

2023  
*Royal Ascot*  
RACING TOUR JUNE 14-26, 2023



Presented by:



Racing Tours

# Join us

**Royal Ascot is the pinnacle of the racing world. Australian's are drawn to what is one of the world's most significant racing events and we invite you to experience this fabulous tour. We were privileged in 2017 to enjoy the thrill of having our own runner in Brazen Beau and we invite you to share the experience with us in 2023...**

In 2023 we look forward to bringing a small group of 28 guests to experience Royal Ascot. We will take in three of the leading days of racing action at Royal Ascot. Each day we will have reserved seats in three different prime dining areas with full lunch and beverages included. This will include Royal Enclosure on the final day of the carnival.

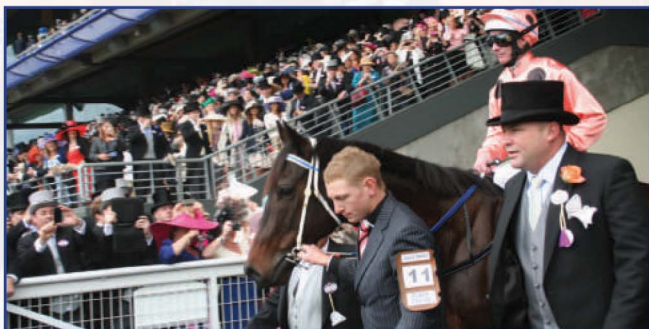
The group will spend the first part of the tour in beautiful Newmarket. This will enable us to take in the wonderful atmosphere of this beautiful village, home to the United Kingdom's best racing stables and historic studs. Included in our visit to Newmarket will be personal tours of Dalham Hall Stud and Banstead Manor Stud (the home of Frankel). The group will enjoy a welcome dinner at the historic Palace House Mansion.

The second part of the tour will see us based at the recently refurbished Sheraton Park Lane. Centrally located in Mayfair, well placed within walking distance to Regent Street and Buckingham Palace. Our farewell dinner will be another highlight, this year we will be dining at Aqua, a high class restaurant perched high above London in the iconic 'Shard'. We again look forward to High Tea at the Goring.

I hope you can join us on what will be a memorable tour.

*Grant Morgan*

Tour Host, Ontrack Racing Tours



# Tour Hosts

## GRANT MORGAN

(Tour Host, Ontrack Racing Tours)

Grant is one of Australia's bright young racing professionals. The Managing Director of Ontrack Thoroughbreds, Grant has held a number of prominent roles within the racing and breeding industry as a bloodstock agent, marketing manager, business manager and racing manager. Grant has been hosting popular racing and breeding tour groups since 2005.



## STUART BOMAN

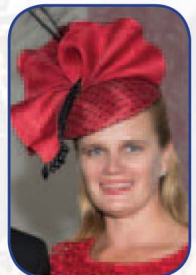
Stuart is one of the world's leading young bloodstock agents with extensive experience in Europe, Australasia and Asia. Now living and working in Newmarket, Stuart is an associate at Blandford Bloodstock. Australian born, Stuart has a first class resume. He was a graduate of the Darley Flying Start Programme before going onto work for Arrowfield Stud. Stuart

provides valuable expert local insight for our Royal Ascot tour group.

## JENNY MORGAN

(Director, Accounts & Admin  
Ontrack Racing Tours)

Jenny is the administrative backbone of the business handling administration and accounts for Ontrack Thoroughbreds from the companies offices at Bundall. Before co-founding Ontrack Thoroughbreds with Grant, Jenny had extensive work experience in the Superannuation and Life Insurance industries after completing a Bachelor of Arts.



## BRIAN LAWLOR

(Sales Consultant, Ontrack Racing Tours)

Brian Lawlor is widely experienced in the New Zealand racing industry and now resides on the Gold Coast. Brian's racing resume includes roles with Radio New Zealand, New Zealand Truth and the Wellington Jockey Club. He was also extensively involved in New Zealand Central Districts clubs in various positions. Holding a lifelong passion for racing and breeding, Brian has been working with Ontrack Thoroughbreds since 2009.



# Royal Ascot Overview

## ABOUT ASCOT RACECOURSE

Ascot Racecourse is situated in beautiful wooded countryside adjoining Windsor Great Park and about a 50 minute drive or train journey from London. The racecourse underwent a 200 million pound redevelopment in 2006. In 2011 Ascot celebrated its 300th year and is widely regarded as one of the world's most famous racecourses.

## ROYAL ASCOT OVERVIEW

Royal Ascot is a national institution and the centrepiece of the British social calendar. Each year, for the third week in June, tradition, pageantry, fashion and style combine at one of the most beautiful settings in the country.

The quality of the racing at Royal Ascot is simply outstanding, with nearly £4 million in prize money on offer and a total of eighteen 'Group' races over the five days.

Each day follows the same format with The Royal Procession making its way from the Golden Gates, along the racecourse and into the Parade Ring from 2.00pm



each afternoon. The first race of six each day is at 2.30pm and the last race is at 5.35pm, after which racegoers are invited to celebrate their winnings as they sing traditional favourites, and a few new ones, around the bandstand.

## Tuesday (Day 1): Included in tour

The opening day of what is sure to be a spectacular Royal Meeting gets off to a flying start with three Group 1 races; the Queen Anne Stakes, the King's Stand Stakes - the first British leg of the Global Sprint Challenge - and the St James's Palace Stakes. This day usually features the appearance of some of our best sprinters. Aussie winners of the King's Stand have included Scenic Blast, Miss Andretti, Takeover Target and Choisir.



# Royal Ascot Overview

## Wednesday (Day 2): *Optional*

The highlight of the second day is the Group 1 Prince of Wales's Stakes, arguably the most important race at the Royal Meeting in the modern era with £400,000 prize money on offer. Also on the card are the Group 2 Windsor Forest Stakes, for older female milers and the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes, for the best up and coming two year old fillies (females). Recent notable Prince of Wales Stakes winners include Dubai Millenium, Ouija Board, Duke of Marmalade and the ill-fated Rewilding who defeated So You Think in 2011.



## Thursday (Day 3): *Included in tour*

Thursday's highlight is the Group 1 Gold Cup, a battle of stamina and determination over two miles and four furlongs - this undisputed long distance world championship is not for the faint hearted! Style, elegance and the height of the summer social calendar all combine on Gold Cup Day, colloquially known as 'Ladies' Day'. Although the whole week of Royal Ascot is a fashion show like no other, it is Thursday when the designer creations and millinery masterpieces reach new heights.



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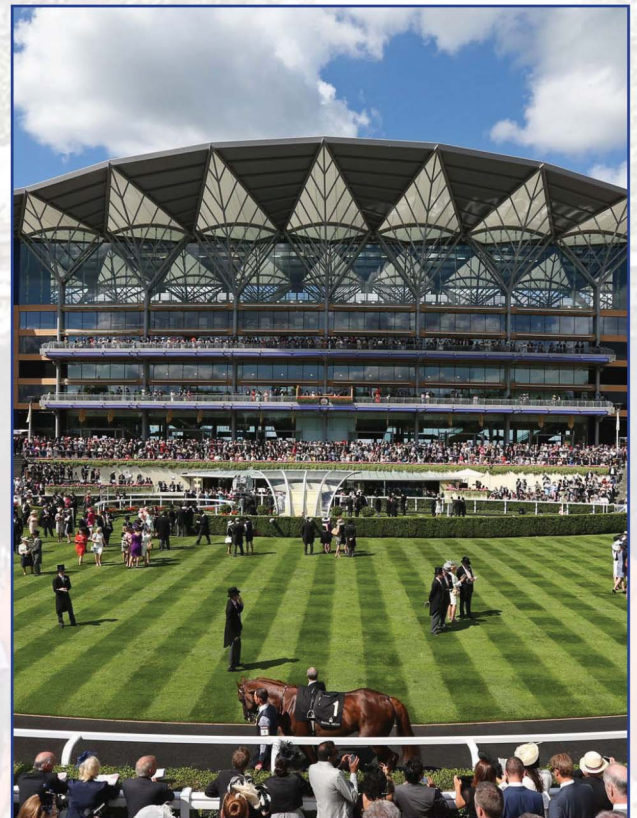
## Friday (Day 4): *Optional*

The feature race on Friday is the Coronation Stakes, which traditionally brings together the leading three-year-old fillies in Europe. Also on the card is the King Edward VII Stakes, colloquially called the 'Ascot Derby,' as its conditions mirror those of the Epsom Classic.



## Saturday (Day 5): *Included in tour (Royal Enclosure)*

The final day of the Royal Meeting always provides a dramatic climax and features one of the world's most important and international races, the Golden Jubilee Stakes, - the second British leg of the Global Sprint Challenge. The Aussie sprinters who run on Day 1 often reappear in the Golden Jubilee. Australian sprinter Choisir triumphed in 2003 whilst his son Starspangledbanner was victorious in 2010.



# Tour Features

We are pleased to have many quality inclusions in our boutique Racing Tour.



## ROYAL ASCOT OPENING DAY – THE PAVONIAN (QUEEN ANNE ENCLOSURE)

Raised restaurant with large deck offers fantastic views of the track to observe the Royal Procession and top class racing action. The Ontrack group will enjoy a 4 course luncheon, selection of fine wines and liqueurs. Complimentary bar throughout the day including Champagne. Deluxe Royal Ascot afternoon tea also included.



## ROYAL ASCOT LADIES DAY – OLD PADDOCK RESTAURANT (QUEEN ANNE ENCLOSURE)

Set within the original racecourse building, the Old Paddock offers a relaxed environment away from the masses and a unique position overlooking the horses and saddling boxes in the Pre-Parade Ring. The Ontrack group will enjoy a 3 course luncheon, complimentary bar, beers, selected wine and soft drinks. Royal Ascot afternoon tea also included.



## ROYAL ASCOT FINAL DAY – TRACKSIDE RESTAURANT (ROYAL ENCLOSURE)

The Trackside Restaurant located on the ground level of the Grandstand mixes superb views of the racing with easy access to the Royal Enclosure Gardens and The Parade Ring. Always one of the most popular restaurants, the Trackside sits adjacent to the home straight situated in a fabulous location just past the winning post enabling guests to feel the rush of the horses as they pass by the magnificent private balcony. The Ontrack group will enjoy a 5 course luncheon, selection of fine wines and liqueurs. Complimentary bar throughout the day including Champagne. Deluxe Royal Ascot afternoon tea also included.



## HIGH TEA – “THE GORING”

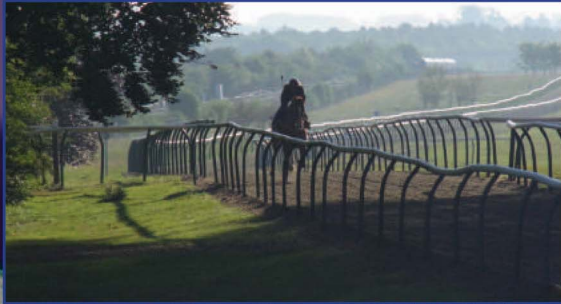
The Goring is one of the last family owned luxury hotels in London and is nearby to Buckingham Palace. Built in 1910, The Goring was one of the favourite destinations for the late Queen Mother, whilst Kate Middleton chose stayed at the Goring prior her 2011 marriage to Prince William. The group will enjoy a special ‘High Tea’ at this charming hotel.





### **NEWMARKET STUD TOURS**

Newmarket is the home to many of Britain's leading thoroughbred farms. These are headed by Sheikh Mohammed's Dalham Hall Stud (home of Dubawi), the historic English National Stud, Khalid Abdullah's Banstead Manor Stud (home of Frankel) and Cheveley Park Stud. The Ontrack group will take in a selection of local studs during our stay in Newmarket together with expert local guides.



### **NEWMARKET STABLE VISITS**

Aside from many leading stud farms, Newmarket is of course famed as the location for the very best racing stables in Europe. Leading trainers who prepare their teams at Newmarket include Sir Michael Stoute, Sir Mark Prescott, Marco Botti, Clive Brittain, Ed Dunlop and James Fanshawe. Our tour will take in the famous training grounds at Newmarket including 'Warren Hill'. The Ontrack group will visit a selection of local training establishments together with expert local guides.



### **NATIONAL HORSE RACING MUSEUM TOUR**

Located in the heart of horse country at Newmarket, the National Horse Racing Museum is a must see for any racing enthusiast who visits London. The museum features 5 different galleries, whilst the energetic can try their riding skills on the horse simulator. The Ontrack group will take in a visit to the National Horse Racing Museum during our stay in Newmarket.



### **WELCOME DINNER – "THE JOCKEY CLUB ROOMS" (CIRCA 1668) (NEWMARKET)**

The Jockey Club Rooms have been at the heart of British horse racing for over 250 years. As a private members club, few people have stepped inside and seen the magnificent interiors, which house an unparalleled collection of British racing memorabilia. The Ontrack group will enjoy a three course meal and beverages. The group will be joined during the evening by prominent trainers, jockeys, owners and bloodstock agents.



### **FAREWELL DINNER – AQUA SHARD (LONDON)**

With breath-taking views of the London skyline from the 31st floor of The Shard, the glass encased private dining room at Aqua Shard is a spectacular location for the Ontrack group farewell dinner. The evening will include a 3 course dinner with beverages and is sure to be a grand finale for the Royal Ascot Tour.

# Accommodation

## Newmarket



### BEDFORD LODGE HOTEL

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK



#### **BEDFORD LODGE HOTEL & SPA** Bury Rd, Newmarket

The only four star hotel in Newmarket, Suffolk, Bedford Lodge Hotel & Spa retains the charm and character of a country house yet offers the very best in modern comfort and luxury.

Bedford Lodge luxury hotel provides a perfect blend of old and new in a beautiful country setting. Set in three acres of secluded gardens and adjacent to some of the most famous paddocks and training stables in the world.

Its warm and friendly environment in which it aims to create 'a home away from home' atmosphere has helped to make this hotel one of the most popular places to stay.

Bedford Lodge features 77 stylish hotel rooms and suites that have been designed by one of London's leading interior designers and offer guests the height of luxury and comfort. All hotel rooms have state-of-the-art TVs and include use of The Edge health club and leisure facilities during your stay.

Each room includes:

- Molton Brown bathroom products
- En-suite bathrooms with bath and shower
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- Drinks cooler
- Complimentary water
- Television
- Safe
- Hairdryer
- Bath robes
- Access to the Edge Health & Leisure Club





# London



## **SHERATON GRAND LONDON PARK LANE** Piccadilly, London

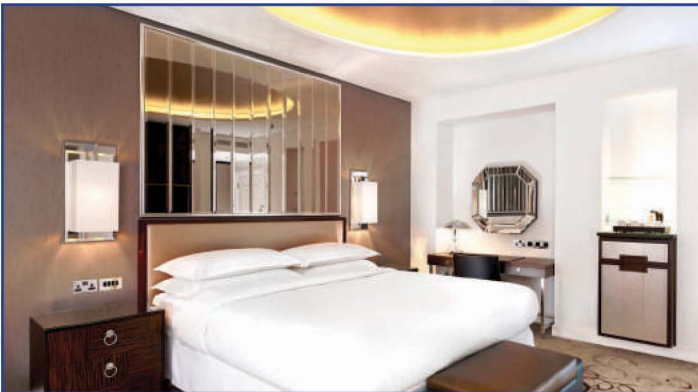
A celebrated Art Deco hotel in the heart of London Mayfair, facing Green Park and just a short walk away from Buckingham Palace, The Park Lane Hotel is ideally located to connect with the city of London. The property and all rooms enjoyed a full renovation and upgrade in 2016.



### **Renovated Superior Rooms**

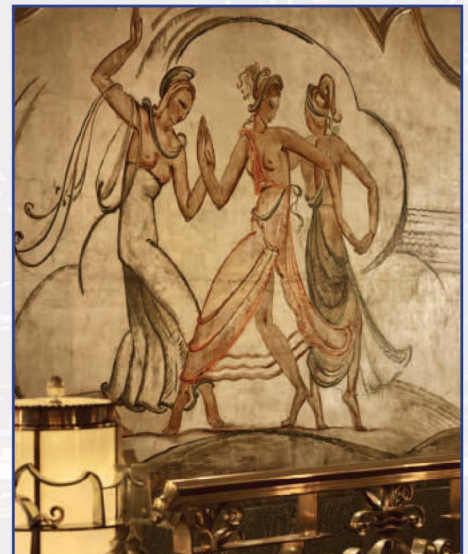
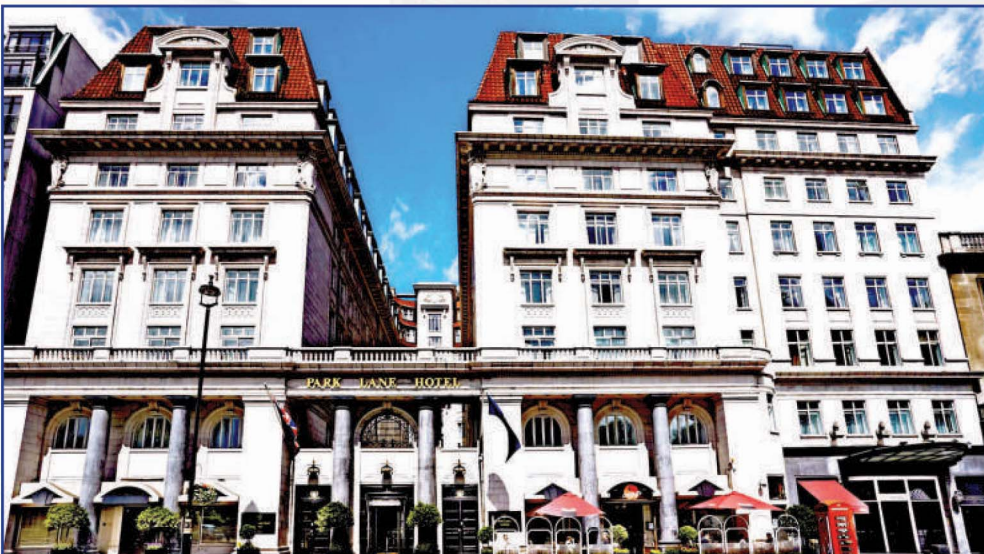
The Ontrack group guests will experience fully renovated Superior Rooms. All 104 Superior Rooms are larger in size, are luxuriously decorated with a separate seating area so you can take advantage of the extra space.

Many of its bathrooms have original 1920's marble décor, and most have a separate bath and power shower. Superior Rooms often overlook Green Park so you can take in the striking views as you relax in the comfort of your room.



Each room includes:

- Bathrobes, slippers & hairdryers
- 32" HD plasma television with over 40 channels and in-room movies
- Large working desk, phone and voicemail service, wired/wireless
- High speed internet access
- Extra space and comfort
- Views over Green Park
- Portable free Wifi with 'Handy' device



# Tour Itinerary

## Wednesday 14 June 2023

- Check In Bedford Lodge Resort & Spa, Newmarket 2pm
- Evening: FREE

## Thursday 15 June 2023

- Stay Bedford Lodge Resort & Spa, Newmarket
- Breakfast
- Day: FREE
- Morning: Stage Tour
- Evening: Welcome Dinner 'Jockey Club Rooms', Newmarket

## Friday 16 June 2023

- Stay Bedford Lodge Resort & Spa, Newmarket
- Breakfast
- Day: Stud Tour & Lunch
- Evening: FREE

## Saturday 17 June 2023

- Stay Bedford Lodge Resort & Spa, Newmarket
- Breakfast
- Morning: Stable Tour
- Day: FREE
- Evening: FREE

## Sunday 18 June 2023

- Stay Bedford Lodge Resort & Spa, Newmarket
- Day: FREE
- Evening: FREE

## Monday 19 June 2023

- Check Out Bedford Lodge Resort & Spa, Newmarket
- Coach transfer to London
- Check in Sheraton Grand London Park Lane
- Afternoon & Evening: FREE

## Tuesday 20 June 2023

- Stay Sheraton Grand London Park Lane
- Breakfast
- Royal Ascot Day 1 – Davonian Restaurant
- Evening: FREE

## Wednesday 21 June 2023

- Stay Sheraton Grand London Park Lane
- Breakfast
- Royal Ascot Day 2
- Day: FREE
- Evening: FREE

## Thursday 22 June 2023

- Stay Sheraton Grand London Park Lane
- Breakfast
- Royal Ascot Day 3 – Old Paddock Restaurant
- Evening: FREE

## Friday 23 June 2023

- Stay Sheraton Grand London Park Lane
- Breakfast
- Afternoon: High Tea Goring + Suit Fitting for Gents
- Evening: FREE

## Saturday 24 June 2023

- Stay Sheraton Grand London Park Lane
- Breakfast
- Royal Ascot Day 5 – Trackside Lounge (Royal Enclosure)
- Stay London
- Evening: FREE

## Sunday 25 June 2023

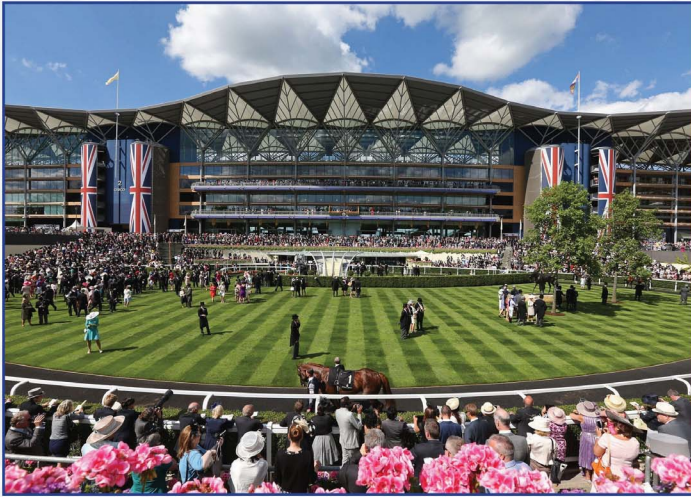
- Stay Sheraton Grand London Park Lane
- Breakfast
- Day: FREE
- Evening: Farwell Dinner 'Aqua Shard'

## Monday 26 June 2023

- Check Out Sheraton Grand London Park Lane 10am

## TOUR ENDS





## *Prices*

### **LAND ONLY (12 NIGHTS)**

Twin Share	\$14,203 per person
Single Share	\$18,133 per person

### **Arrange Your Own Flights**

Arrange your own flights flying to the UK. This enables guests to take advantage of frequent flyer packages. You can also add your own personal itinerary before or after our tour to make the most of your visit to Europe. Stansted Airport is the nearest international airport for our first leg at Newmarket. Heathrow and Gatwick are also located within good range of Newmarket.

# Booking



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