



HEVER CASTLE & GARDENS

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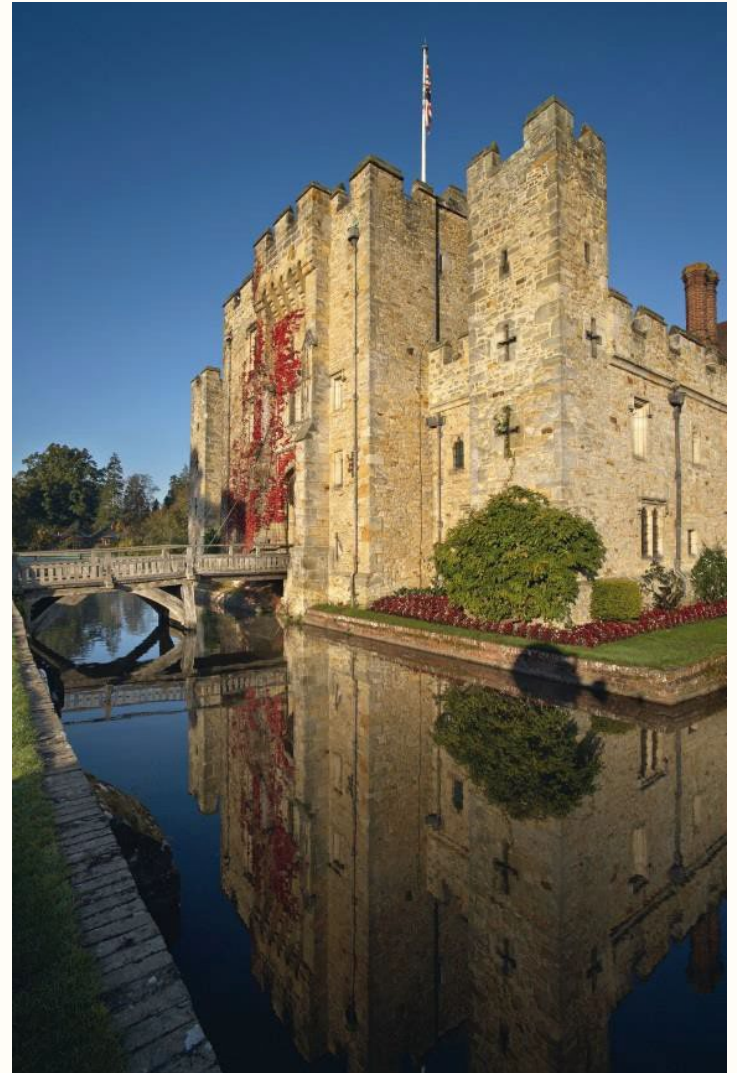


Castle Gatehouse

The Castle gatehouse was built in the thirteenth century (1200s) and Anne Boleyn lived here in the sixteenth century (1500s).

How many years after the gatehouse was built did Anne Boleyn live here?

Think about the people who built the Castle.
How wealthy do you think they were?



Castle Courtyard

Have a look at the picture on the right.
Can you see the fifteenth-century
timber framed manor house?

In what ways is the manor house
different to the gatehouse?

Imagine visiting the Boleyn family at the
Castle. How would it make you feel?



Drawing Room



The Drawing Room was used as a storeroom for the kitchens when Anne Boleyn lived here.

Why do you think this would have been a good room to store food?



Imagine what this room would have looked like filled with food. What sorts of things would you find in here?

Inner Hall

Have a look at the portrait of Henry VIII.

Try to think about how rich Henry VIII was. How does the portrait show his wealth?



Dining Room



Can you see the pewter plates above the fireplace? Important guests would eat from these, and less important guests would eat from a slab of bread called a 'trencher'

Try to think about what mealtimes were like in the Tudor period. The rich could buy or hunt for a wide range of meats such as peacock and swan. The poor had very little meat. Why?



Drawing Room

Most village children did not go to school and rarely had books. Richer children could be sent away to schools run by monasteries until Henry VIII closed them when he started a new church, the Church of England.

Imagine what it was like to go to school in the Tudor period. There were no summer holidays and school lessons started at dawn and finished at sunset!

Anne Boleyn's prayer books are on display in the Castle. The books are made from vellum which is dried animal skin.



Queen's Chamber

There are portraits of each of Henry VIII's six wives on display in the Castle.

Do you know which wife is which?

Try reciting the rhyme to remember the fate of each of the wives.



Staircase Gallery



There are paintings of Henry VIII's three children on display in this room. Do you know their names and who their mothers were?



Henry's son, Edward, was only nine years old when he became king. Can you imagine what it would be like? Would you enjoy it?



Henry VIII's Bedroom

Can you see the big four-poster bed? This is the sort of bed Henry VIII would sleep in when he came to visit.

Imagine how Henry VIII felt when he came to visit the Boleyn family.



Long Gallery



This room was used for entertaining guests, exercising and displaying art collections.

Imagine what it was like when this room was filled with people and music. Music played an important role in the lives of both the rich and poor in the Tudor period.



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