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Bayeux Tapestry back in UK after 900 years – 13th July 2026

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The Bayeux Tapestry is in Britain for the first time in 900 years. The 68-metre-long tapestry is an important historical document. It has 58 events showing the invasion of England in 1066 by France. One picture is of the death of England's King Harold II. He was hit in the eye by an arrow during a battle. The tapestry was made in England as a gift for the French. For 900 years, it has been in Bayeux, France. It will be put on display in the British Museum.

The tapestry was carefully moved under heavy police protection. It made its journey at night to London. It was transported in a climate-controlled box. The director of the British Museum called the operation a "monumental effort". A spokesperson said: "Every British child knows the date 1066 — the Battle of Hastings." This battle changed British history. The UK's culture secretary called it "a pivotal period in our national story".

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The tapestry was carefully moved by an art transportation specialist. There was heavy police protection as it made its journey at night to the British capital. It was carried in a climate-controlled box. The director of the British Museum called the operation a "monumental effort". Millions of people will see it. A museum spokesperson said: "Every British child knows the date 1066 — the Battle of Hastings." This battle changed British history. The UK's culture secretary called it "a pivotal period in our national story and our shared heritage and friendship with France".

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The Bayeux Tapestry has returned to Britain for the first time in more than 900 years. The famed, 68-metre-long tapestry is an embroidered artwork and important historical document. It chronicles 58 events surrounding the successful military invasion and takeover of England in 1066 by France's Duke William of Normandy. It shows the death of England's King Harold II, who was hit in the eye by an arrow at the Battle of Hastings. Historians believe the tapestry was made in England as a gift for William. For the past 900 years, it has been preserved in Bayeux, France. It is now at the British Museum in London, where it will be put on display between September 2026 and July 2027.

The tapestry was transported with military precision by an art transportation specialist. There was heavy police protection as the historic masterpiece made its journey under the cover of darkness to the British capital. It was encased in a climate-controlled box with technology to minimize shocks. The director of the British Museum called the operation a "monumental effort". Millions of people are expected to see it. A museum spokesperson said: "Every British child knows the date of 1066 — the Battle of Hastings." This battle changed the course of British history. The UK's culture secretary called it "a pivotal period in our national story and our shared heritage and friendship with France".