WINTER 2026 EDITION

HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

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WELCOME TO KENSINGTON PALACE

We hope you enjoy your visit to this wonderful building, which has been a royal home since 1689.

The palace is divided into two halves - public rooms including the King's State Apartments which you can visit and uncover the public and private stories of the royal families that have lived here, and a separate, private side where members of the Royal Family live today.

You can choose to visit the exhibitions in any order.

Don't miss the beautiful Sunken Garden, featuring the statue of Diana, Princess of Wales, unveiled in July 2021.

We have an Audio Guide available free of charge with audio tours of the King's State Apartments, Queen's State Apartments and Victoria: A Royal Childhood available in multiple languages, including British Sign Language.

We have Access Guides available on site. These provide details about each palace area, what to expect during your visit, toilets, and step-free routes.

Please ask a member of staff if you require any assistance or have any questions about your visit today.

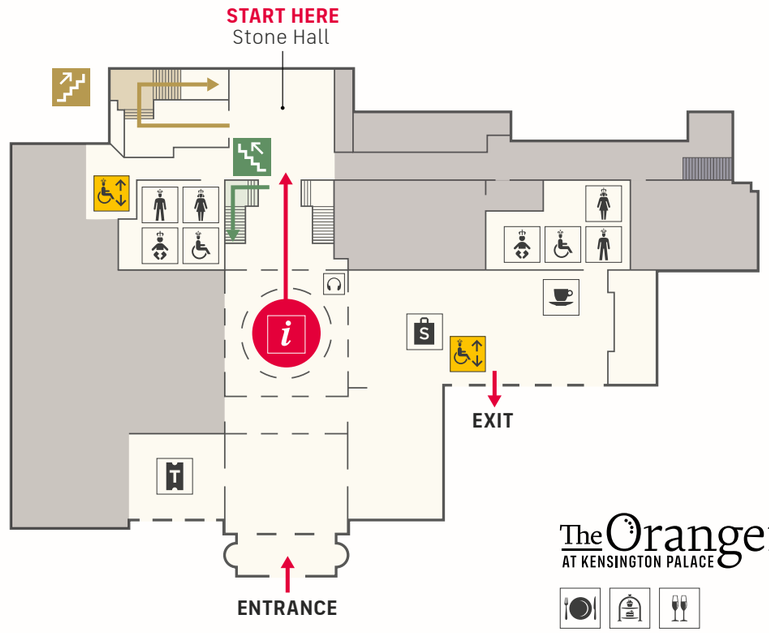
YOUR ROUTE STARTS IN THE STONE HALL

MAP KEY

- Tickets
- The Hub
- Shop
- Male toilet
- Female toilet
- Accessible toilet
- Baby change
- Stairs
- Lift
- Palace Café
- Audio Guide
- Private

Stairs to

- **VICTORIA** A Royal Childhood | **THE JEWEL ROOM**
- **KING'S** State Apartments



The Orangery AT KENSINGTON PALACE →

The Orangery restaurant and tea room is open for delicious breakfasts, light lunches and elegant teas.

REMEMBER

PLEASE DO

Take photographs without flash

Take videos

Use bicycle racks by the Orangery

PLEASE DO NOT

Touch objects or artworks on display

Eat or drink in the palace

Use selfie sticks or tripods in the palace

OPENING TIMES

Winter (25th October 2026 – 28th February 2027)
10:00–16:00 (last entry 15:00)

Summer (3rd March 2027 – 31st October 2027)
10.00 - 18.00 (last entry 17.00)

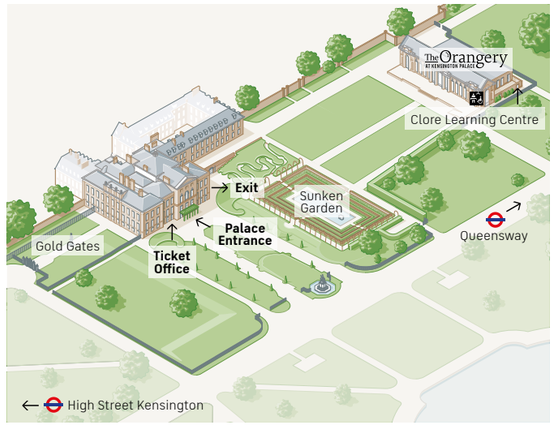
ACCESSIBILITY

We have a number of manual wheelchairs available to use free of charge on a first-come first-served basis. These are for indoor use only.

We have folding stools available to use free of charge. These are located after the scanner desk.

Our team are here to help you make the most of your visit. Please ask if you require any assistance.

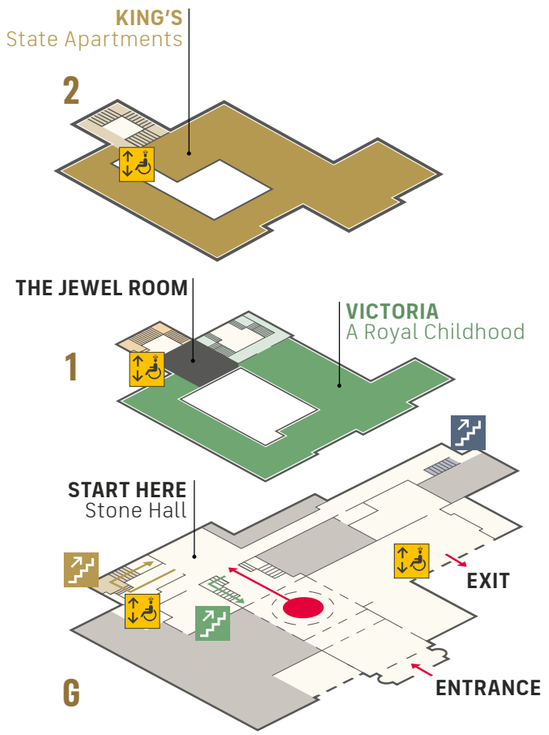
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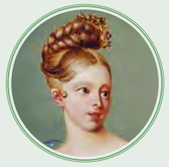


Public areas Private areas Palace gardens

DISCOVER 300 YEARS OF ROYAL HISTORY

All routes are located on the upper floors and marked with different colours as shown on the drawing below.





VICTORIA A ROYAL CHILDHOOD

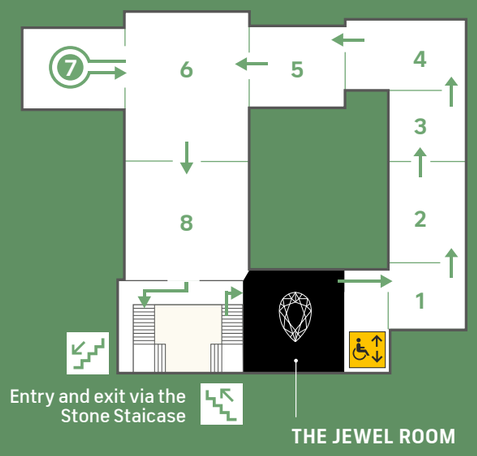
Queen Victoria, 1800s

Experience Queen Victoria's childhood apartments and the vibrant rooms where she was born and grew up. Witness her extraordinary story of teenage survival, amidst family feuds and tragedy, right up to the day she became Queen.

History where it happened

7 The Baby in The Palace

Queen Victoria was born in this room on 24 May 1819. Her parents, the Duke and Duchess of Kent, travelled over from Germany at the last minute so that their daughter would be born in England. After her safe arrival, the Duchess of Kent declared that baby Victoria was 'a pretty little Princess, plump as a partridge.'



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KEY

1 Young Victoria
2 The Princess at Play
3 Educating Victoria
4 A Royal Performance
5 Family Feuds
6 The Birthday Ball
7 The Baby in the Palace
8 Becoming Queen



KING'S STATE APARTMENTS

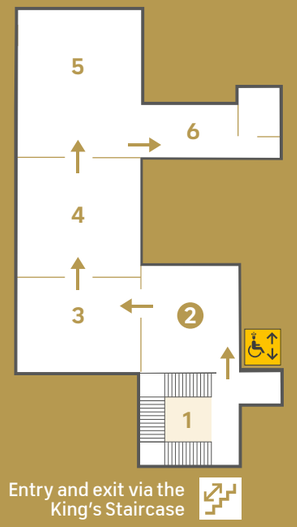
The Georgians, 1700s

Explore the glittering court of George II and his wife Queen Caroline. Discover the era of music, fashion and the arts brought to life in the splendid and sumptuously restored State Apartments.

History where it happened

2 The Presence Chamber

In the Presence Chamber the King received important guests, seated on a throne. In 1734 a delegation of Yamacraw native Americans was introduced to George II here. They presented him with a traditional tribute of eagle feathers as an emblem of peace.



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KEY

1 The King's Staircase
2 The Presence Chamber
3 The Privy Chamber
4 The Cupola Room
5 The King's Drawing Room
6 Queen Caroline's Closet



VICTORIA'S CHILDHOOD CHRISTMAS

25 November – 03 January

In the winter of 1836, princess Victoria spent her Christmas in the idyllic and charming site of Claremont House, Surrey. To mark 190 years since Victoria's countryside festivities, decorations and displays in her childhood rooms will capture the magical, personal and thought-provoking atmosphere of the Princess' scenic surroundings.

QUEEN'S STATE APARTMENTS

Re-opening Spring 2027

Queen Mary II, along with her husband William III, were the first monarchs to live at Kensington Palace. Her State Apartments, dating from the 1690s, are the oldest surviving rooms in the palace. These apartments are currently closed while we carry out conservation and repair works. During this time, we are also creating an exciting new display that will explore Mary's life as Queen in the rooms she called home.

THE KING'S GALLERY

Re-opening Spring 2027

The King's Gallery is currently closed for essential maintenance work. To view the room virtually, scan the QR code

Visiting on a Saturday and want to see more?

Upgrade your visit with The Duke Tour and discover Kensington Palace's hidden history through exclusive access to rooms not normally open to the public. Tickets are sold online, or in the Ticket Office.