



The Markle Sparkle arrives at Madame Tussauds London

World's first figure of Royal bride-to-be is launched in time for wedding of the year

09 May 2018 – As the world holds its breath ahead of the royal wedding, Madame Tussauds London today unveiled its most eagerly-awaited figure: Meghan Markle. Standing alongside a re-styled figure of her groom, Prince Harry, fans will have the chance to party with the Royal Family's coolest couple at an exclusive hen and stag themed event on the eve of the regal nuptials (Friday 18th May) before the figures officially arrive on the royal wedding day, Saturday 19th May.

'Her Royal Likeness' and princely husband-to-be will feature in the attraction in front of a 15 foot wide video wall that will allow guests to choose how they would like to hang out with the much-loved couple. Guests can select from a range of backdrops and props to capture a moment with the young Royals – from the cutting of the cake at their wedding to relaxing on a private beach.

Dressed in their famous engagement announcement outfits, Meghan's figure sports the sold-out green P.A.R.O.S.H. dress and a replica of the engagement ring designed by Harry himself, with some added Madame Tussauds London magic to make it sparkle elegantly on the future Duchess' perfectly manicured hand. Harry's figure – originally created to mark his 30th birthday in 2014 – has been updated for the special occasion, most notably adding the Royal's dashing beard.

The first chance to catch a glimpse of 'Their Royal Likenesses' will be on Meghan and Harry's last night of freedom. Tickets are on sale for an exclusive over-18s hen and stag do from 7.30pm on Friday 18th May at the iconic location, complete with a bar and live DJ – the perfect way to party with the golden couple ahead of their big day.

Bringing the street party to Baker Street on the day of the royal wedding (Saturday 19th May), Madame Tussauds London and its famous figures will be patriotically dressed to the nines, streaming live coverage of the big event to guests as the royal bride and groom's figures make their official arrival. The attraction will also be offering free entry to guests named Meghan or Harry for one day only.

Edward Fuller, General Manager at Madame Tussauds London, said: "Excitement ahead of the royal wedding is reaching fever pitch and we have been inundated with questions about when people can finally meet 'Their Royal Likenesses'. There is a lot of love out there for Meghan and Harry and we're following their lead by inviting the great British public to join the couple in their wedding celebrations here at Madame Tussauds London."

With royal wedding fever extending across the Atlantic, Madame Tussauds London's sister attraction in New York will also reveal its own unique Meghan figure later today. Marking the first time a U.S. citizen will join the British Royal Family in 80 years, the Times Square location's 'American Princess' will strike a different pose and feature a striking outfit worn by Meghan and designed by British label Self-Portrait.

Meghan Markle and Prince Harry's arrival marks the latest news in a right royal summer of celebrations at Madame Tussauds London, hot on the heels of recent regal launches: the magnificent Royal Balcony experience and the immersive dining delight, Royal Tea, where guests can enjoy high tea with The Queen at a Buckingham Palace garden party, from £15 per head.

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Booking info:

Ticket prices for general entry to Madame Tussauds London start from £29.00. To pre-book online, visit www.madame-tussauds.com/London

Tickets for A Royal Hen and Stag Do from 7.30pm on Friday 18th May are £29.00 (strictly over 18s) and include a complimentary glass of prosecco or non-alcoholic option. To book online, visit www.madametussauds.com/stagandhen

To claim your free entry to Madame Tussauds London on Saturday 19th May you must present a valid passport or driver's license showing the identical spelling of Meghan or Harry. Terms and conditions apply, please visit www.madametussauds.com/royalweddingfree

Royal Tea is an immersive dining delight where guests can tuck in to a selection of delicious fresh cakes, savoury treats and a classic cup of tea or glass of prosecco with Her Majesty the Queen. Prices from £15 per person, for more information, visit www.madametussauds.com/royalte

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