

See Britain in 2002 With The Queen



Americans touring Britain in 2002 will have an opportunity to join in the year-long celebrations marking the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

(NAPSA)—It's a "Golden" opportunity: Touring Britain during Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee year of 2002, that is.

Americans visiting Britain during the year-long 2002 celebration will be in very good company—Queen Elizabeth II will also be touring England, Scotland and Wales at that time as part of celebrations marking her Golden Jubilee, the 50th anniversary of her reign. Even if you don't actually meet the Queen, you're sure to receive a warm welcome from the British people and be invited to join in the many Jubilee celebrations planned this year:

- A national service of thanksgiving in St. Paul's Cathedral, London on June 4—proclaimed "Jubilee Day"—will be attended by the Queen and other members of the Royal Family. There will be a ceremonial procession to St. Paul's and afterwards a carnival celebration will enliven the Mall, which leads to Buckingham Palace.

- More than 70 historic buildings—most of them with royal associations—will be opened to visitors during the London String of Pearls Golden Jubilee Festival.

- See the Queen's acclaimed art collection at the Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace. It's been reopened with a new look for Jubilee year.

- A dazzling display of tiaras at the Victoria & Albert Museum (March 21 to July 14). This exhibition of 200 tiaras from the 18th century to today includes those worn by royals and celebrities, including rock star Elton John. There's also one worn by Queen Elizabeth II at her wedding.

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