VIII is projected in the Buttery.

There are low light levels



Some areas can get very crowded and loud.

Please take a seat at one of the tables



Please do not touch historic objects behind ropes and barriers



Tactile and handling objects throughout the apartments. You can find them in the chests or on the games tables



Please do not touch historic objects behind ropes and barriers



Projections are used throughout the apartments. There are low light levels.

Please note: the Council Chamber includes themes of execution and may cause some distress



Sound effects are used throughout the apartments.

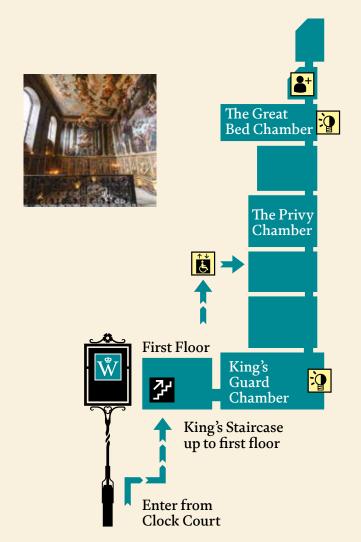
There are low light levels

#### WILLIAM III'S APARTMENTS

1689-1702











### **ACCESS INFORMATION**

William III's Apartments are on the first floor but are accessible via lift for visitors with limited mobility.

To access William III's Apartments via a staff-operated lift, please ask a Palace Host or Volunteer, wearing either a red uniform or red sash, if you wish to use it.

They will take you up the lift and escort you to the start of the route or you can complete the route in reverse order.





Once on the first floor, William III's Apartments is a step-free route. To exit to the ground floor, please ask a Palace Host or Volunteer to use the staff-operated lift



Some areas have low light levels



Please do not touch historic objects behind ropes and barriers



Some areas can get very crowded and loud



Audio Guide available

Please note: highly colourised, painted and textured walls and ceilings could be overstimulating.

# WILLIAM III'S APARTMENTS VISUAL STORY



Take care on 33 shallow steps.
Once on the first floor, William III's Apartments is a step-free route.

To exit to the ground floor, if required please ask a Palace Host or Volunteer to use the staff-operated lift



Some areas have low light levels



Please do not touch historic objects behind ropes and barriers.

Entrance via the staff-operated lift begins here

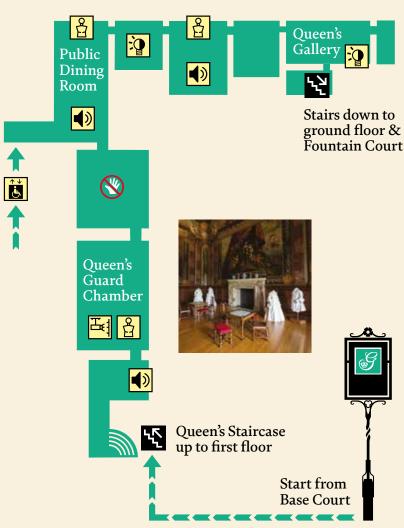


Some areas can get very crowded and loud

#### **GEORGIAN STORY**

1714-1737





#### **ACCESS INFORMATION**





Once on the first floor, Georgian Story is a step-free route. To exit to the ground floor, please ask a Palace Host or Volunteer to use the staff-operated lift



Some areas have low light levels



Tactile and handling objects throughout the exhibition



Please do not touch historic objects behind ropes and barriers



Projections are used at the beginning of the exhibition only



Sound effects are used throughout the exhibition



Mannequins of historic characters are used throughout the exhibition





Audio guide available, including BSL

**Please note:** highly colourised, painted and textured walls and ceilings could be overstimulating.





### **ACCESS INFORMATION**

Georgian Story is on the first floor but is accessible via lift for visitors with limited mobility.

To access Georgian Story via a staff-operated lift, please ask a Palace Host or Volunteer, wearing either a red uniform or red sash, if you wish to use it.

They will take you up the lift and escort you to the start of the route or you can complete the route in reverse order.

# GEORGIAN STORY VISUAL STORY



Take care on the 33 shallow steps. Once on the first floor, the Georgian Story is a step-free route.

To exit to the ground floor, if required please ask a Palace Host or Volunteer to use the staff-operated lift



Tactile and handling objects are available. Projections are used at the beginning of the exhibition.



Entrance via the staff-operated lift begins here



Please do not touch historic objects behind ropes and barriers



Sound effects are used throughout the exhibition.

Highly colourised, painted and textured walls and ceilings could be overstimulating

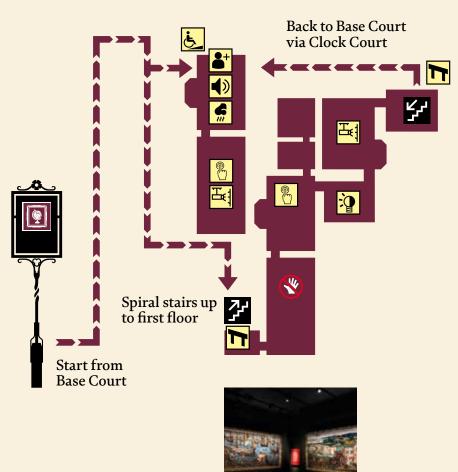


Some areas have low light levels

### THE TUDOR WORLD

1509-1601





### **ACCESS INFORMATION**



Some areas have low light levels



Tactile and handling objects throughout the exhibition



Please do not touch historic objects behind ropes and barriers



Projections are used throughout the exhibition



Sound effects are used throughout the exhibition



Strong smells of spices are used in the exhibition





Audio Guide available, including BSL and AD

**Please note:** subject matter includes themes of death, execution, and slavery





### **ACCESS INFORMATION**

The Tudor World includes a ground floor, step-free exhibition including hands-on interactives, historic objects, replica artefacts, and digital projections.

Whilst we strive to make all of Hampton Court accessible, due to the constraints of the building there is limited access to the first floor. Staff-operated lift access is available via four steep steps. Please speak to a Palace Host or Volunteer, wearing either a red uniform or red sash, if you wish to know more.

# THE TUDOR WORLD VISUAL STORY



Tactile and handling objects throughout the exhibition.

Strong smells of spices are used in the exhibition



Projections are used throughout the exhibition



Some of the flooring is uneven.
Sound effects are

used throughout the exhibition



Access to the first floor is via 20 steep steps. Please speak a Palace Host or Volunteer, wearing either a long red coat or a red sash, if you wish to know more.



Please do not touch historic objects behind ropes and barriers



Some areas have low light levels



Projections are used throughout the exhibition

Staff-operated lift access to the first floor is available via four steep steps. Please speak to a Palace Host or Volunteer, wearing either a long red coat or a red sash, if you wish to know more.

### **PALACE GARDENS**

The Palace Gardens are generally flat but there are some steep slopes and drops from height in some areas.

There are uneven surfaces and gravel paths throughout the gardens, and there are several ponds; please be careful near water.

Smooth tarmac paths are available in The Wilderness, Rose Garden and Kitchen Garden.

The Maze has narrow paths and 2-metre-high hedges. The paths inside are only 1 metre wide.

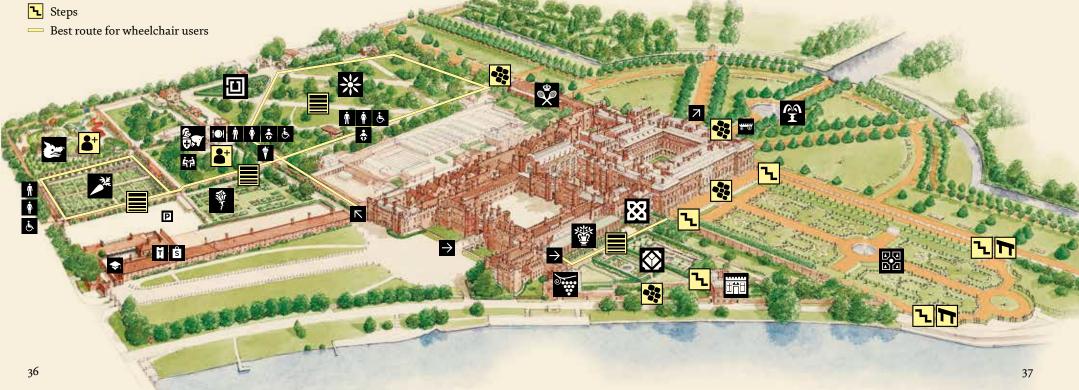
#### **ACCESS KEY**

- Cobbled and uneven surfaces
- Smooth or polished surface
- **▶** Handrail

#### MAP KEY

- Ticket office
- → Palace entrance
- **钟** Picnic area
- Carriage rides\*
- Male toilet
- Female toilet
- & Accessible toilet
- **&** Baby change
- Clore Learning Centre
- P Car park
- § Shop
- Tiltyard Cafe
- ice cream kiosk
- \* seasonally only

- Magic Garden
- The Tiltyard
- Maze
- ★ The Wilderness
- Royal Tennis Courts
- Great Fountain Garden
- The Privy Garden
- Banqueting House
- X Knot Garden
- The Pond Gardens
- The Great Vine
- Barden Crangery Garden
- 🕴 Rose Garden
- Kitchen Garden



# SHOP AT HAMPTON COURT PALACE

We have a wide range of gifts and souvenirs available for you to purchase from our shops.



#### PALACE SHOP

This shop is located opposite the Ticket Office, selling a wide range of souvenirs, jewellery, gifts, toys and books. Its is the ideal shop to visit as you're leaving the palace.



There is level access to this shop



#### **UNDERCROFT SHOP**

This shop is located in Base Court, selling a wide range of souvenirs and gifts. You can pick up an audio guide for your tour of Hampton Court here. Why not visit during your tour of the palace today.



There is level access to this shop



There are low light levels inside this shop

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