



Tour Information



Young Elizabeth: Queen in the making





The tour commences and concludes at the **Best Western Plus Grim's Dyke Hotel, London.**

Grim's Dyke Hotel
Old Redding, Harrow Weald
London
HA3 6SH
Sat Nav: HA3 6SE
England
Tel: 0208 385 3100

Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

If you are travelling by car: From the A40, take the A406 North Circular Road and exit onto the A404 towards harrow. Follow the A404 through Harrow town centre and turn right onto Old Redding. Continue on Old Redding and the hotel will be on your right.

Car Parking: There is parking available for guests of the hotel located at the front of the hotel.

If you are travelling by train: The nearest train station is Harrow & Wealdstone – approx. 3 miles away



Accommodation

Best Western Plus Grim's Dyke Hotel, London

This modern four-star hotel set in 40 acres of gardens and woodland, and boasts a restaurant, WIFI, and modern bedrooms with private bathroom facilities, TV, hairdryer, telephone and desk. Complimentary car parking is available at the hotel.

More information can be found via the hotel's website:

<https://www.donningtonmanorhotel.co.uk/>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival, you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day, the tour will finish at approximately 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 11.00.

Dining

On the first night, a welcome reception and 3-course set menu dinner with wine is provided. On your second night, dinner is included at the hotel. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included. Meals other than these stated are not included.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements



Places Visited

Hatfield House

Hatfield House is where Elizabeth I was sent to live as an infant. It was in the gardens here, in 1558, that she received the life-changing news that she was to become Queen of England. Although little remains of the original Tudor palace built by Henry VIII for his children, the current house contains many important Elizabethan relics—including the famous *Rainbow Portrait*—offering a powerful sense of her early life and legacy.

<https://hatfield-house.co.uk/>

Hampton Court Palace

Hampton Court Palace is where Elizabeth was once held under house arrest, suspected of conspiring against her half-sister, Mary I. Here you can explore the Great Hall, the Chapel Royal, and the vast Tudor kitchens. Here you can also discover the later 1689 Baroque Palace, designed by Sir Christopher Wren for King William III.

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/>

The Charterhouse

The Charterhouse in Smithfield London, is a historic almshouse and heritage site dating back to medieval and Tudor times. It was here that Elizabeth met the Privy Council in the days before her coronation in 1558. Today, it offers impressive courtyards, a medieval chapel, and museum, which together offer a glimpse into London's royal past.

<https://thecharterhouse.org/>

The Tower of London

The Tower of London is one of the city's most iconic landmarks, with a rich and often grim history as a royal palace, fortress, and prison spanning nearly a thousand years. This was where Young Elizabeth I was imprisoned by Queen Mary I, in 1554. This was due to suspicions of Elizabeth's involvement in Wyatt's Rebellion, a plot against Mary's rule.

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/#gs.lieoru>

Your Guides

Dr Nicola Tallis Dr Nicola Tallis is an independent historian and researcher, who has also worked as a curator and lecturer. She received her doctorate from the University of Winchester in 2019, and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. Nicola has worked with Historic Royal Palaces and the National Trust, and has appeared on BBC's *Countryfile*, *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *Booktalk*. She is also a regular contributor to history magazines and radio. Nicola has given talks at the Emirates Literature Festival, Hampton Court Palace, the Tower of London, the National Archives, and the British Library to name but a few. She is the author of four critically acclaimed books: *Crown of Blood: The Deadly Inheritance of Lady Jane Grey*, *Elizabeth's Rival: The Tumultuous Tale of Lettice Knollys, Countess of Leicester*, *Uncrowned Queen: The Fateful Life of Margaret Beaufort, Tudor Matriarch*, and *All the Queen's Jewels, 1445-1548: Power, Majesty and Display*.



Dr Nicola Tallis will be delivering two engaging lectures, 'Elizabeth: Princess of England' on the first evening and 'Elizabeth: False Traitor' on the second evening.

Practical Information

Tour manager – Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions, please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping – To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services.

Grading – This tour has been graded as **Moderate** due to the amount of walking around sites, and lots of standing for viewing at each attraction. At each attraction there are steps and limited places to sit for rest.



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday, please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason, you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



Emergencies

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