



HAMPTON COURT PALACE



What to see

The palace has been divided into six routes or tours that help explain how the palace was used when it was occupied by the monarchy. The entrance to each route is signposted from Clock Court. For help in planning your day, visit the Information Centre.



Henry VIII's State Apartments

Henry VIII was probably Hampton Court's most famous occupant and its first royal owner. Marvel at the breathtaking splendour of his magnificent state rooms including the Great Hall and the Chapel Royal, which is still a place of worship today.



30 minutes



20-30 minutes



10 minutes



The Tudor Kitchens

The fascinating but more practical side of royal life is represented at Hampton Court by the enormous Tudor Kitchens, the most extensive surviving 16th-century kitchens in Europe. Today they are laid out as if a feast was being prepared using all the food and utensils that would have been used in the 16th century.



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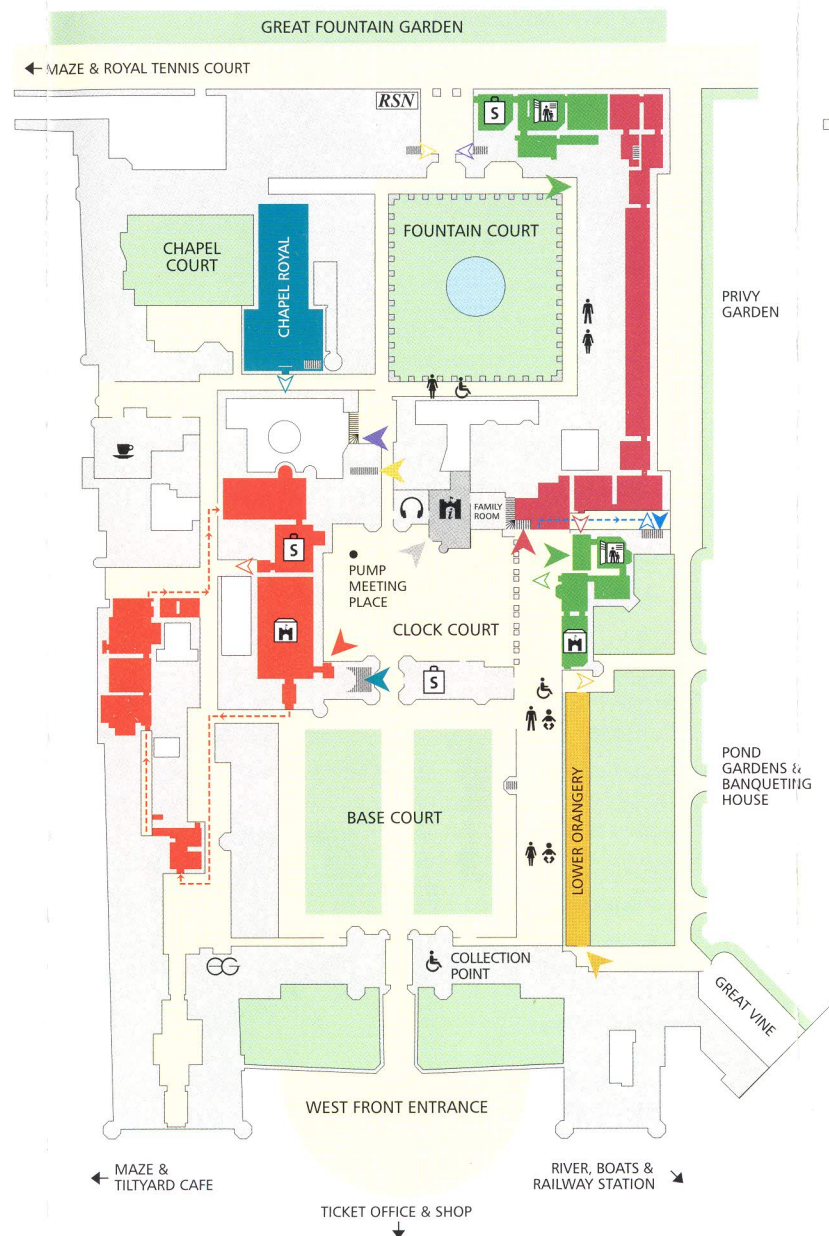


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The Wolsey Rooms

The suite of small Tudor rooms, known as the Wolsey Rooms, are thought to have been Cardinal Wolsey's private lodgings in the 1520s. They retain many original Tudor features and are hung with paintings from the Royal Collection.







GROUND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

KEY

	Entrance to routes		Audio tour
	Exit from routes		Embroiderers' Guild
	Information Centre		Royal School of Needlework
	Shop		Tour with guide in period costume
	Coffee shop		Model
	Gentlemen's toilet		Video presentation
	Ladies' toilet		No photography or video allowed
	Baby changing		Photography and video permitted
	Accessible toilet		Exhibition



The Information Centre

For suggestions on how to make the best use of your time, please talk to our staff in the Information Centre in Clock Court.



Collection point for audio tours



Exhibitions

Introductory exhibition (*near the King's Apartments*)

An excellent introduction to the history of the palace.

Gardens exhibition (*on the East Front*)

A good place to start your tour of the gardens.

Suffragettes, Soldiers & Servants (*entrance in the south-east corner of Fountain Court*)

Stories of the palace community 1750-1950.

Chapel services

Visitors are welcome to attend Sunday services in the Chapel Royal, with the choir, at 11.00 and 15.30. For those who do not wish to attend a Sunday service, the Chapel is open to visitors between 12.45 and 13.15.



The King's Apartments

King William III's apartments are some of the finest and most important Baroque state apartments in the world. Today you see them furnished with the magnificent tapestries and works of art that graced them in 1700 when they were first completed.



30 minutes



40-60 minutes



15 minutes



The Queen's State Apartments

The Queen's State Apartments took 30 years to complete and represent a wide range of styles. Originally intended for Queen Mary II, wife of William III, they were decorated and furnished in later reigns and were last used by Queen Caroline, George II's wife, between 1716 and 1737.



Best place to view the Jubilee Fountain



The Georgian Rooms

While the State Apartments were built for the ceremonial lives of the kings and queens of England, the Georgian Rooms contain their more private rooms. Shown today as they were in 1737 during the final visit of the royal court, they present a more relaxed and informal side of palace life.



35-55 minutes



The Triumphs of Caesar

The nine canvases that comprise the *Triumphs of Caesar* were painted by Andrea Mantegna between 1485 and 1495 and represent the triumphs of the great Roman emperor Julius Caesar. The paintings, considered to be one of the most important works of the Italian Renaissance, are displayed in the Lower Orangery.

