



BLENHEIM PALACE

BRITAIN'S GREATEST PALACE



TRADE VISITS 2025

Birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE



‘The Finest View in England’ Lord Randolph Churchill

What is it about Blenheim Palace? What is it that made King George III exclaim, ‘We have nothing to equal this!’? What is it that inspired Turner to paint here? What is it that makes today’s visitors eyes open wide and jaws drop, ever so slightly, in awe?

It’s grandeur on the largest of scales. Blenheim Palace was given to the 1st Duke of Marlborough by Queen Anne and her grateful nation as thanks for his stunning victory at the Battle of Blenheim in 1704. Sir John Vanbrugh’s magnificent English Baroque architecture reflects not only the 1st Duke’s military achievements, but also Vanbrugh’s own feeling that the Palace should, at the same time, be a monument to Queen Anne’s glory.

Finally, there’s the setting. The parkland as you see it now, looking so natural with its sweeping lake and hanging beech wood is, in fact, man-made, constructed laboriously between 1764 - 1774 to the far-sighted plans of the master landscaper, Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown.

At Blenheim Palace there’s an overarching aura of history and achievement. Couple that with a grand building in a perfect setting and there’s no wonder that UNESCO designated it a World Heritage Site.

Planning your visit

Welcome to the Partnerships Team, we are happy to help and support you every step of the way on your Blenheim Palace Journey. We have our Group Sales Team who will be happy to work with you to plan your perfect day. Our FIT Portal gives you easy access to our ticketing system. We can also help you build and promote your tours and visits.

Groups

When arriving at the Palace, a member of our Guest Services Team will be on hand to welcome your guides, driver, and visitors. Situated to the left of Hensington Gate is our Groups Welcome office, here your guide or driver will be able to check-in and collect the wristbands for your visitors. Our team is on hand to help any one who requires additional assistance.

Blue Badge Guides are welcome to escort their visitors through our 11 state rooms, however, we request that no guiding takes place, due to space restrictions. Our Palace guides are on hand to offer guidance, answer all questions and even thrill with snippets of gossip from the Palace’s 300-year history.

Guiding throughout our Parkland and Formal Gardens is welcomed, there is a visitor map on hand to show the many different routes available to explore. Enjoy 2000 acres of beautiful ‘Capability Brown’ landscaped parkland, with inspiring views, monuments, and a rich variety of wildlife. Relax in the beautiful Formal Gardens, including the Water Terraces, Rose Garden and Churchill Memorial Garden. Visit the Temple of Diana – the romantic spot where Churchill proposed to his beloved wife Clementine Hozier.

All group bookings of 15 visitors or more, we request are pre-booked via our Groups Sales team.

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2025 Events

Easter Weekend	18th - 21st April
Jousting	3rd - 5th May
Food Festival	24th - 26th May
Triathlon	7th & 8th June
Nocturne	18th - 22nd June
Flower Show	27th - 29th June
Battle Proms	5th July
Salon Privé	27th - 30th August
Horse Trials	18th - 21st September
October Half Term Entertainment - Day	25th October - 2nd November
Halloween Trail - Evening	24th October - 2nd November
Palace Closed	10th November - 13th November
Christmas at Blenheim Light Trail	14th November - 1st January 2025
Christmas Market	14th November - 21st December

Please note all dates listed in this document are provisional and are subject to change. You are advised to check blenheimpalace.com for finalised dates closer to the event/s.

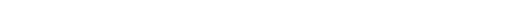


Our partnership team are pleased to support our partners with access to our ticketing portal when making any bookings for F.I.T's and small groups under 15.



All tickets booked via our ticketing portal will be invoiced, and we request you complete a credit application form if you do not already have an existing credit account with Blenheim Palace.

At the touch of a button visitors can delve deeper into the history, stories, and treasures of the Palace's past. Download our onsite guide to your personal device using our free WI-FI. This gives access to the Palace and Gardens Tours in 9 languages and a whole lot more to enhance the visit. Languages available: English English BSL, French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin, Japanese and Russian.



At Blenheim we are committed to providing an accessible attraction and strive to ensure that visitors with disabilities can enjoy as much of our magnificent World Heritage Site as possible. Therefore, we have implemented more accessible pathways around Blenheim Palace to ensure all can experience and enjoy their time here. We have onsite electric buggies which you can hop on and hop off to help you reach certain parts of our grounds; wheelchairs can be booked in advance.



We offer the option to pay via our voucher scheme, please contact partnerships@blenheimpalace.com to chat through your ticketing payment options and/or discuss your account with us.

Group catering options available – prebooking and prepayment essential.



Special Tours’ and ‘Experiences’ at Blenheim Palace

Step beyond the grandeur of Blenheim Palace’s public spaces and embark on an exclusive journey through history with our Special Tours and Experiences programme which take you behind the scenes to delve deeper into the captivating stories that have shaped the palace and its residents in times gone by.

Led by expert guides, these tours grant access to private rooms, passages and areas of the palace that are not always on view. Delight in the opulence of the Duke’s private apartments, where priceless art and heirlooms grace every corner. Marvel at the stunning craftsmanship and intricate details that adorn these living spaces, revealing the true essence of British heritage.

Blenheim Palace is also a working Estate, we can give your visitors a unique insight into how a Landed Estate now works. Our team will tour them around the magnificent 2,000 acres, which is home to an abundance of flora, fauna, and some rare and unique wildlife.

They will find out more about Blenheim Estates, conservation, preservation, restoration, and sustainable projects. Our experiences leave lasting memories as visitors explore and learn about this beautiful place, how we are working towards a more sustainable future, and ensuring Blenheim is here for future generations.

Packages range in price and party size depending on the experience requested. All our experiences are seasonal and have limited dates throughout the year. Contact our Partnership team to discuss the experiences we have to offer and pricing. partnerships@blenheimpalace.com



The Stables Cafe



Stables Exhibition



The Walled Garden Pizzeria



Private Apartments



Churchill Exhibition



The Palace Shop

Churchill Exhibition



Exhibitions

Our Churchill Exhibition features a mix of historic artefacts and new technology, documenting key aspects of the adventurous life of Sir Winston Churchill, the famous wartime leader and writer.

Born on November 30th 1874, Winston Churchill spent a significant portion of his early life within the majestic confines of the Palace and our vast parklands. We look forward to honouring the life of this renowned wartime leader with a special celebration.

Our Stables Exhibition sees the restoration of our original tack room and the stable office, as well as creating an area for live horse displays. A life size model of Churchill’s childhood pony Rob Roy appears in one of the stables and the chance for you to dress up and attempt to ride side saddle.

Retail

We partner with renowned British companies to produce exclusive ranges of exceptional quality, many of which showcase artwork and interiors from inside the Palace. We also work closely with local partners and artisans to celebrate the best our local area has to offer. We have a variety of retail items produced from our Estate, including Blenheim Gin, Honey, Water and more.

As one of our ten-year goals is to triple Blenheim’s contribution to the local economy, we aim to work closely with local producers and craftspeople, to share the best Oxfordshire and the surrounding areas have to offer. Additionally, we are committed to procuring products that are locally sourced.



Catering

Blenheim Palace offers a range of cafés and restaurants for all our group visitors to enjoy. Whether you’re after some warming comfort food or a sophisticated afternoon tea, we have something for everyone. Much of our produce is locally sourced and we use fresh fruit and vegetables from our own kitchen garden.

We also have vegetarian, vegan and gluten free choices available, and we cater for any religious needs upon request.

We also offer group catering which includes light refreshments, two or three-course hot lunches, cold buffets or afternoon tea served in a private room. Catering for all groups needs to be booked in advance and prepaid at least two weeks in advance and menus are available on request.



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.

This iconic Palace and Estate has played a starring role in thrilling films such as Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation, Spectre, and most recently, Ridley Scott's Napoleon. It has even transported viewers into the enchanting world of witches and wizards in Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, while also taking them on a grand adventure to the land of giants in both Gulliver's Travels and Steven Spielberg's The BFG. But the cinematic journey doesn't stop there - Blenheim Palace has also graced popular series like Bridgeton and Queen Charlotte, 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.

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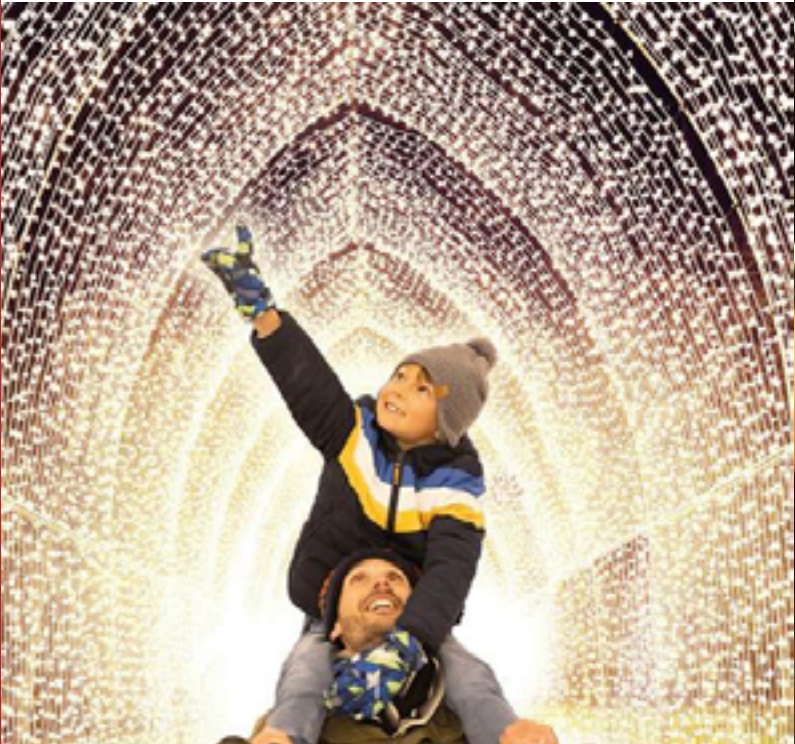
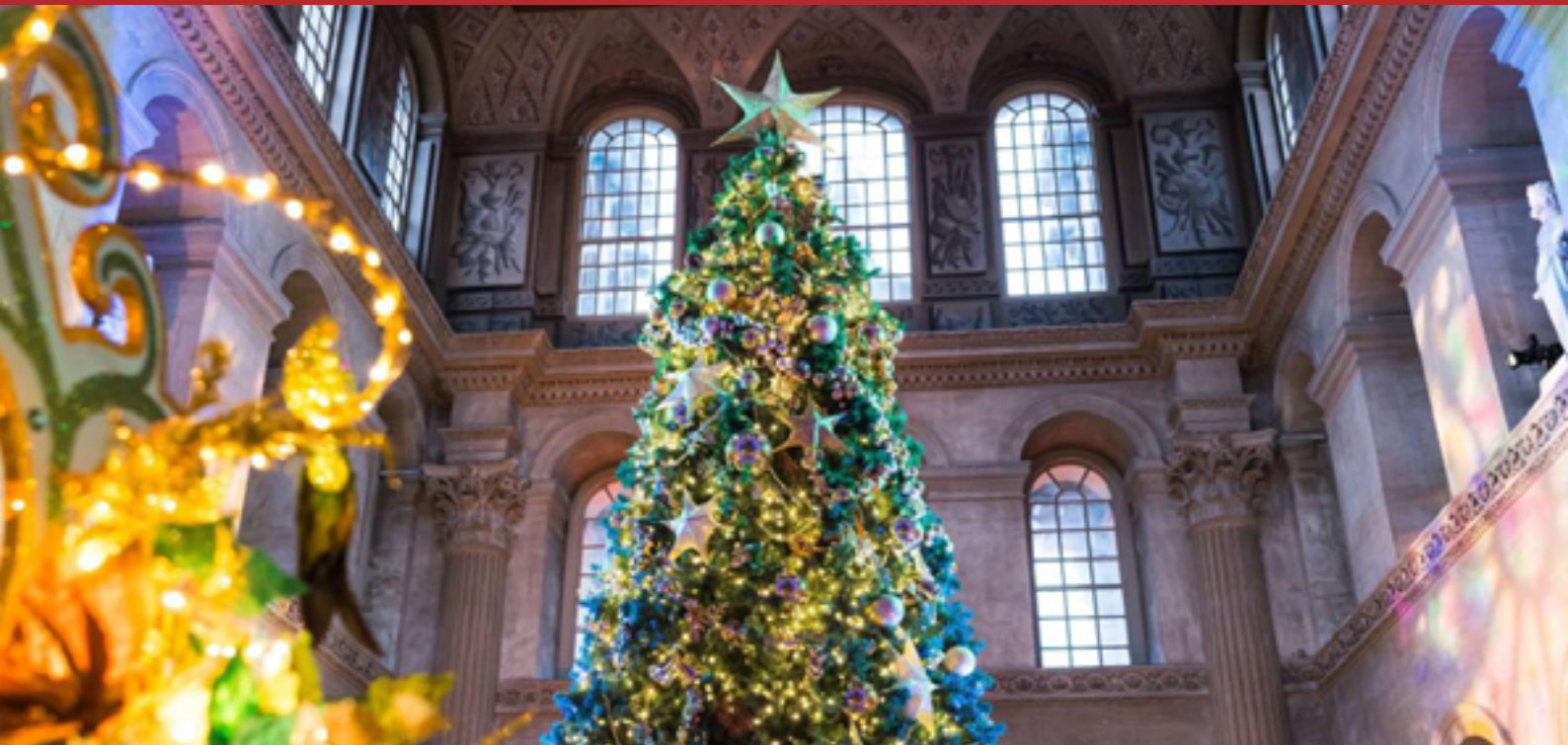


Christmas

Christmas at Blenheim Palace is a place where lifelong memories are made.

See the renowned gardens in a spectacularly different light, soak in the seasonal sounds which fill the night air and expect to see a magical glimpse of Father Christmas along the way. Inside the State Rooms, embark on an unforgettable journey through the Palace, which will be bursting with magic and make-believe. For the complete festive experience, the Christmas market will be open for groups to browse and purchase exclusive gifts and mementos. The Christmas shop also features exclusive Blenheim Palace products including Champagne Brut NV, teddy bears, luxury chocolates, candles, gins, diffusers, and Christmas baubles.

Please note there is separate pricing for Christmas. Please email partnerships@blenheimpalce.com for details on 2025.



Pricing and Booking Information

Blenheim Palace is open throughout the year however, there will be times when we need to close the Palace. Our Groups and Customer Services Team will do their best to advise you as early as we can and work with you to make alternative arrangements for your visit.

Several of our events including ‘Christmas at Blenheim’ are operated through a separate company which will incur a different way of booking and prices vary. Please refer to our website for more details or call a member of our **Customer Services Team on 01993 810530**.

We have a fantastic selection of catering options available for our groups to book. You can find our sample menus on our website. We offer discounts for bookings of 15+ paying visitors. Contact our team - **01993 810530** or email groups@blenheimpalace.com

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Pricing

This is our full published prices. Discounts are available for 15+ visitors. Please speak with our Partnerships team to discuss further. Our pricing year operates from 1st April to 31st March.

Palace, Park & Gardens Ticket	2025/26
Adult	£39.00
Concession 65 and over plus student with valid ID	£36.50
Child - 3-16 years old	£22.00

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Britain's Greatest Palace like you've never seen it before: Unique new visitor experiences for 2025-2026

A series of once-in-a-lifetime views and visitor experiences which will only be available for a limited time due to the launch of its most ambitious restoration project to date, the major repair of the roof at the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

This monumental £12.5 million undertaking aims to preserve Britain's Greatest Palace's historic architecture and safeguard its heritage for future generations.

The new experiences at Blenheim Palace will be live at the landmark from April 2025.

Rooftop Experience

Blenheim Palace is set to raise its roof with an all-new Viewing Platform experience providing visitors with never seen before breathtaking views over the Estate as well as the surrounding Oxfordshire countryside; an entirely unique perspective from above the UNESCO World Heritage Site. *Small charge may apply.*

Life Below Stairs Experience

For the first time, visitors will get to go below the Palace and step back in history to explore the hidden world of Blenheim Palace's servants. The new Life Below Stairs experience will provide the opportunity to see the historically significant original Palace Kitchens where visitors can immerse themselves in the spaces and hear the sounds of the staff work as they prepare for an important royal visit. During the visit, the day-to-day life, stories and experiences of the kitchen staff, butler, household team and the gardens team, all of whom served the Marlborough family and were an incredibly important part of Blenheim Palace's operations, will be revealed. Life Below Stairs will give the sense of the Blenheim team of the 1890s.

Family Treasures Collection

Unlock the treasures of the Private apartments and follow in the footsteps of Dukes, Duchesses and their illustrious guests for the first time in 2025. For a deeper insight into the history of Blenheim Palace, the extended State Room Tours will offer a journey through some of the grandest rooms.

Walk the new route through the family Dining Room; the Smoking Room where George Stubbs' Famous portrait of a tigress can be seen and the Duchess's Sitting Room, where visitors can spot an unusual clock, designed by Benjamin Vulliamy (George III, 1787), which features a Derby biscuit porcelain figure of Andromache mourning over the ashes of Hector at Troy.

Step through the doors into the Drawing Rooms, a route walked by Royalty and the most important visitors to the Palace. The final room is the stunning Grand Cabinet, featuring Savonnerie Carpet (c1750) from the famous Parisian carpet manufacturer and the finest collection of family portraits in the Palace. Normally reserved for special family occasions, explore the most opulent room in the Palace and its treasure trove of priceless artefacts.

2025 will also see Blenheim's renowned gardens undergo a stunning transformation with new features to be explored every season.



PROTECTING
OUR LEGACY

2025 - 2026 A HISTORIC ROOF RESTORATION PROJECT



Shaping a Greener future

We pledge that by 2027, we will become carbon neutral on scopes 1-3 of the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) protocol across all operations by 2027 and, beyond that, to remove 230,000 tonnes CO2e from the atmosphere by 2050.

We are on a mission to plant thousands of new trees in native species; including oak, cherry and beech, to be planted as part of our wider tree-planting programme to restore vital woodland habitat within Blenheim Park.

Once fully mature, these new trees will collectively sequester 21 tonnes of CO2 per year; that's enough to offset powering 2500 homes for the year. Many of the trees, which we have grown from seeds collected on the estate, will be planted in the ancient woodlands of the park, which is home to the greatest collection of ancient oaks in Europe.

As part of our five-year pledge to become greener and combat climate change, over the past 12 months we have been able to accomplish the below as part of our green journey.



LED lights:

Over 2,000 lightbulbs and light fittings in the Palace have been replaced with LEDs



Electricity savings

Since 2018, we've reduced our electricity consumption by 15%



Solar energy

Since 2018, we have increased our use of solar energy by 38%



Waste

On average, we keep 99% of our waste out of landfill



Water

Since 2018, we have reduced our water consumption by 41%, enough to fill 62,201 bathtubs



Electric cars

We have a fleet of electric vehicles and two EV charging points at the estate office



We offer group visitors the opportunity to support our green goals through a £5 donation which contributes to offsetting their carbon and helping us to reach our tree planting project.



How to get to Blenheim Palace



By Road

Eight miles north-west of Oxford, on the A44 Evesham Road, Blenheim Palace is easily accessible from London and Birmingham. For sat nav directions, please use OX20 1UL.

Journey Durations

Blenheim Palace is 20 minutes from Oxford, one hour 30 minutes from central London, 45 minutes from Stratford-upon-Avon and one hour 30 minutes from Bath. We are conveniently located 15 miles from Bicester Village.

By Train

Regular train services from London Paddington, Marylebone and Birmingham to Hanborough, Oxford Parkway and the city of Oxford.

Parking

Free car and coach parking is available in the grounds with the exception of certain event days, when parking may be charged (please check with the Groups Sales Team).

By Bus

500 Bus Service from Oxford Parkway. The S3 bus service to Woodstock runs every 30 minutes from Oxford Train Station and Gloucester Green bus station and stops at the Palace gates.

By Air

Heathrow Airport, 50 miles (60 minutes)
Luton Airport, 70 miles (80 minutes)
Gatwick Airport, 88 miles (90 minutes)
Stansted Airport, 98 miles (95 minutes)

Accessibility

The State Rooms are accessible by wheelchair via an electric lift and those with walking difficulties may borrow one of the Palace's wheelchairs for the State Rooms tour. Wheelchairs and mobility scooters are available on loan free of charge. Assistant dogs are admitted into all facilities including the Palace. Visit our website to read our full access statement.



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