



Explore the forgotten story of Indian Army soldiers who camped at Hampton Court Palace in the early 20th century, through a new display of previously unseen objects, photographs, film and personal stories.

Information and FAQs for Heritage Days by Community Curators - A little History of the Sikhs

What is a Heritage Day by A little History of the Sikhs?

The community curators/partners of **The Indian Army at the Palace** have approval to deliver a series of Heritage Days, which will comprise the following planned activities:

- Small group visits to Faraday House (residence of Princess Sophia Duleep Singh of Lahore)
- Guided/supported visits to the Indian Army at the Palace Exhibition, near the East Front Gardens
- Access to the Palace, Activities and Gardens of Hampton Court Palace

The event is open to all – the A little History network, their friends, families and colleagues – Sikh and non-Sikhs.

What is the date/time of the day?

For a Heritage Day the timings are 11 am to 3pm, followed by free time at the Palace until close for all attendees.

Are the timings flexible?

No – this event take place from 11am, with a prompt start. If you have booked in to attend the tour, then please plan to arrive at the Clore Learning Centre from 10.45am.

What are the charges?

All Heritage Days are supported by Historic Royal Palaces, and have been designed with the support of a number of teams at the Palace, including the Community Access Scheme. A small charge per ticket for adults and children has been implemented by A little History of the Sikhs to help support with planning and minimise no-shows.

Bookings through A little History of the Sikhs will provide significant savings on the regular entry price. Tickets for our Heritage Days are priced at £6 per adult and £3 per child, with entry for HRP Members being free.

How much do I save!?

Usual ticket prices for entry to the Palace start at £13.10 for children and from £21 for adults, with £29 being the peak-entry ticket for adults. Through our partnership **you will save** at least £15 per ticket for adults and **save** at least £11 per child.

Who are the team who will delivering the Sikh Heritage Days?

On our Heritage Days, a team of at least 3 staff from A little History of the Sikhs will be present, including:

- Rav Singh, A little History of the Sikhs, Community Curator for the Indian Army at the Palace Exhibition
- Dr Tejpal Singh Ralmill, Sikh Pioneers & Sikh Light Infantry Association, Community Curator for the Indian Army at the Palace Exhibition
- Ian Franklin, local resident and expert on Hampton Court History
- Ajunee Kaur Dhillon, A little History of the Sikhs
- Gurmeet Singh & Family, local residents working with A little History of the Sikhs
- Vaanee Sariyan, A little History of the Sikhs
- Jeea Chadha, A little History of the Sikhs
- Harkiran Kaur Kohli, A little History of the Sikhs
- Jeevan Sanghera, A little History of the Sikhs

NOTE: Comfortable Footwear: Please request visitors to wear comfortable footwear. Hampton Court Palace is a 16th century palace, with lots of cobbled stone areas, where trainers, comfortable footwear are more suited.

Will the Heritage Day organisers support individuals with any support/access requirements?

We have worked with the teams at Historic Royal Palaces and other partners to provide the following:

- **Access:** The Palace is largely an accessible venue, and the exhibition takes place on the ground floor. The Palace staff have access arrangements in place for wheelchair users.
- The Clore Learning Centre and the Palace both have wheelchair accessible toilets.
- We will endeavour to ensure wheelchair users can experience our exhibition and the wider Palace with equity and parity alongside non-disabled audiences/ participants.
- **Ticketing:** For Heritage Days by A little History of the Sikh we have ensured all tickets are at the lowest price possible, to reduce financial barriers. All interested parties' area asked to contact A little History of the Sikhs, if the ticket pricing for Heritage Days is a barrier, and we

will ensure we can cover the ticket price. We aim to work on a trust basis, and all disabled people and their caregivers will not be asked to provide 'proof' of disability.

- **Accessible events for Deaf Audiences:** If we are made aware in advance of visitors, we will work with Historic Royal Palaces to ensure we have audio loops booked in for the day.
- **Neurodivergent/ learning disabled access:** On our Heritage Days, we will offer a space as a breakout area/chillout space for use during the day.
- **Visitors for whom English is not a main language:** The team at A little History of the Sikhs will be happy to present information in Punjabi, Urdu or Hindi for those attending who may feel more comfortable in engaging with the exhibition in their mother tongue.
- **Toilets:** For our elders and visitors, we will ensure that all toilet locations are announced upon arrival at the Clore Learning Centre. The exhibition area is also close to a set of toilets, to minimise any anxiety about use of welfare facilities.

Any further queries or questions for Gurdwara Group Visits, please do not hesitate to contact the team at A little History of the Sikhs via:

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