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Exhibition of Watercolours by His Majesty The King at Sandringham



*Sandringham House by
The King as Prince of
Wales, 1991*

A collection of watercolours painted by His Majesty The King will go on display this year from April - October at The Sandringham Estate in Norfolk.

Through over 40 of The King's watercolours, the creative interpretation of many British geographic landscapes and Royal Residences will be on display. The exhibition contains a range of scenes painted in the Welsh hills, the highlands of Scotland and at Windsor Castle, Highgrove, Birkhall Castle and the surrounding Norfolk countryside at Sandringham.

In recent years, His Majesty's watercolours depicting scenes around the world have been exhibited at Hampton Court Palace in 1998, to mark the then Prince of Wales's 50th birthday, and at The National Gallery of Australia in 2018.

Marking the year of the Coronation, this collection of watercolours at Sandringham will be a unique exhibition as it focuses entirely on scenes and landscapes from around the UK.



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His Majesty The King previously wrote in 1991 for the book ‘HRH The Prince of Wales Watercolours’,

“I took up painting entirely because I found photography less than satisfying. Quite simply, I experienced an overwhelming urge to express what I saw through the medium of watercolour and to convey that almost ‘inner’ sense of texture which is impossible to achieve via photography...”

In 2013, then as the Prince of Wales, His Majesty The King contributed to a documentary called Royal Paintbox which explored, for the first time, Royal artists through the ages. In an interview for the documentary, he spoke of his fascination with natural light.

He said: *“I think, you know, drawing from nature, observing from nature, is absolutely crucial. I’ve obviously been inspired by just looking”*.

“It’s usually the light that catches my attention. You can look at the same view over and over again and then suddenly one moment, there’s the most magical light.”

The watercolours will be on display in the Ballroom at Sandringham House from 1 April – 12 October. The exhibition is included with a House & Gardens ticket.

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Notes to Editors

The watercolour exhibition will open in line with Sandringham House opening.

Sandringham House and Gardens opens for the main season from 1 April – 12 October, 10am – 5pm (last entry 4pm), remaining closed on Fridays for group access and Exclusive Access Tours.

Sandringham Estate is the much-loved Country Retreat of the British Royal Family and has been the private home to generations of British Monarchs since 1862.

Sandringham Royal Parkland spans nearly 243 hectares and is open daily throughout the year for walking and cycling, is dog friendly and includes a woodland children's play area. Sandringham Arboretum is also open all year in line with the Royal Parkland and features many trees and plants from "around the world."

St Mary Magdalene Church, visited by the Royal Family particularly at Christmas, is located in the Royal Parkland and open to visitors in line with Sandringham House opening times.

Facilities at Sandringham Courtyard include The Sandringham Shop, Sandringham Restaurant serving light lunches and Afternoon Tea, and the Terrace take away cafe facilities. All open daily throughout the year, please see the website for the most up to date times.

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