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“Best of Both Worlds: Ceremonial and Operational”

A Tour for up to four people of the Household Cavalry’s Museum at Horse Guards Parade and Mounted Regiment in Knightsbridge Barracks, on a mutually convenient day and subject to security and pandemic clearance.

Your tour is from the time of the daily changing of The Sovereign’s Life Guard at 10.50AM and will last approximately three hours from 10.50AM to 1.30PM

Your personal tour of will be led by the Director of the **Household Cavalry Foundation**.

You will learn about the history of the British Army’s senior regiments: The Life Guards and The Blues & Royals.

They are The Household Cavalry that has guarded Monarchs and fought their wars for over 363 years.

Since The Restoration of the Monarchy in 1660 the four antecedent regiments of today’s Household Cavalry - The 1st and 2nd **Life Guards**, Royal Horse Guards (**The Blues**) and the 1st (Royal) Dragoons - and their successors - The Life Guards and The Blues & Royals - are the British Army’s senior regiments that have guarded Monarchs and fought their wars for over 363 years.

They have Battle Honours from every British Army campaign since Tangier in 1661.

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During the Second World War a Life Guard (Menzies - James Bond’s “M”) was “Churchill’s Spymaster”.

Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond, worked for “M” and is believed to have based Bond on a Royal Horse Guard (Smiley) who later commanded Queen Elizabeth II’s Coronation Procession.

Another Blue (Laycock) led Britain’s Commandos and Special Service Brigade.

After the recent Afghanistan campaign a Household Cavalryman was the UK’s most decorated soldier.

His biography is *Bullet Magnet*. Also in Afghanistan a Household Cavalry sniper achieved *The Longest Kill*.

Since 2001 Household Cavalrymen have won these bravery awards:

a Distinguished Service Order, a George Cross, four Military Crosses and four Conspicuous Gallantry Crosses.

The Household Cavalry recruits nationwide; its Marches include “The Keel Row” and “Men of Harlech”, and it provides The Sovereign’s daily Life Guards, and Royal Escorts for events such as The Birthday Parade (Trooping The Colour), State Visits by Foreign Dignitaries, and The State Opening of Parliament.

This explains “Best of Both Worlds: Ceremonial and Operational”. The Household Cavalry’s mottos confirm this:

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense “Evil Be To Him Who Evil Thinks” that is shared with The Order of The Garter, and *Spectemur Agendo* “Judge Us By Our Deeds”.

The **Household Cavalry Foundation** is the official charity for the Household Cavalry.

It supports all the members of the Household Cavalry “family”:

serving soldiers, operational casualties, veterans and dependants;

and the Household Cavalry’s heritage, and the welfare of our Black, Windsor Grey and Drum horses.

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