




SEPTEMBER 2021 EDITION



HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES





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KENSINGTON PALACE

SPACE TO STIR AND BE STIRRED

TOWER OF LONDON • HAMPTON COURT PALACE • BANQUETING HOUSE  
KENSINGTON PALACE • KEW PALACE • HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE AND GARDENS

# 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 Queen’s and King’s State Apartments, which you can visit and uncover the public and private stories of the young royal families that have lived here, and a separate, private side where members of the Royal Family live today.

We are operating a one-way route taking you through Victoria: A Royal Childhood, The State Apartments and finishing in the Royal Style in the Making exhibition.

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



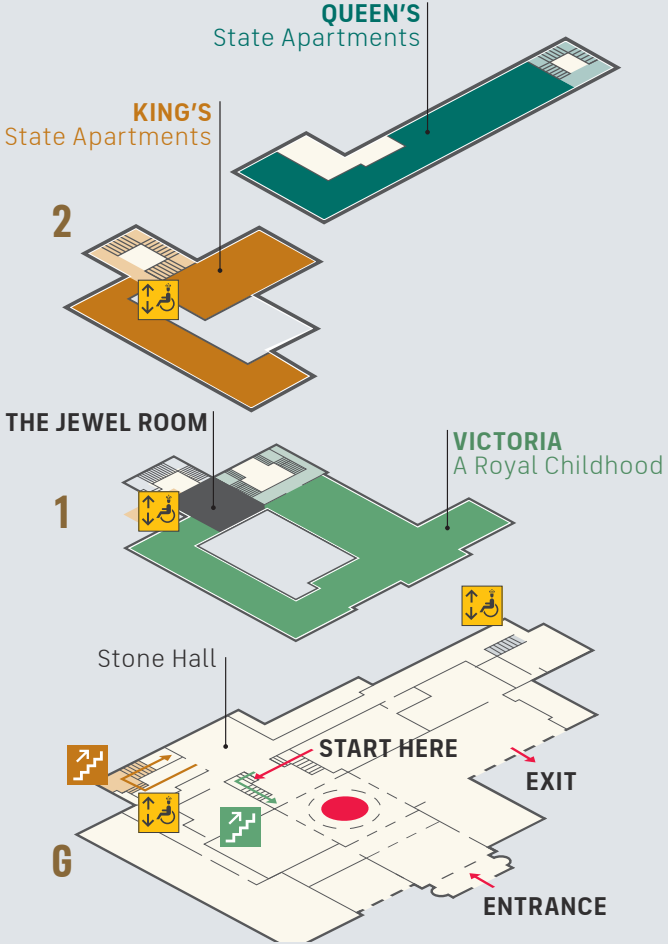
ROYAL  
STYLE  
*in the making*  
Exhibition in partnership with  
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# THE PALACE AND GARDENS



## DISCOVER 300 YEARS OF ROYAL HISTORY

All routes are located on the upper floors and marked with different colours as shown on the drawing opposite. Our Royal Style in the Making exhibition is located in the Queen Anne Orangery as indicated on the map above.




## YOUR ROUTE STARTS UP THE STONE STAIRS TO THE JEWEL ROOM

### MAP KEY


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

- Stairs to
- VICTORIA A Royal Childhood
  - KING'S State Apartments
  - THE JEWEL ROOM
  - QUEEN'S State Apartments





KENSINGTON PALACE  
PAVILION  
RESTAURANT • TEA ROOM



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

## 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

### OPENING TIMES

Summer (1 March – 31 October)  
10:00–18:00 (last entry 17:00)

Winter (1 November – 28 February)  
10:00–16:00 (last entry 15:00)

### ACCESSIBILITY

For all access needs please speak to one of our Palace Hosts.

## ACCESS ALL ERAS WITH MEMBERSHIP

Prices start from £59. Upgrade your ticket on site, join at [hrp.org.uk/membership](http://hrp.org.uk/membership) or scan the QR code






## PLEASE HELP US

Historic Royal Palaces is a registered charity. We generate all our own funds, and the pandemic has had a devastating impact on our finances.

You can help us to care for the palaces by joining as a member or making a donation.

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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.

### 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.

### History where it happened

#### 3 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

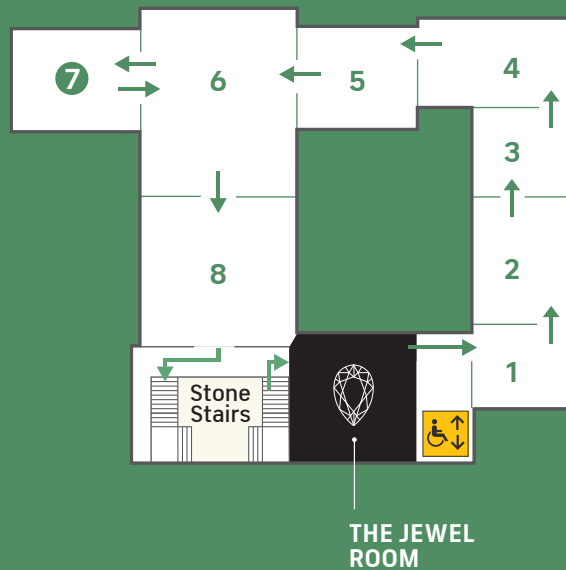
### The Stuarts, 1690s

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.

### History where it happened

#### 2 The Queen's Bedroom

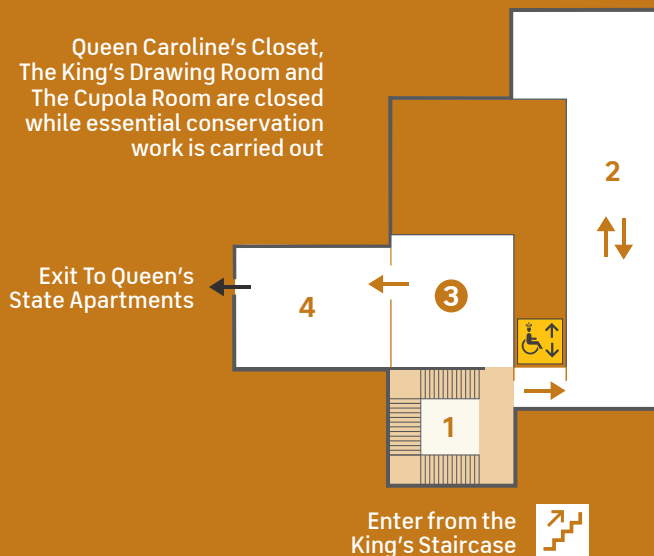
Queen Mary died in the room next to this on 28 December 1694. The much-loved queen had contracted smallpox a week earlier and had been putting her affairs in order. Her distraught husband slept in the room on a camp bed, against the advice of the doctors. She was only 32 years old when she died.



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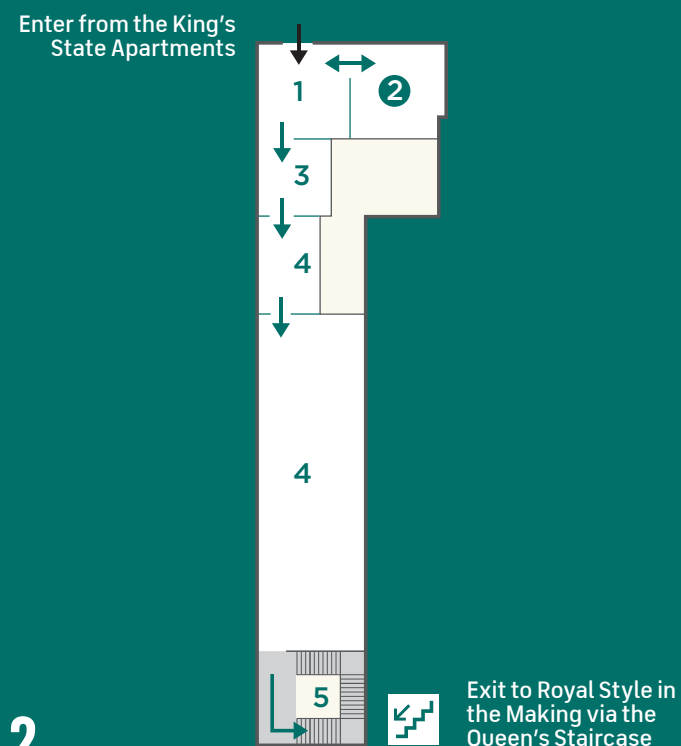
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| 1 Young Victoria       | 5 Family Feuds           |
| 2 The Princess at Play | 6 The Birthday Ball      |
| 3 Educating Victoria   | 7 The Baby in the Palace |
| 4 A Royal Performance  | 8 Becoming Queen         |



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| 1 The King's Staircase | 3 The Presence Chamber |
| 2 The King's Gallery   | 4 The Privy Chamber    |



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### KEY

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

## ROYAL STYLE IN THE MAKING

3 JUNE 2021 – 2 JANUARY 2022

### VISIT OUR SPECTACULAR EXHIBITION IN THE ORANGERY

Look into the workshops of five great royal designers. See how they designed the iconic fashions of three generations of royal women for the most important events of their lives. Royal Style in the Making is located in Queen Anne's Orangery, an 18th century building which was once used to house delicate and exotic plants.

## EXHIBITION OPENING 2022

**Life Through a Royal Lens** will explore the story behind some of the most iconic photographs of the Royal Family.