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INTRODUCTION



An astonishing slice of British history brought to our screens by a streamed television drama, *The Crown*, the first four series of the show – the first four released 2016–2020, the final two due 2022–23 – follow the story of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. With series one beginning in 1947, series four ending in 1990, series five and six are set to cover years up to the early 2000s.

The programme is the creation of Peter Morgan, developer following the success of his 2006 film *The Queen* and his 2013 play *The Audience*, both award-winning productions. *The Crown* itself has received a huge number of awards and nominations from the most prestigious organisations linked to the film and television industry. Cast as The Queen, both Claire Foy and Olivia Colman received Golden Globe Awards for their performances in series one–two and three–four respectively. Imelda Staunton, cast as Her Majesty in series five–six, has spoken of feeling ‘genuinely honoured’ to join the drama.

There are, of course, many other talented actors who have received accolades for their performances in *The Crown*; there are, too, silent stars of the show: not only those who work behind the scenes but also the many and varied locations chosen for the royal story. *The Crown*’s Royal Production Office has showcased many of the places that were transformed to represent royal palaces, royal castles and private royal residences. And there is, besides, for other addresses have been equally important to the production – from cathedrals, abbeys and country estates to towns and villages.

Although inspired by true events, it is no secret that in *The Crown* everything featured is historically accurate; artistic licence is an important part of what makes it a riveting and watchable drama. But the places within these pages are real, and many of them are open to the public (some all year round, some during specific months and others only occasionally). You are invited to delve in and discover their fascinating

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Olivia Colman as
Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II in
The Crown