Bayeux Tapestry arrives in UK

The 950-year-old fabled Bayeux Tapestry has arrived in London ahead of a unique exhibition at the *British Museum* – driven from France in the dead of night in a hi-tech, climate-controlled crate

70 metres

Scene 57: Depicts death of ***Harold II, King of England***, by arrow to his eye and then seemingly mutilation



Tapestry removed from display and hung along hinged rail system which folds down like concertina

Latin: ***"Hic Harold Rex Interfectus Est"****
English: ***"Here King Harold is killed"***

Protective plastic backing sheet

50cm

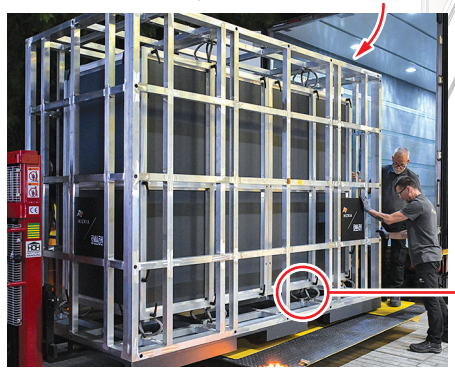
*Depicts events leading up to Norman Conquest of England in 1066, led by **William the Conqueror***

Aluminium frame

Hinge

Castors: Tapestry can be wheeled around safely

Folded tapestry support frame packed into reinforced metal box







Suspension springs: Absorb **96%** of lateral and vertical jolts, protecting tapestry from vibrations

Note: Tapestry was removed from Bayeux museum in 2025 and stored in secret location before being transported to UK. *Word "Hic" is just left of the image portion shown. Sources: BBC, Bayeux Museum, British Museum. Pictures: Creative Commons, Getty Images

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