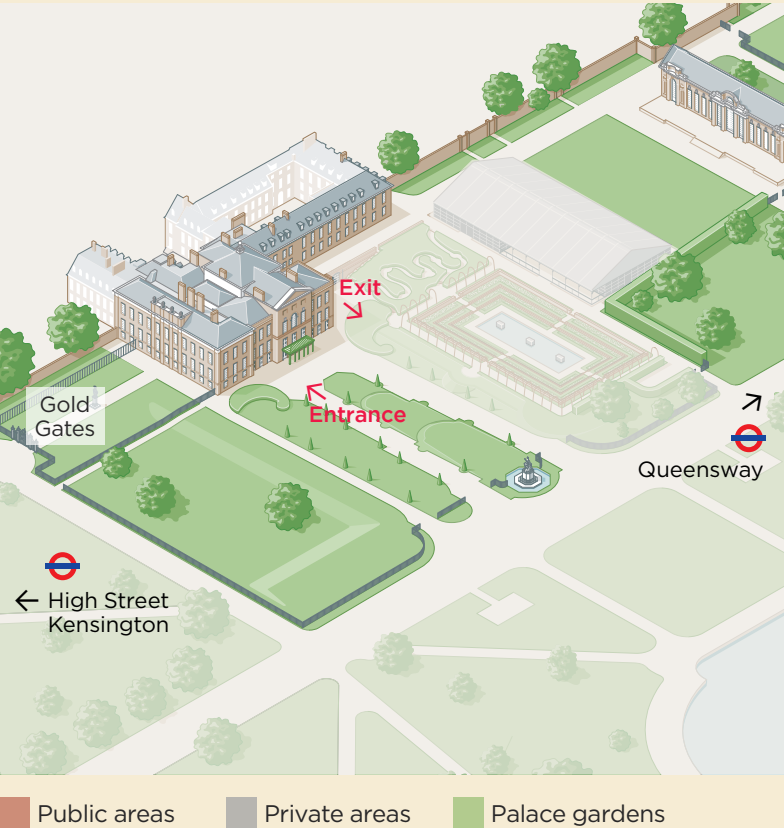


# Welcome to Kensington Palace

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 State Apartments, which you can visit, and a separate, private side where members of the Royal Family live today.

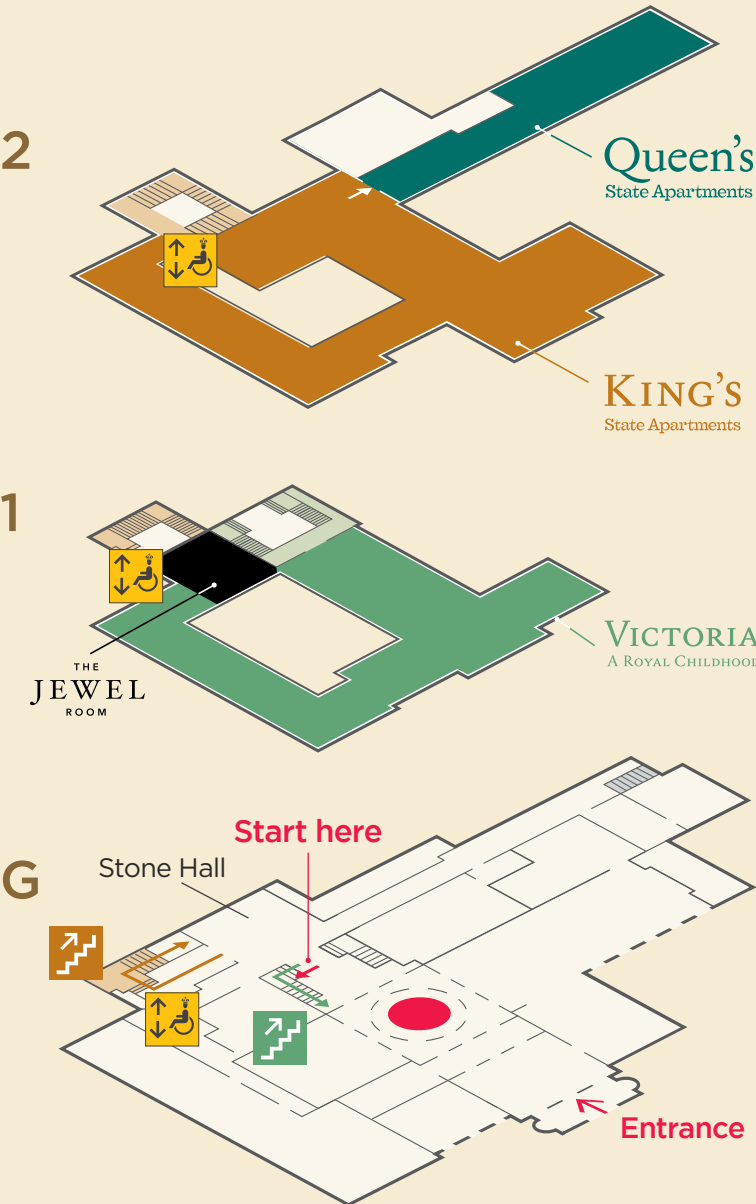
The palace and gardens



# Discover 300 years of royal history

Explore our magnificent State Apartments, the rooms where Queen Victoria grew up and the spectacular Jewel Room.

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



# Start your visit In the Jewel Room

Your route starts up the Stone Stairs to the Jewel Room

We are operating a one-way route taking you through Victoria: A Royal Childhood, then the King's State Apartments and finishing in the Queen's State Apartments. See the reverse side of this leaflet for detailed route plans.



## Map key

- |             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Tickets     | Female toilet     |
| The Hub     | Accessible toilet |
| Shop        | Baby change       |
| Palace Café | Stairs            |
| Male toilet | Lift              |

# Please remember

## Please do:

- Take photographs but no flash, video, 3D or panoramic photography/filming
- Use bicycle racks outside the palace

## Please do not:

- Touch objects or artworks on display
- Eat or drink in the palace
- Use selfie sticks or tripods in the palace

# Please help us

As an independent charity that generates all our own funds, we are facing unprecedented challenges in the face of the Coronavirus. We have lost the vast majority of our income, and we face serious challenges ahead. If, like us, you love the palaces and believe in what we do, we welcome any support you are able to give us to sustain the charity through this difficult period. Joining our community of members or making a donation is an investment in their future – so visitors can continue to enjoy them for centuries to come.

Thank you.

Join as a member at [hrp.org.uk](http://hrp.org.uk)

**Or you can text PALACE to donate £5**  
**Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message**

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# Your safety is important

The safety of our staff and visitors is our primary concern. Please respect social distancing at all times, and make use of the hand washing and hand sanitising facilities. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable visit.

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# VICTORIA

## A ROYAL CHILDHOOD



**QUEEN VICTORIA, 1819 – 1837**  
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.

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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

Go right up the stairs

THE JEWEL ROOM

**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.’

# KING's

## State Apartments



**THE GEORGIANS, 1700s**  
Explore the glittering court of George II and Queen Caroline and discover the era of music, fashion and the arts brought to life in the splendid and sumptuously restored State Apartments.

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**KEY**

- 1 The King's Staircase
- 2 The King's Gallery
- 3 Queen Caroline's Closet
- 4 The King's Drawing Room
- 5 The Cupola Room
- 6 The Privy Chamber
- 7 The Presence Chamber (no entry)

Exit To Queen's State Apartments

Enter from the King's Staircase

**HISTORY WHERE IT HAPPENED**

**7 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.

# Queen's

## State Apartments



**THE STUARTS, 1690s**  
Step inside the oldest part of the palace. These intimate rooms were created for Queen Mary II, who ruled with her husband, King William III.

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**KEY**

- 1 The Queen's Drawing Room
- 2 The Queen's Dining Room
- 3 The Queen's Closet
- 4 The Queen's Gallery
- 5 The Queen's Staircase

Enter from the King's State Apartments

Exit via the Queen's Staircase

**HISTORY WHERE IT HAPPENED**

**THE QUEEN'S APARTMENTS**  
Queen Mary died in these rooms on 28 December 1694. The much-loved queen had contracted smallpox a week earlier and had been putting her affairs in order. Her distraught husband slept in the room on a camp bed, against the advice of the doctors. She was only 32 years old when she died.



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Kensington Palace

# Map & Information

Explore Victoria: A Royal Childhood then the King's and Queen's State Apartments to uncover the public and private lives of the royal families that lived here.



**COMING SOON**

## Life Through a Royal Lens

Our new exhibition brings together iconic photographs of the Royal Family from Queen Victoria to the present day alongside never before seen images

**Opening 4 March 2021**