

Important Information

Opening times and closure list

As the official residences of The King, our sites are working royal palaces and so opening arrangements may change at short notice. Please check our website www.rct.uk or contact the Ticket Sales and Information Office for short notice closures on +44 (0)303 123 7321.

The opening hours at the official royal residences and The King's Galleries are significantly different. Please read the list in full so you are familiar with the opening hours at all sites.

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WINDSOR CASTLE

Windsor Castle is open Thursday to Monday, with a few exceptions when the Castle is in use for official functions.

Opening times 2024

March – October Thursday to Monday, 10:00-17:15 (last admission/gates close 16:00) We advise groups to arrive no later than 15:30

November – February Thursday to Monday, 10:00–16:15 (last admission/gates close 15:00) We advise groups to arrive no later than 14:30

Castle completely closed

29 March 202417 June 202426 December 2024

Change to Normal Opening Hours

- 31 March 2024 Castle opens at 13:00
- 21 April 2024 Last admission timeslot 11:30 12:00, Castle closes at 13:15

Castle partially closed

16 June 2024 – Direct sales only on this date. All trade partners to remove from sale.

Semi-State Rooms

The Semi-State Rooms at Windsor Castle are currently closed and are scheduled to reopen later in 2024.

During the winter months an additional five rooms, known collectively as the Semi-State Rooms, are included in the visitor route.

St George's Chapel

St George's Chapel is closed to visitors on Sundays as services are held throughout the day. Visitors to the Castle on Sundays will not be able to enter the chapel or view the burial place of Queen Elizabeth II.

Access to St George's Chapel may be limited on busy days and during service. Please refer to www.rct.uk/visit/windsor-castle for latest updates.

Queen Mary's Dolls' House

Access to Queen Mary's Dolls' House may be limited on busy days.

THE STATE ROOMS, BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Summer Opening of the State Rooms

The State Rooms at Buckingham Palace are open Thursday to Monday during the summer months, when the Palace is not in use for official functions.

Opening times 2024

II July - 31 August 2024

Thursday to Monday, 09:30 – 19:30 (last admission 17:15)

I – 29 September 2024

Thursday to Monday, 09:30 - 18:30 (last admission 16:15)

THE KING'S GALLERY, BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The King's Gallery is open Thursday to Monday throughout the year, except during the installation of new exhibitions.

Opening times 2024

Thursday to Monday, 10:00 – 17:30 (last admission 16:15)

Exhibitions

Holbein at the Tudor Court 10 November 2023 – 14 April 2024

Royal Portraits: A Century of Photography 17 May – 6 October 2024

Gallery closed

29 March 2024 15 April – 16 May 2024

THE ROYAL MEWS, BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Royal Mews is open Thursday to Monday during the opening months.

Opening times 2024

I March – 3 November 2024

Thursday to Monday, 10:00 - 17:00 (last admission 16:00)

Mews closed

29 March 2024 I June 2024 8 June 2024 I 5 June 2024 4 November – 31 December 2024

Change to Normal Opening Hours

13 April 2024 - Last admission timeslot 14:45 - 15:00, Mews closes at 16:00.

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

The Palace of Holyroodhouse is open Thursday to Monday throughout the year, except for July, August and September, when it is open 7 days a week.

The Palace Gardens and Holyrood Abbey are currently open.

Opening times 2024

April to June

Thursday to Monday, 09:30-18:00 (last admission 16:30)

July to September

Daily, 09:30-18:00 (last admission 16:30)

October

Thursday to Monday, 09:30-18:00 (last admission 16:30)

November to March

Thursday to Monday, 09:30-16:30 (last admission 15:15)

Palace closed

29 March 2024 16 – 25 May 2024 27 June – 5 July 2024 26 December 2024

Change to Normal Opening Hours

30 March 2024 – Last admission 16:30, Palace closes at 18:00. 31 March 2024 – Last admission 16:30, Palace closes at 18:00.

THE KING'S GALLERY, PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

The King's Gallery is open Thursday to Monday during opening months, except for July, August and September, when it is open 7 days a week.

Opening times 2024

Style & Society: Dressing the Georgians 22 March – 22 September 2024

March

Thursday to Monday, 09:30-16:30 (last admission 15:30)

April to June

Thursday to Monday, 09:30-18:00 (last admission 17:00)

July to September
Daily, 09:30-18:00 (last admission 17:00)

Gallery closed

29 March 2024

23 September - 31 December 2024

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For further information and to book tickets, please contact:

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