

## When will the Trooping of the Colour take place in 2010?

Saturday 12 June 2010

## What is the Trooping of the Colour?

The official birthday of Queen Elizabeth II is marked each year by a military parade and march-past, known as **Trooping the Colour** (Carrying of the Flag). The official name is "the Queen's Birthday Parade".



Each June, **the Queen** and other members of the Royal Family attend the Trooping the Colour ceremony on Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall in **London**. The Queen attends the ceremony to take the salute from thousands of **guardsmen** who parade the Colour (their regiment's flag).

It is only the **Foot Guards** of the Household Division that take part in the Queen's Birthday Parade, with the exception of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, (based in St. John's Wood). The Kings Troop, parade round with the Household Cavalry after the Foot Guards have trooped the Colour in slow and quick time.

## The Sovereign's Official Birthday



The Queen's birthday parade is the biggest royal event of the year. In 1748, the celebration of the official birthday of the sovereign was amalgamated

(merged) with the Trooping of the Colour.

The Trooping the Colour is tradition going back to the days when the Colours (regimental flag of the regiment) was trooped in front of soldiers to make sure everyone could recognise their flag in battle.

The Colours today are trooped in front of the Queen troops of the Household Division (**Foot Guards** and **Household Cavalry**)

## **Parade Route**



The parade route goes from **Buckingham Palace** along **The Mall** to **Horse guards Parade**, Whitehall and back again.

## **Time**

Queen leaves Buckingham Palace 10.40am

Parade starts 11am

Precisely as the clock on the Horse Guards Building strikes eleven, the Royal Procession arrives at **Horse guards Parade** and The Queen takes the Royal Salute.

The parade begins with the Inspection, The Queen driving slowly down the ranks of all eight Guards and then past the Household Cavalry.

After the event, the Royal Family gathers on the balcony of Buckingham Palace to watch an RAF fly past at 1pm.

## The next Trooping the Colour



Trooping the Colour will take place on **Saturday 12 June 2010** on Horse Guards Parade. Events begin at approximately 10am and the parade starts at 11 a.m. (lasts approximately one hour).

The processions can be seen from from the Mall. Events begin at approximately 10.00 am, with the fly-past at 1.00 pm.

There are rehearsals on the two previous Saturdays which are also open to the public.

### **Location**

Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall, London SW1.

Nearest Underground (tube) Station: Westminster, on Circle (yellow), District (green) and Jubilee (Silver) lines.

## How to obtain a ticket

You can apply for tickets between 1 January and the end of February by sending a letter (including a stamped self-addressed envelope) to:

Brigade Major  
HQ Household Division  
Horse Guards  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2AX.

Tickets for seated stands around Horse Guards Parade are allocated by ballot in March and successful applicants are notified and asked for payment (cheques must be paid from a British bank).

For further information about Trooping of the Colour, visit [royal.gov.uk](http://royal.gov.uk)