



BLENHEIM PALACE



Britain's Greatest Palace: Private, Exclusive & Bespoke Experiences

Where 300 years of history, heritage and nature become uniquely yours

Experience the Extraordinary



Step beyond the expected and into a world of grandeur, heritage and unforgettable storytelling at Blenheim Palace – Britain’s Greatest Palace and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From the awe-inspiring State Rooms and sweeping landscaped parkland to exclusive behind-the-scenes access and immersive themed experiences, every visit offers something truly exceptional. Whether your clients are seeking private out-of-hours tours, expert-led historical talks, luxurious dining experiences or once-in-a-lifetime encounters with the people who bring the Palace to life, Blenheim Palace delivers moments of wonder at every turn.

With a dedicated Partnerships Team, specialist Group Sales support and an easy-to-use booking portal, we make creating seamless itineraries effortless for travel trade partners. From large, escorted groups to independent travellers, every client receives a warm welcome and exceptional service throughout their visit. Combining extraordinary experiences with practical support and bespoke planning, Blenheim Palace offers far more than a day out – it is an unforgettable journey into one of Britain’s most iconic and spectacular destinations.

Britain’s Greatest Palace

Showcasing grandeur on the largest of scales, Blenheim Palace is the only non-royal residence in England to hold the title of Palace. It was gifted by Queen Anne and a grateful nation to the 1st Duke of Marlborough, following his victory at the Battle of Blenheim in 1704. Palace architect Sir John Vanbrugh’s magnificent English Baroque architecture reflects not only the 1st Duke’s military achievements, but also Vanbrugh’s feeling that the Palace should, at the same time, be a monument to Queen Anne’s glory. Blenheim Palace remains the seat of the Dukes of Marlborough and is also the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill.

Then there is the Palace’s idyllic setting – the Palace is surrounded by 2000 acres of pastoral, man-made Parkland, designed by master landscaper Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown, as well as its beautiful Gardens. The sweeping view of the Palace, Grand Bridge and Queen Pool lake were once described by Lord Randolph Churchill (the father of Sir Winston Churchill) as ‘the finest view in England’, and it continues to awe our visitors today. The Blenheim Palace Gardens span centuries in their creation and landscape style, from when the Palace was first built to the early 1900s.

Spectacular Settings to Discover

■ The Palace State Rooms

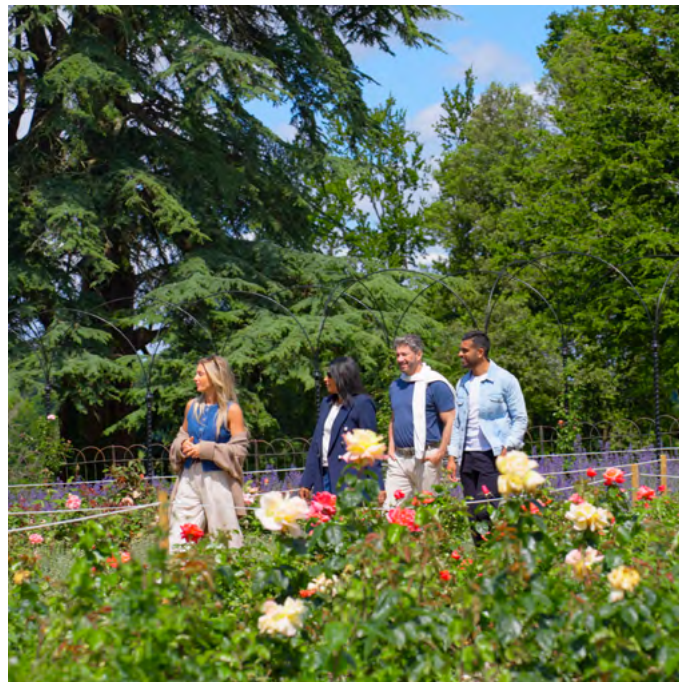
Explore the opulent Palace State Rooms, filled with priceless collections of tapestries, paintings and furniture. Each item has its own story to be told, and each room its own unique aesthetic and purpose. The route is fully accessible for wheelchairs and our team of knowledgeable Guides are always ready and waiting to share 300 years of Palace stories.

■ The Gardens

Spanning approximately 160 acres, the Blenheim Palace Gardens are a treat for the senses in all seasons. From the 300 year old Walled Garden which was built alongside the Palace to the baroque-style grandeur of the Water Terraces, Italian Garden and Rose Garden, there are endless views, blooms and pathways to discover. Step into the temple where Sir Winston Churchill proposed to his then fiancé, and onto the Cascades bridge to get up close to ‘Capability’ Brown’s impressive man-made waterfall.

■ The Parkland and Estate

The Parkland extends 2000 acres around the Palace, and was transformed into an idyllic, naturalised English landscape by ‘Capability’ Brown in the 1700s. This included the creation of the Great Lake and planting thousands of mature trees. Our vast Estate is a rich haven of flora and fauna with no shortage of natural beauty to discover. It is also home to a diverse range of wildlife including deer, otters, water voles and bats as well as birds such as red kites, herons and owls. There is even a Blenheim species of honeybee. With the largest collection of ancient oak trees in Europe, and one of the most biodiverse spaces in the country, the Estate is recognised as a Site of Specific Scientific Interest (SSSI). The High Park woodland dates back to the medieval period and was once the hunting ground of King Henry I, with ancient oaks over 900 years old.



Our Experiences



Out of hours

We have a wide range of private tours available that take place outside of our standard opening hours, so your clients can have more of the Palace, Gardens or Estate to themselves and discover their wonders in the quieter early morning or evening periods, led by one of our expert team members.

These tours can be combined with a catering option such as a luxurious breakfast in our Orangery Restaurant to start off the morning before going on to a tour. Alternatively enjoy a delicious afternoon tea or meal, again in our Orangery Restaurant, before or after an evening tour.

■ Palace Guided Tour

Journey through the opulent Palace State Rooms led by one of our knowledgeable Guides who will bring 300 years of history to life.

■ Private Apartments Tour

Explore the Palace's Private Apartments which have hosted many Dukes, Duchesses and opulent guests, as well as the downstairs kitchens and household quarters that are still used by the butler today.

■ Gardens Tour

Your clients will be led through the story of the Palace Gardens and the key characters that have contributed throughout its 300-year history including the 1st Duke of Marlborough for whom they were built, Sir Winston Churchill who proposed here and the landscaping visionaries who shaped the gardens into what we can see today - namely, Henry Wise, Lancelot 'Capability' Brown and Achille Duchene.





Themed Talks

For clients seeking a deeper dive into British history, we offer Themed Talks. These 45-minute private sessions are held in a private room and focus on the unique personalities and periods that defined the Palace.

■ Available Themes

Military Marlboroughs:

Discover the war leaders, from the 1st Duke to those who followed, who shaped the nation's history.

Ladies of Blenheim Palace:

Explore the influential duchesses and heiresses whose wealth and determination secured the Palace's future.

Sir Winston Churchill:

Uncover the lifelong connection between the Palace and Britain's greatest wartime leader.

Royal Connections:

Examine the long-standing relationship between the Churchill family and the British Monarchy.

Architecture:

A study of the 18th-century English Baroque masterpiece and its surrounding landscape.

Conservation, Restoration, and Sustainability:

Learn about the Palace's role as a biological Site of Special Scientific Interest and its modern sustainability efforts.

Enhance the experience further with one of our add-on catering options below:



Refreshments before and during the talk

Tea, coffee and light refreshments

Enjoy a selection of refreshments, all served with freshly brewed tea and coffee. Choose from homemade treats, pastries and Blenheim baked cake. Refreshments can be served before the talk starts and can be enjoyed throughout the talk.

Refreshments before or after the talk

Lunch or Afternoon Tea

Extend your experience with a delicious lunch or afternoon tea, with seasonal menus showcasing the best of British flavours in a beautiful and historic setting. These can be served in the same room as the themed talk, either before or after the session.

Our Experiences

Exclusive Tours

Discover Blenheim Palace in a truly extraordinary way with our Exclusive Tours — specially curated experiences that offer private access, behind-the-scenes storytelling and out-of-hours moments away from the crowds. From luxurious dining in the Palace to encounters with the staff who know Blenheim Palace best and have endless stories to tell, these unique experiences combine history, luxury and exclusivity to create unforgettable memories for your clients.

■ Tim's Tales



Hosted by the former Butler to the late Duke of Marlborough, Tim's Tales offers clients a rare opportunity to hear captivating first-hand stories of life within Britain's Greatest Palace behind closed doors. It is set partly within the atmospheric 'Life Below Stairs' exhibition and combines exceptional hospitality with fascinating insight into the people, rituals and hidden moments that have shaped Blenheim Palace over the centuries.

Your experience includes:

- A personal meet-and-greet with the former Butler to the late Duke of Marlborough
- A continental or Full English Breakfast served in a unique historic setting
- An engaging storytelling session filled with fascinating Palace anecdotes and behind-the-scenes memories (45–60 minutes)
- A private guided tour of the magnificent Palace State Rooms before public opening hours
- Time to explore the Formal Gardens and browse the Palace Shop at leisure

■ Blenheim Palace and Bicester Village Experience

Experience the grandeur of Blenheim Palace followed by exclusive shopping at Bicester Village.

Morning at Blenheim Palace

Begin your day at Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Enjoy a continental or Full English Breakfast in the 'Life Below Stairs' exhibition, hosted by the former Butler to the Duke of Marlborough, who will share captivating stories of the Palace's rich history.

Your experience includes:

- Meet & Greet by former Butler to Duke of Marlborough
- A Continental or Full English Breakfast in a historic setting
- Engaging storytelling session (45-60 mins)
- Private tour of the Palace before public opening
- Time to explore the Formal Gardens and browse the Blenheim Palace Shop. It's a truly unforgettable way to experience the grandeur, charm, and living history of Blenheim Palace.

Afternoon at Bicester Village

After your morning at Blenheim Palace, travel 20 minutes to Bicester Village, home to more than 150 boutiques of world renowned brands including Barbour, Coach, Givenchy and more, with up to 40% off every day.

Your experience includes:

- Reserved Parking space Access to The Apartment, the Village's private retreat
- A Personal Shopping consultation in a luxurious shopping suite
- Hands-free Shopping Priority boutique entry
- A 10% saving on the Village price in select boutiques with a VIP Pass
- Enjoy exceptional dining options and a seamless shopping experience in a picturesque open-air setting.





■ Executive Winston Churchill Experience

Follow in the footsteps of Britain's most iconic wartime leader with this exclusive full-day Churchill experience. Combining private tours, historic landscapes, fine dining and deeply personal Churchill connections, this immersive itinerary offers clients a unique opportunity to discover the life, legacy and enduring spirit of one of history's greatest figures.

Your experience includes:

- Arrival tea, coffee and freshly baked pastries upon arrival
- A guided tour of the magnificent Palace State Rooms and Churchill's birthplace
- A guided tour of the Sir Winston Churchill Exhibition
- A visit to the Temple of Diana, where Churchill proposed to Clementine Hozier, followed by the Churchill Memorial Walk through the Estate
- A luxurious lunch in The Orangery Restaurant
- A visit to the nearby resting place of Sir Winston Churchill at St Martin's Church, Bladon
- A complimentary Blenheim Palace gift bag and official guidebook to conclude the experience

■ Executive Evening Experience

As the Palace closes its doors to the public and evening falls across the Estate, clients are invited to experience Blenheim Palace at its most atmospheric and exclusive. This elegant after-hours experience combines private access, fine dining, live music and exceptional hospitality as well as a truly unique way to experience the Palace.

Your experience includes:

- Exclusive evening arrival at Blenheim Palace
- A private guided tour of the magnificent Palace State Rooms after public closing hours
- An intimate organ recital accompanied by canapés and champagne within the Palace
- A fine dining experience in the historic Malplaquet Room
- A complimentary Blenheim Palace gift bag and official guidebook to conclude the experience

■ Executive Palace Experience

Experience the grandeur, elegance and hidden stories of Blenheim Palace with this exclusive half-day offering. Combining privileged access, fascinating behind-the-scenes insight and exceptional hospitality, this curated experience offers clients a deeper understanding of the people, history and daily life that have shaped the Palace for over 300 years.

Your experience includes:

- Arrival tea, coffee and freshly baked pastries upon arrival
- A guided tour of the Palace's Private Apartments and historic servants' quarters, revealing the hidden world behind aristocratic life at Blenheim Palace
- A guided tour of the magnificent Palace State Rooms and the Sir Winston Churchill Exhibition
- Stories and insights from expert Guides bringing the Palace's rich heritage and famous residents to life
- A luxurious lunch in The Orangery Restaurant
- A complimentary Blenheim Palace gift bag and official guidebook to conclude the experience

■ Executive Estate Experience

Discover the extraordinary natural beauty, biodiversity and rural heritage of Blenheim Palace with this immersive full-day Estate experience. From elegant Formal Gardens and ancient woodland to regenerative farming, rare wildlife and exclusive encounters with the Estate team, this unique journey reveals a side of Blenheim Palace rarely seen by visitors.

Your experience includes:

- A guided tour of the stunning Formal Gardens
- A scenic journey into the wider Estate to experience the landscape shaped by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown
- Exclusive access to the Estate Safari Tent and a meet-and-greet with members of the Rural Estate team
- A private introduction to Blenheim Palace's beekeeping and conservation initiatives with the Estate Beekeeper
- A relaxed buffet lunch in the heart of the Estate surrounded by beautiful countryside views
- A visit to the Estate's ancient oak trees, some dating back hundreds of years
- The opportunity to discover Blenheim Estate's rare black bee colonies and hear about our biodiversity and regenerative tourism projects
- The chance to spot the Estate's iconic white cattle roaming the historic parkland
- A luxurious Champagne Afternoon Tea in The Orangery Restaurant
- A complimentary Blenheim Palace gift bag and official guidebook to conclude the experience

Our Experiences

Immersive Tours and Experiences

Experience an extra level of luxury and truly go behind the scenes of Blenheim Palace's inner workings with one of our Immersive Tours and Experiences. These tours allow your clients to meet key members of Blenheim Palace staff and hear their unique perspective, as well as see archived material, taste the produce of our Walled Garden or even discover secrets of filming at the Palace. All of our Immersive Tours and Experiences come with a designated guide who will accompany the group to each location. Each booking also includes a complimentary gift bag filled with luxury items from the Palace Shop.

Palace & Collections:

Go "behind the doors" with the Palace Butler to see opulent hidden spaces, followed by a meet-and-greet with the Collections Team.

Churchill & Spies:

A private tour focusing on Churchill's life and Blenheim's role as the wartime home of MI5, including a showcase of secret archives.



Gardens & Regenerative Tourism:

A "walk and talk" with gardening experts in the Walled Garden, followed by a buggy tour and a lunch featuring fresh estate produce.

Behind the Lens:

A private tour of filming locations with the Blenheim Palace team that works behind the scenes, including a props "show and tell."

Exclusive VVIP upgrades are available, including tours led by members of the Marlborough family themselves or personal painting classes in the Formal Gardens.

Bespoke Tours



For clients seeking the ultimate Blenheim Palace experience, our Bespoke Tours offer a completely tailored day designed around their individual interests, passions and pace. From exclusive access to private spaces and curator-led experiences to fine dining, garden tours or behind-the-scenes encounters, every detail is carefully curated by our expert team to create an unforgettable visit.

Whether your clients are passionate about history, architecture, Churchill, film and television, gardens, wildlife, sustainability or British heritage, we will work closely with you to design a personalised itinerary that reflects exactly what they would like to discover.



Experiences can include:

- Private guided tours of the Palace State Rooms, Private Apartments, Gardens or Estate
- Exclusive out-of-hours access to selected areas of the Palace and Grounds
- Curator, Butler or specialist-led experiences
- Themed talks and access to the Blenheim Palace archives
- Chauffeured buggy tours of the Estate, Gardens and Parkland led by one of our staff experts in the field
- Seasonal dining experiences, afternoon teas or private catering
- Filming location tours, behind-the-scenes storytelling and exclusive insights from a location manager, director or actor
- Hands-on workshops and tailored activities across the Palace, Gardens and wider Estate
- Luxury gift bags and personalised touches for special occasions
- Arrival in style via our private on-site helipad for the ultimate VIP experience

From intimate VIP visits to full-day programmes for larger private groups, our Bespoke Tours are designed to deliver a seamless, highly personalised and completely unique experience at Britain's Greatest Palace.

Lights, Camera, Action!

Over the years, Blenheim Palace has become a stunning canvas for a remarkable array of Hollywood blockbusters and popular television series, enchanting audiences worldwide. Your clients will walk in the footsteps of their favourite stars in global hits such as *Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation*, *Spectre*, Ridley Scott's *Napoleon*, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, *Gulliver's Travels* and Steven Spielberg's *The BFG*. But the cinematic journey doesn't stop there - Blenheim Palace also played a starring role in *Bridgerton* Season 3 and *Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story*, whisking audiences away to a world of regency glamour and intrigue. Each production brings the Palace to life in unique ways, highlighting its rich history and stunning landscapes.



**COMING
SPRING 2027**

Nearly 100 Years of Filming at Blenheim Palace

Lights. Camera. Heritage. Action.

Blenheim Palace is ready for its close up.

Opening in 2027, *Beyond the Silver Screen* is a bold, immersive exhibition celebrating nearly a century of cinematic history filmed within one of the world's most recognisable palaces. Developed in collaboration with some of the world's leading film studios and global streaming production companies, this exhibition reveals Blenheim as you have never seen it before, not just a UNESCO World Heritage Site, but a leading actor on the global stage.

From sweeping costume dramas and royal romances to spy thrillers, science fiction spectacles and family favourites, Blenheim has played many roles. Battlefields and ballrooms. Royal courts and futuristic worlds. Again and again, storytellers return because Blenheim does not just host history, it performs it.



Our Experiences



■ Reel Back the Years

The story begins where cinema itself was still finding its feet.

Drawing on extensive archival research and material generously shared by international production partners, the exhibition rewinds to the early days of filmmaking, uncovering extraordinary connections to British screen history. A standout moment is the haunting post war epic *Saraband for Dead Lovers*, filmed at Blenheim in the 1940s. Thanks to the support of StudioCanal, rare archival images lift the curtain on this pivotal production, capturing the Palace at the moment heritage met Hollywood.

Each frame is a time capsule. Each discovery is a reminder that the cameras have been rolling here for generations.

■ Cue the Blockbusters

Fast forward and Blenheim is still stealing the scene.

In recent years, the Palace has dazzled global audiences through collaborations with major international studios and streaming platforms, appearing in productions such as Ridley Scott's *Napoleon* and *Shondaland's* worldwide phenomenon *Bridgerton*, alongside beloved titles including *The Young Victoria*, *The BFG* and *Gulliver's Travels*. From powdered wigs to power plays, candlelight to CGI, Blenheim continues to adapt, commanding every genre it takes on.

With more than 70 film and television productions shot across the Palace and grounds, *Beyond the Silver Screen* celebrates a filmography as rich and varied as the stories it tells.

Some titles you will recognise instantly. Others remain under wraps. After all, every great production keeps a few secrets behind the scenes.



■ Step Inside the World of Filmmaking

This is not a watch from the wings exhibition. Created in close collaboration with filmmakers, designers and production teams, visitors are invited to step onto the set and into the hidden world of filming. They will encounter iconic props and costumes, evocative set pieces, rare archival material and revealing behind the camera stories that show how Blenheim transforms from historic palace to global screen star.

Highlights include *Cinderella's* iconic glass slipper and unforgettable ball gown, shown alongside contemporary props and production elements from *Citadel 2*. From fairytale fantasy to high tension espionage, these objects sit side by side to demonstrate the extraordinary range of Blenheim's screen life.

A programme of speakers and special events will also reveal what happens when a historic palace becomes an active filming location, offering insider insight from industry professionals working at scale. This is a backstage pass into the art of illusion where heritage, creativity and technology collide.

■ From Screen to Scene

Developed with the support of VisitBritain and aligned with the Starring GREAT Britain campaign, *Beyond the Silver Screen* celebrates the powerful connection between film, place and travel. Cinema does not just entertain, it inspires audiences to cross continents, follow familiar footsteps and experience locations made famous on screen.



At Blenheim, visitors do not just watch the story unfold – they walk straight into it.



Regenerative tourism at Blenheim Palace

We want your clients to be able to actively contribute towards Blenheim Palace's environmental regeneration and conservation efforts. The income from entry tickets and group bookings supports our essential Palace restoration work (such as our most recent Roof Project) whilst much of the food they can enjoy in our cafés and restaurants is grown in our no-dig kitchen garden. The wider Estate has been enriched with various tree-planting programmes and rich, biodiverse habitats created for pollinators. Even buying a simple cup of coffee supports our regeneration cycle, with the coffee grounds then going to our pioneering circular mushroom farm. We are proud to be featured on the **Tourism Cares Meaningful Travel Map**, a global network of authentic and sustainable tourism experiences that benefit both travelers and local communities. Our commitment to **regenerative tourism** ensures that a visit to Blenheim Palace helps protect the planet and preserve heritage for future generations.

Explore the
map here





How to book your tour

Our team is ready to help you curate an unforgettable experience for your clients.

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Please note that all group visits and tours must be pre-booked and are subject to availability.