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The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on 6 May 2023. The King is the 40th reigning monarch to be crowned in Westminster Abbey, after the passing of Queen Elizabeth II in September of last year.

The ceremony will take place in the morning and will be televised by the BBC. For almost a millennium, Westminster Abbey has been the site of coronation ceremonies for all but two UK monarchs. King Charles will follow this tradition with his coronation, although it may be more modest in scale than Queen Elizabeth II's 1953 ceremony, which lasted over three hours and was attended by 8,000 guests.



According to insider reports from The Daily Mail, King Charles's coronation is expected to be shorter, lasting just over an hour, and attended by 2,000 guests. The core elements of the coronation ceremony are expected to remain unchanged.

King Charles will pledge an oath, receive a blessing, and be anointed with oil that was consecrated at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem by the archbishop. Once anointed, he will take a seat on the 700-year-old coronation chair, which has recently undergone restoration in preparation for the event. The Sovereign's Orb and Sceptres will be presented to the new monarch, followed by the crowning of the king and queen.

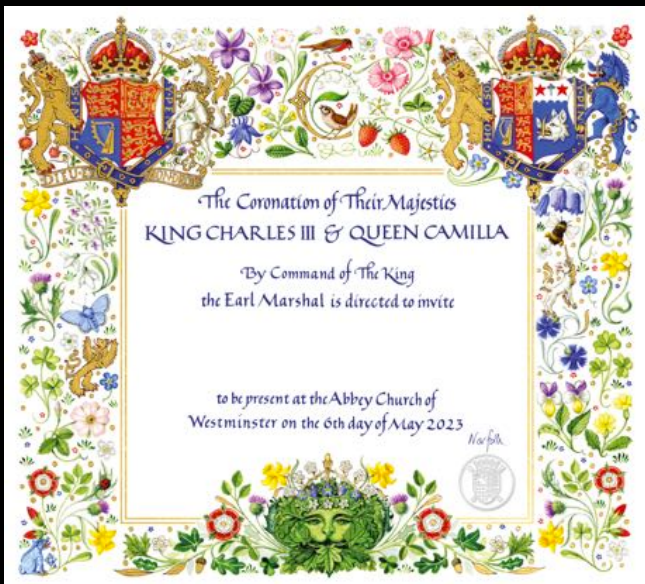


During the ceremony the King will be crowned with the St. Edward's Crown, which weighs almost five pounds. Crafted in 1661, this exquisite artefact is a masterpiece made entirely of solid gold, adorned with rubies, amethysts, sapphires, garnets, topazes, and tourmalines, set around a backdrop of regal purple velvet and lined with luxurious ermine fur. Its beauty and uniqueness is a priceless treasure.

King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla are set to embark on the King's Procession, with a traditional route from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey, on the historic Gold State Coach.



After the ceremony, they will be joined by other members of the royal family for the Coronation Procession, which will lead them back to Buckingham Palace. The first day's official ceremonies will culminate with the royals appearing on the balcony for a final public appearance.



Early April 2023, Buckingham Palace unveiled the official invitation for the coronation, which prominently featured artwork by Andrew Jamieson and was covered in symbolism.

The invitation showcased an illustration of the Green Man, an ancient figure from British folklore that represents spring and rebirth, and it aims to honour the start of a new reign. The Green Man is encircled by a border of plant life indigenous to the UK, while at the invitation's pinnacle, there are two coats of arms symbolising King Charles and Queen Camilla.



Numerous international royals from Monaco, Japan, Sweden, Spain, Denmark, Greece, and other countries are expected to be in attendance at the coronation, along with notable political figures like British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and his wife Akshata Murthy, and First Lady Jill Biden. Additionally, a handful of British Empire Medal recipients have been invited to the event. Among the guests will be members of the royal family, including Prince William, his wife Princess Kate, Prince George, Princess Charlotte & Prince Louis.

The coronation service will feature a total of twelve newly commissioned pieces of music, composed by artists such as Judith Weir, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and Patrick Doyle. The musical performances will be presented by a number of talented performers, including the Coronation Orchestra, the royal harpist Alis Huws, the Westminster Abbey Choir, the Ascension Choir, and more.



The tradition of coronations originated in Europe with the aim of increasing church involvement in the state and bringing stability. In the United Kingdom, coronation ceremonies date back to the year 1066 when Harold II was crowned, as a means to establish his legitimacy and secure stability in the nation. During the coronation ceremony, King Charles III will be seated in the Coronation Chair, which is also known as Edward's Chair. The King will hold the sovereign's sceptre and rod, symbolising their control over the nation, and the sovereign's orb, symbolising their role as the leader of the Christian world.

As part of the ceremony, eight young boys will be present to serve as pages of honour and stand alongside the The King and Queen. Including Prince George, Lord Oliver Cholmondeley, Master Nicholas Barclay, and Master Ralph Tollemache. The Queen consort's will be her grandsons, Master Gus, Master Louis Lopes, and Master Freddy Parker Bowles; as well as her great-nephew, Master Arthur Elliot.



In accordance with the King's desire to represent the ethnic diversity of modern Britain, the service has been carefully planned to incorporate different faiths and community groups. According to a source The King will still pledge to be "Defender of the Faith" in the Coronation oath, but palace aides and church officials plan to add further words that will allow the King to recognise he serves all religions.

There are several stages to the service, which is expected to last under two hours.

First Stage: The Recognition

As per tradition dating back to Anglo-Saxon times, King Charles will be introduced to the public during his coronation. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, will stand next to the Coronation Chair, which is 700 years old, and turn to both sides of the abbey, proclaiming Charles as the "undoubted King."



Second Stage: The Oath

The next stage of the coronation will involve the Archbishop of Canterbury administering the Coronation Oath, which is a legal obligation. The Archbishop will ask King Charles to confirm that he will maintain the law and the Church of England throughout his reign. The King will then place his hand on the Holy Gospel and pledge to "perform and keep" these promises.

Third Stage: The Anointing

During the third stage of the coronation, the King's ceremonial robe will be removed, and he will sit in the Coronation Chair to be anointed, highlighting the monarch's spiritual status as the head of the Church of England.

Fourth Stage: The Investiture

The fourth stage of the coronation, often referred to as the crowning moment, will see the King don St Edward's Crown, which he will wear only once in his lifetime. The current crown was created for King Charles II.

Fifth Stage: The enthronement and homage

After the crowning, the King will rise from the Coronation Chair and take his place on the throne. Peers will then kneel and show their respect. The same process will be repeated for the Queen. Following the service, the King and Queen will return to Buckingham Palace in a grand procession known as The Coronation Procession. Upon their arrival, they will appear on the balcony of the Palace alongside other members of the Royal Family.

LONDON CELEBRATING THE KINGS CORONATION

In preparations for the Kings coronation, stores also have decorations up, including Mayfair's Burlington Arcade which has 55 flags and 180 meters of carpet, motifs with the four national flowers of Wales, Scotland, England, and Northern Ireland.



Carnaby Street, is one of Londons most iconic shopping districts, is featuring decorations, displaying a large Union Jack flag and a crown.



On Saturday 6th May, there will be live music to entertain visitors.

In celebration of the coronation of King Charles III, The Dorchester Hotel has recreated the iconic decorations from Queen Elizabeth II's coronation as a tribute.



The design of the decorations includes blue fabric banners framing the windows, garlands hanging from the roof, and the royal cypher displayed above the grand entrance.



Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation 1953.

Whether you're visiting from out of town and looking to partake in the lively celebrations that will engulf the capital, or a patriotic Londoner seeking a staycation, we've compiled a list of top five-star hotels, along with mouth-watering menus, to one-of-a-kind cocktails.

Where to stay during the Coronation weekend:

[The Dorchester:](#)

Come 6 May, The Dorchester will have celebrated three royal coronations: the first in 1937 for King George VI and then for Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. Which makes it even more of a social place to stay when celebrating crowning of the King.



Pictured above is Philip Hamond, designer florist, alongside his display showing a Coronation themed cake and floral arrangements.

[The Goring:](#)

For many years, The Goring has been a favourite luxury hotel among the royal family, owing to its close proximity to Buckingham Palace. The hotel holds the distinction of being the only one with a Royal Warrant for providing hospitality services.



[Hotel Cafè Royal](#)

In keeping with its regal reputation for such significant events, The Goring will be offering two packages during the coronation weekend. These packages will be available until October 1st at the five-star hotel.



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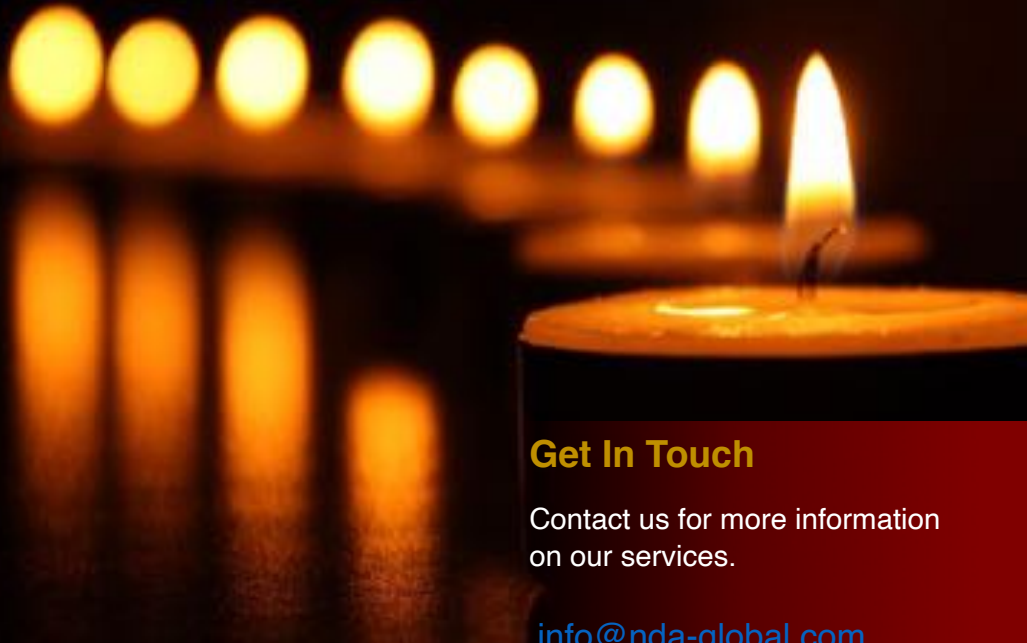
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