



CONCOURS OF ELEGANCE

*Hampton Court Palace*

1-3 SEPTEMBER 2017

# ENTERTAINING AT THE PALACE

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# THE RAREST CARS IN THE WORLD FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The Concours of Elegance will bring together the rarest cars from around the world – many of which have never been seen before in the UK.


The complete history of the motor car will be on show; everything from the pioneering days to the latest hyper cars. Each one carefully selected by an international panel of automotive experts and professionals. Powerful racing cars, exotic sports cars, elegant motoring masterpieces... A beautiful garden filled with extremely rare treasures.

This is your invitation to the UK's premier Concours for historic cars.

A privileged royal setting where style and elegance meet.





An aerial photograph of a grand estate, likely Blenheim Palace, featuring a long central canal with a fountain at the far end. The canal is flanked by meticulously manicured hedges and trees. In the foreground, a gravel path leads towards the canal, where several vintage cars are displayed, including a red sports car with the number 20. A large crowd of people is gathered along the path and near the canal, enjoying the event. White tents are visible on the left side of the canal. The background shows a vast green lawn and distant buildings under a clear sky.

*“My clients and I absolutely loved it... and I’m sure we’ll be talking about it until next year’s event! I can only say that everyone I know that is a car enthusiast was over the moon with the event... congratulations!”*

Bill Cormier, JP MORGAN



# HOSPITALITY

The exclusive Concours of Elegance hospitality enclosure offers badge holders a private area from which they can entertain or be entertained. On the East front lawns of the Palace a stunning marquee and garden, incorporating a private lounge area, will provide guests with a perfect view of the cars. Using fresh British produce supplied by a range of Royal Warrant Holders, all day refreshments will be served in a relaxed environment. Our hostesses will make your Concours experience a truly memorable occasion.

Your hospitality experience will include:

- Complimentary day admission to the Concours of Elegance.
- All day access to the private hospitality marquee and garden.
- Private or shared tables of 10.
- Morning tea and coffee served with a selection of freshly baked pastries.
- Drinks reception by Champagne Taittinger.
- Three course lunch with selected fine wines.
- Coffee and chocolates.
- Afternoon cream tea.
- Reserved VIP car parking.
- Complimentary souvenir catalogue (1 per 2 guests).







FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

*VIP Preview Day*

£295 + VAT per person

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

£195 + VAT per person

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

£195 + VAT per person

*Hospitality details subject to change.*

*Minimum booking of 2 guests.*



## DINING AT THE CONCOURS

Hospitality guests will be treated to a choice of sumptuous menus over the course of the event, all beautifully presented by our team of highly skilled caterers. On arrival guests will be welcomed with freshly baked pastries that can be enjoyed alongside a morning tea or coffee. After a few hours of exploring, guests will be asked to join us for a Champagne Taittinger reception. This will be followed by a delicious three course meal created entirely for our guests by a highly skilled team of caterers with a unique passion for food. Finally, after a long day of admiring some of the worlds rarest cars and being entertained at the Concours of Elegance, our guests are invited to return to the hospitality area for afternoon tea, a perfect moment to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.







## SAMPLE MENU

Free range Hebridean quail, candied figs and cobnuts with red top chicory, dandelion and golden beets

Five spice dusted Gigha halibut fillet, new potatoes with chives and a poached vegetable panache

Caramelised lemon and verbena tart, passion fruit iced yoghurt, semi freddo, macadamia crumble and violet shards



## CHAMPAGNE TAITTINGER

*Reims*

*Taittinger is the Official Champagne Partner for the Concours of Elegance.*

## CORNEY & BARROW

INDEPENDENT WINE MERCHANTS-1780

*All of our hospitality wines have been carefully selected by Corney & Barrow who currently hold two Royal Warrants; to HM Queen Elizabeth II and HRH The Prince of Wales. They are one of the longest established Independent Wine Merchants in the UK.*

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## FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

*VIP Preview Day*

Open to Owners and special ticket holders only

- 09.30** The 2017 Concours of Elegance officially opens.
- 10.00** The Concours of Elegance hospitality marquee and garden opens to guests. Morning coffee served.
- 11.00** Concours cars arrive at Hampton Court Palace.
- 12.00** Champagne reception followed by three course lunch, coffee and chocolates.
- 15.00** **The Royal Automobile Club - Club Trophy.** Concours winning cars from the top car clubs will take part in the competition. Cars will arrive at approx. 10am and be on display throughout the day.
- 15.30** Afternoon tea.
- 18.00** Concours closes for the day.



## SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Open to public ticket holders

- 09.30** Private marquee and garden opens to guests. Morning coffee served.
- 12.00** Champagne reception followed by three course lunch, coffee and chocolates.
- 15.00** **The Jaguar Trophy.** 100's of classic Jaguars will be in attendance with many taking part in the 'Jaguar Trophy'. The winner will be announced on the Talking Concours stage.
- 15.30** Afternoon tea.
- 18.00** Concours closes for the day.



## SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Open to public ticket holders

- 09.30** Private marquee and garden opens to guests. Morning coffee served.
- 11.00** **The Octane Tour.** An eclectic display of cars from the readers of Octane magazine will be taking part in a Tour and will arrive and be displayed in the Palace gardens.
- The Bentley Trophy.** Members of the Bentley drivers club will display their cars and the 'Bentley Trophy' will be awarded and announced on the Talking Concours stage.
- Veteran Car Parade.** 20 of the finest Veteran cars (pre.1919) from the Royal Automobile Club London to Brighton Run will visit the gardens on Sunday.
- 12.00** Champagne reception followed by three course lunch, coffee and chocolates.
- 15.00** Afternoon tea.
- 17.00** The Grand Depart.
- 18.00** Concours closes for the day.



# YOUR DAY AT THE CONCOURS

## Talking Concours Stage

Throughout the day the Talking Concours stage will host interviews with the Owners of the Concours Cars and Concours winners.

## Parades of Cars

A selection of Concours cars will be driven around the fountain, in front of the 'Talking Concours' stage, at different times throughout the day.

## Jazz in the Gardens

## Explore Hampton Court Palace

Enjoy a visit to see Henry VIII's Kitchen & Kitchen Gardens, The State Apartments, Great Hall, The Great Vine, The Maze, Cumberland Art Gallery, Royal Tennis Court and the many other attractions of the Palace.

## The Royal Warrant Holders Pavilion

Enjoy a little retail therapy with a visit to the Royal Warrant Holders Pavilion.



## Luxury Car Makers

Visit the world's luxury car makers.

## Specialist Dealers

If you're thinking of buying your next, or first, classic car talk to the leading historic car experts in the Specialist Dealers area.

## Enjoy the Scenic Hampton Court Gardens

## Visit the feature car displays

### *Harry's Garage*

A display of the some of the world's greatest modern supercars.

### *The World's Most Beautiful Car*

Judged by leading editors the car will be unveiled at the Concours on Friday morning.

### *60th Anniversary of Jaguar's Triumph at the 1957 Le Mans 24hr race*

The 5 original Jaguar D-types (which came 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 6th) will arrive on Friday morning and will be displayed throughout the weekend.





## DRESS CODE AT THE CONCOURS OF ELEGANCE

Dressing appropriately is all part of the experience and will add to the sense of occasion. We encourage all guests to dress up, period clothing is always well received.

Outlined below is a helpful guide, not an official directive, but we do have a strict no jeans no trainers policy.

### FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

As VIP preview day, all guests to be smartly turned out. Gentleman are required to wear a jacket with tie or cravat. Ladies, may wear hats. Please bear in mind gravel paths and lawns at the Palace are not the best surface for stiletto heels.

### SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER & SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

For both public days, casual but elegant dress is encouraged.



*Swing tags must be visible at all times.*



# HOW TO GET TO US

For any of our hospitality guests who do not wish to use the VIP parking facilities at Hampton Court Palace, there are other ways you can get to the Concours of Elegance.

## Train

Guests travelling by train from London, the nearest station to the Palace is Hampton Court Station. The Train runs every half an hour from London Waterloo and it is a ten-minute walk or very short taxi ride from the station to the Palace.

## Taxi

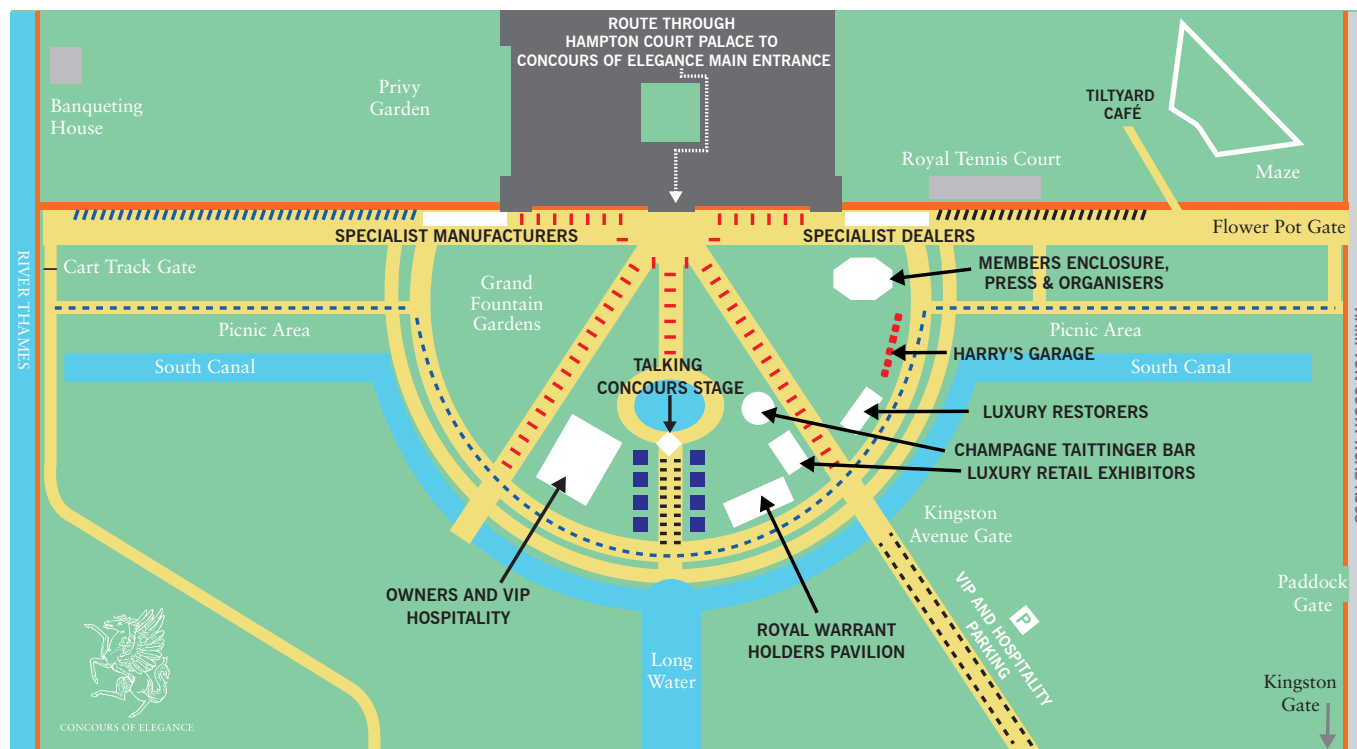
Guests arriving by taxi may be dropped off at the gates. There is a mini-cab firm at Hampton Court station for those wishing to go home by taxi or anyone who is heading to Heathrow or Gatwick Airports. We advise that you book these in advance.

## Car

The Palace is located on the A308 and is well signposted from all the major local roads; drivers should follow the AA event road signs. From the M25 take either exit 10 on to the A307 or exit 12 on to the A308. The Palace is also accessible via the A3 and then the A309. The Palace postcode is KT8 9AU.

For further information please visit the Hampton Court Palace website detailed below:

[www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace](http://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace)







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