

New display at Holyrood Palace will commemorate the Duke of Edinburgh

From 23 July 2021 there will be a display to commemorate the life and work of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh who was the longest-serving consort as husband of HM The Queen.

The exhibition will comprise more than 150 objects of significance in his life, including his patronages and associations.

The display at the Palace of Holyroodhouse will include a section charting Prince Philip's early life and naval career. In The Prince's Midshipman's log book from 1940–1, he describes his role operating the ship's searchlight during the Battle of Cape Matapan while stationed on the HMS *Valiant* off the coast of Greece.



Prince Philip's Midshipman's log book,
1940–1

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Another section will bring together items from his wedding to HRH The Princess Elizabeth in 1947, including the wedding invitation, order of service and wedding breakfast menu. On the occasion of their wedding, Prince Philip was granted the royal dukedom of Edinburgh and the display will look

particularly at his connections to Scotland and its capital city.



A silver model of HMY Britannia produced by Garrard & Co and presented to The Queen and Prince Philip by Lloyd's Register of Shipping in 1972

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HMY *Britannia*, also known as the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, was built in the Clydebank shipyard in Scotland and launched by The Queen in 1953. The Duke of Edinburgh took a keen interest and active role in both the technical aspects of *Britannia*, drawing on his own practical naval experience, and the interior design of the Royal Apartments. The display in Edinburgh will include two of the architect Sir Hugh Casson's original design sketches for the yacht's sun lounge and dining room, as well as a silver model of *Britannia* presented to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh by Lloyd's Register of Shipping in 1972.

Prince Philip was a keen collector of contemporary Scottish art, and between 1958 and 1996 he acquired a large number of works from the annual exhibitions of the Royal Scottish Academy. Paintings from this collection, including works by Robin Philipson and James Orr, will be on display at the Palace, with many reflecting His Royal Highness's interests in Scottish landscapes and wildlife.

[Prince Philip](#) died at the age of 99 in Windsor.



A wine cooler formed as a giant grasshopper, presented to Prince Philip by President Pompidou during a State Visit to France in 1972.

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The Chair of Estate made for Prince Philip after the Coronation to accompany The Queen's Chair of Estate in the

Throne Room at Buckingham Palace

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Prince Philip: A Celebration is part of a visit to Windsor Castle from 24 June until 20 September 2021, and part of a visit to the Palace of Holyroodhouse from 23 July until 31 October 2021.

Visitor information and tickets: www.rct.uk, +44 (0)303 123 7300. Pre-booking is essential. The Palace of Holyroodhouse is open five days a week, Thursday to Monday, remaining closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.