



## All access tour of Knightsbridge Barracks



**10:00-10:30 – Mounting of The Queen's Lifeguard:** A "behind-the-scenes" look at the immense work and attention to detail that goes into this daily ceremonial role of The Household Cavalry Regiment.

**10:35-11:50 – Tour of the barracks:** After witnessing the officer's inspection and departure of The Queen's Lifeguard, coffee with the saddlers will be followed by a visit to the working areas of the farriers, full dress store and (as no tour would be complete without the chance to see the great drum horses) troop lines. The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment selects and trains its own farriers, saddlers, tailors and riding instructors. All ride on State and Royal occasions.

**11:55 – Dismounting of The Queen's Lifeguard:** Completion of this daily ceremonial duty represents the culmination of months of training for each soldier.

**For between four and six people, this promises to be a wonderful prize and represents a unique opportunity to experience daily life behind the world-famous tradition. It is worth noting that many of the soldiers who will be talked to throughout the morning at Knightsbridge Barracks will also have served on operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.**

### The Household Cavalry

The Household Cavalry was formed in 1661 under the direct orders of King Charles II and now consists of the two senior regiments of the British Army – The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals. The regiment has two roles: as a mounted regiment guarding Her Majesty The Queen on ceremonial occasions in London.

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### The Queen's Life Guard

The Queen's Lifeguard sits within Horse Guards in Whitehall, central London, one of the city's most historic buildings. Dating from 1750, it is still the headquarters of the Household Division, in which the Household Cavalry has performed the Queen's Life Guard in a daily ceremony that has remained broadly unchanged for over 350 years.