



Household Cavalry MUSEUM

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About the Museum

The Household Cavalry Museum is a living museum that tells the story of the Household Cavalry. Based in one of Royal London's most historic sites, Horse Guards, Whitehall, the purpose of the museum is to educate the public and members of the Household Cavalry about the history, heritage, and daily life of the regiment.

Visitors learn about the traditions of the Household Cavalry and experience the daily ceremony of the King's Life Guard that has remained unchanged since its founding in 1660. The museum's location provides a unique backdrop that helps immerse visitors in the rich history and ongoing activities of the regiment.

The Household Cavalry Museum contains artefacts comprising over 360 years of the Household Cavalry Regiment's history, both of diligent and loyal service to the Royal Family here in the United Kingdom and battlefield courage across the world.



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As a volunteer tour guide, you can help the 50,000 visitors from across the globe who come through our doors every year to get a better understanding of the collection, and share with them historical anecdotes and tales attached to the objects housed in our collection.

Tours offered by the Household Cavalry Museum include:

- **A 20-minute overview** providing a brief introduction to the Household Cavalry Regiment, its duties and a look through the viewing window into the working stables of the Household Cavalry in the second gallery.
- **An hour-long guided tour** through all three galleries of the Household Cavalry Museum, covering a full discussion of the ceremonial and armoured aspects of the Household Cavalry Regiment, information about the training of the Irish draft horses used for ceremonial mounted guard here in London, and a chronological history of the Household Cavalry Regiment from its founding to the present day.
- **Special interest/themed tours** that may take place over the course of the year.

The role of a volunteer tour guide will be:

- Taking pre-booked tour groups (up to a maximum of 15) through the Household Cavalry Museum, covering relevant aspects of the Household Cavalry Regiment's duties past and present, and explaining the historical/ceremonial significance of particularly notable objects in the collection.
- Answering questions during and after about all aspects of the Household Cavalry Regiment that arise.
- Providing an informative and educative experience to visitors to encourage them to return and spread word of the museum to family/friends etc.



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Points of Interest:

Museum: As well as housing the best items from one of the world's finest regimental collections, superb interactives and graphics, visitors can watch House troopers at work in the stables through a viewing window granting a behind the scenes look at a serving regiment of the British Army and try on and handle real uniforms and pieces of armour.

Public duties: A visit to the Museum is complimented daily by colourful sentry changes on the hour on Whitehall and set piece guard changes on Horse Guards Parade outside the Museum at 11am (Monday, Wednesday, Friday: a full ceremonial changing of the guard, and a ceremonial inspection on Tuesday, Thursday and the weekends), along with the Garrison Inspection/ 'Punishment Parade' at 4pm. These visually spectacular ceremonies form an important part of the Regiment's working day.

Ceremonial events:

Ceremonial duties are an important part of Army history and tradition. As part of the Household Division, the Household Cavalry Regiment provides both ceremonial and operational support for the Crown. Royal occasions such as the State Opening of Parliament, Trooping the Colour (Queen's Birthday Parade) and State Visits from visiting foreign heads of State are some of the most colourful and exciting events of the year.



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Requirements:

- An interest in military history
- Willingness to speak to large groups of people
- Self-motivated and willing to learn
- Friendly disposition

Training:

- You will accompany a tour of the Museum by a full-time member of staff to give you an idea of how to perform a guided tour to a tour group
- Additional training/appropriate reading material will be provided as and when required to help

Accessibility:

- The Museum is on the ground floor and fully wheelchair friendly with an accessible washroom facility. The team break room and kitchen are on the fourth floor: however, every effort will be made to ensure steps are avoided should volunteers wish to take tea breaks in the Museum instead.

How to apply:

If this appeals to you, email us your interest and availability to
museum@householdcavalry.co.uk

Please mark email for attention of Luke Courtney

