

This visit has been organised by George Freeman.

Cardinal Wolsey started building his palace about 1612 but Henry VIII confiscated it in 1620. He carried on building including his Great Hall with its magnificent hammer-beam roof. Most centuries have seen more building, two notable architects being William Kent (George II) and Wren (William and Mary). Kent rebuilt some of the famous west front and parts of the inside. Wren built the Fountain Court and the south and east wings. Inside there are pictures and furniture from these periods and in some rooms there are costume guides who explain the history.

HRP (Historic Royal Palaces) runs roof-top tours over of Wren's part of the palace. Access is via a long steep stone staircase with iron banisters (probably made by Tijou as he was Wren's master blacksmith). On the roof there are steel walkways over the leads. The views of the old roofs, S & E gardens and park are unrivalled.

The size of a group is a maximum of 15. As the tour is very expensive we must restrict our group to 15 or 30. The first tour is before lunch and a possible second one after lunch. The cost includes entry and re-entry to the palace and gardens, and the tour. This is a loss-making visit for REMS even at 15 or 30 people.

SAFETY Please do not come with us if you have difficulty climbing stairs or suffer with vertigo. Please wear sensible flat shoes and, if sunny, a sun hat as it gets hot up there. If the weather is bad we will have a 1½ hour guided tour of the palace. Umbrellas and canes are not allowed on the roof and everyone must sign an indemnity form. Please read the conditions on page 3.

MEET in the Tiltyard Cafeteria (**M**) for refreshments and toilets.

LUNCH can be had in the Tiltyard cafe or the Kings Arms just outside the grounds.

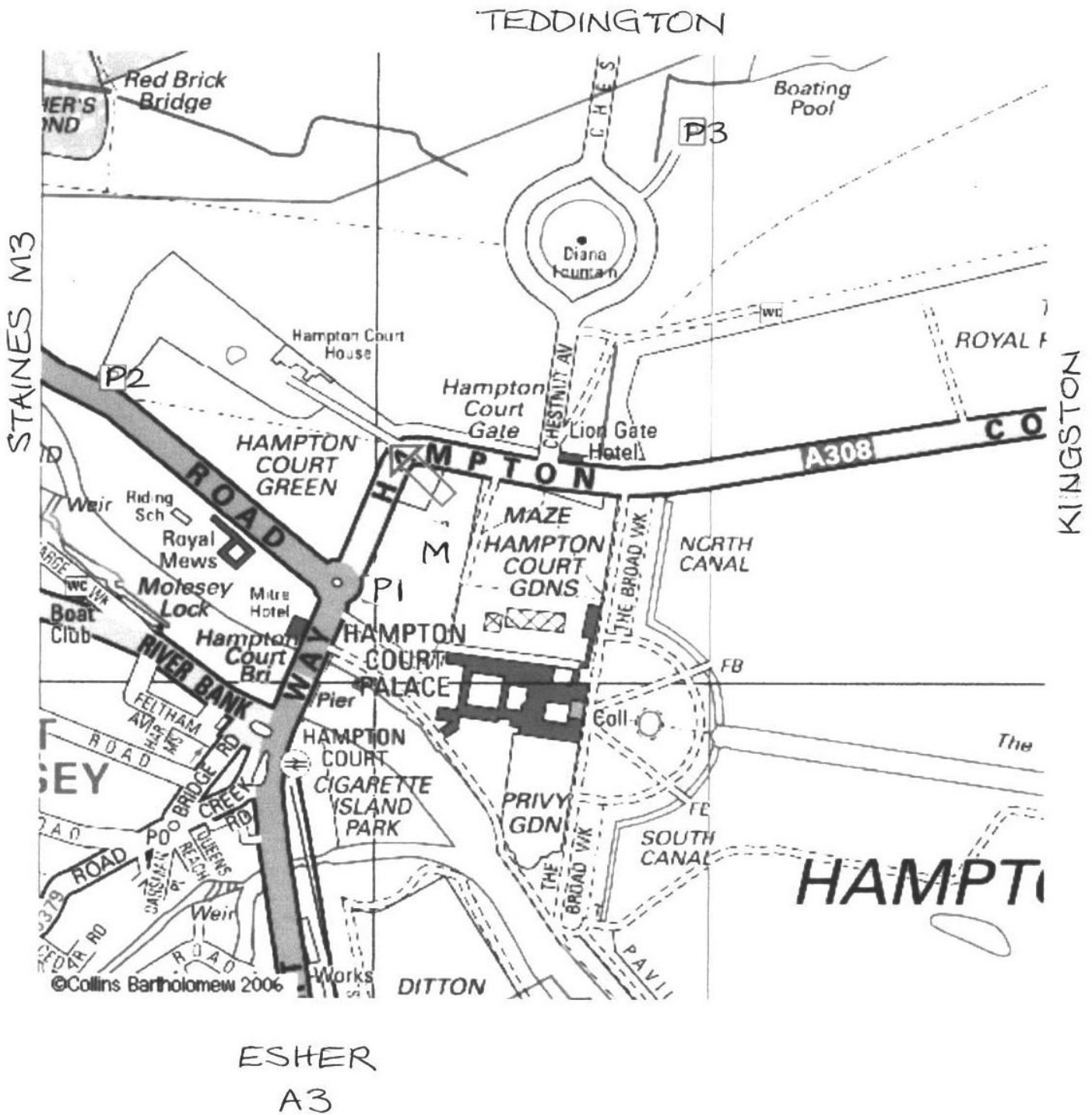
10.30 – 11.00	Assemble in the Tiltyard cafeteria (M)
11.00	Enter the Palace
11.30	Tour for Group 1. Group 2 to explore the palace
13.00	Lunch
14.30	Tour for group 2. Group 1 to explore the palace

COSTS £30.00 each. If you are accepted on the visit and have to cancel, the cost will not be refunded unless a replacement can be found. This visit will be cancelled if the number is less than 15.

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GETTING THERE.

Trains - every half hour from Waterloo to Hampton Court Station, zone 6, at .26 and .56 each hour, taking 35 minutes.

Alternatively, there are 4 trains an hour from Waterloo via Clapham Junction and Wimbledon to Kingston. Near the station buses 411, 111 and 216 run frequently and pass the palace. Alight at "Palace Gardens" and walk past the maze to the cafe.

There are two trains an hour from Richmond station to Kingston. Alternatively, the bus R68 runs from Richmond Station to the Palace, every 15 minutes, taking 3/4 hour.

Car – **P1** is in the Palace grounds and is expensive. **P2** is on the A308 west of the Palace with charges. **P3** is in Bushy Park, is free and is about 400 yards from the Palace.

HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

Hampton Court Palace roof tour

Health and Safety

We carry out risk assessments on all our activities. The risks associated with a tour of the Hampton Court Palace roof have been assessed as low as long as visitors accept and adhere to the following information and conditions:

- The roof is accessed by a large number of steps (107) which may have an uneven riser and be worn.
- There is a low stair ceiling and low door height at top of staircase which you must negotiate.
- Small access steps will be encountered. Some of these do not have hand rails.
- The metal walkways do not have hand rails.
- There are some small gaps between the metal walkways causing tripping hazards.
- ♣ The roof is not suitable for the use of walking sticks or other mobility aids.
- There are some small gaps between chimneys with stone ridges causing obstructions to head.
- Do not lean against windows.
- Keep to metal walkways; only walk on the lead roof if advised to do so by the guide.
- Keep together and do not wander away from group.
- Allow eyes to adjust to different light levels encountered.
- Do not participate if you feel you may suffer from vertigo.
- Visitors must wear suitable footwear (no heels, sandals or flip-flops) and clothes, and not carry large items or bags which must be left behind in a safe place.
- Advise the tour guide if you feel unwell.
- In the event of an evacuation, follow the instructions of the tour leader.

Please note that in the event of inclement weather, Hampton Court Palace will cancel the roof tour. There will be no refunds. Participants will be offered a 1½ hour private guided tour of Hampton Court Palace with their roof tour guide instead.