

# 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.

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.

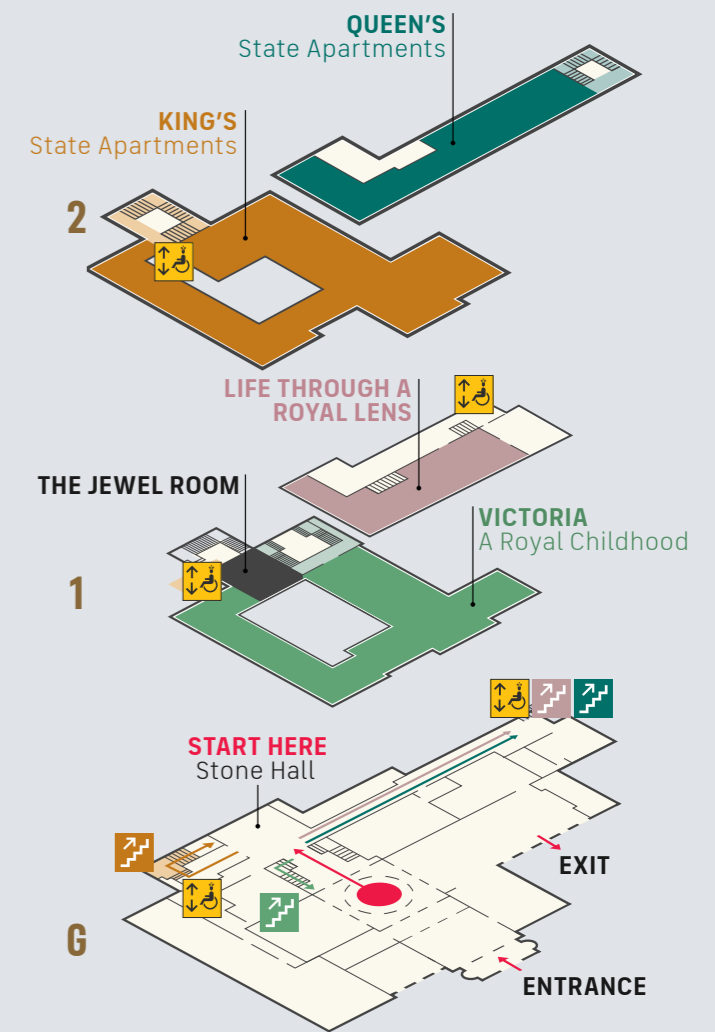
We now have a Digital Visitor Guide available on site, included in your ticket price, containing audio tours of the King’s State Apartments, Queen’s State Apartments and Victoria: A Royal Childhood. It is only available in English

## THE PALACE AND GARDENS



## DISCOVER 300 YEARS OF ROYAL HISTORY

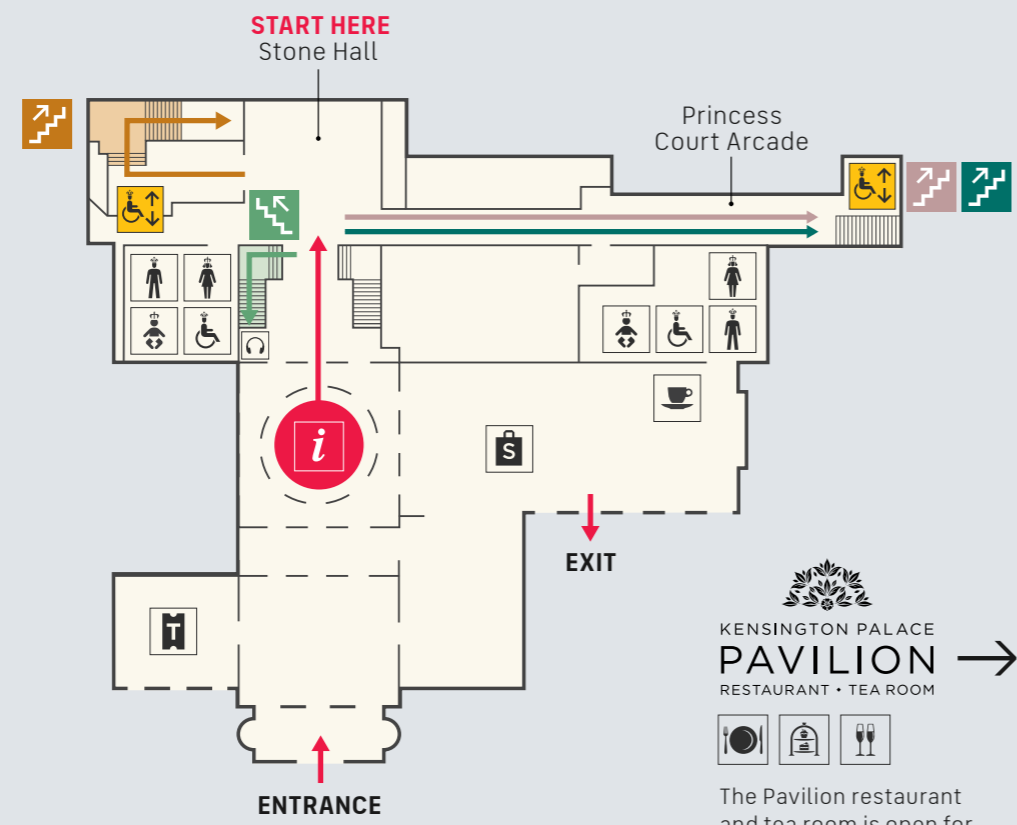
All routes are located on the upper floors and marked with different colours as shown on the drawing opposite.



## 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
  - Digital Visitor Guide

- Stairs to**
- VICTORIA A Royal Childhood | THE JEWEL ROOM
  - LIFE THROUGH A ROYAL LENS
  - QUEEN'S State Apartments
  - KING'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

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| <p><b>PLEASE DO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take photographs but no flash, video, 3D or panoramic photography/filming</li> <li>Use bicycle racks outside the palace</li> </ul> | <p><b>PLEASE DO NOT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Touch objects or artworks on display</li> <li>Eat or drink in the palace</li> <li>Use selfie sticks or tripods in the palace</li> </ul> |
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**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 £62. 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.

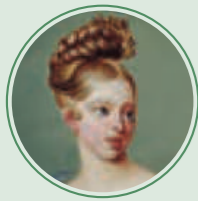
You can help us to care for the palaces by joining as a member or making a donation.

Text **PALACE** to **70085** to donate £5 and help us to keep the spirit of Kensington Palace alive

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## VICTORIA A ROYAL CHILDHOOD

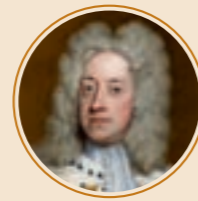
### Queen Victoria, 1819–1837

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

#### 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.



## 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

#### 6 The Queen's Bedchamber

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.



## LIFE THROUGH A ROYAL LENS

### 1800s-Present

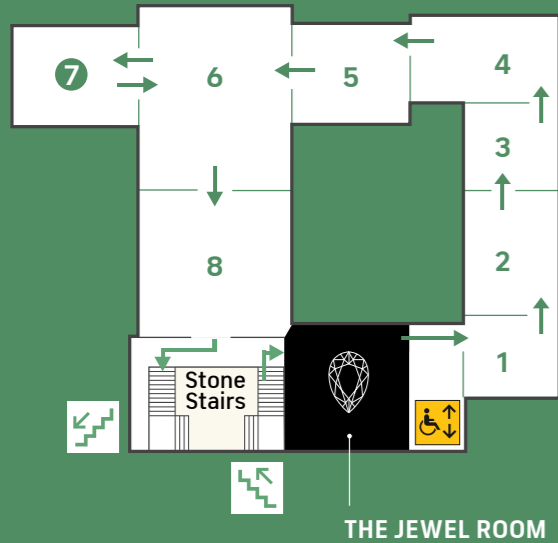
Discover the stories behind history's most iconic Royal images and glimpse into the personal albums of the most photographed family in the world.

### History where it happened (Gardens)

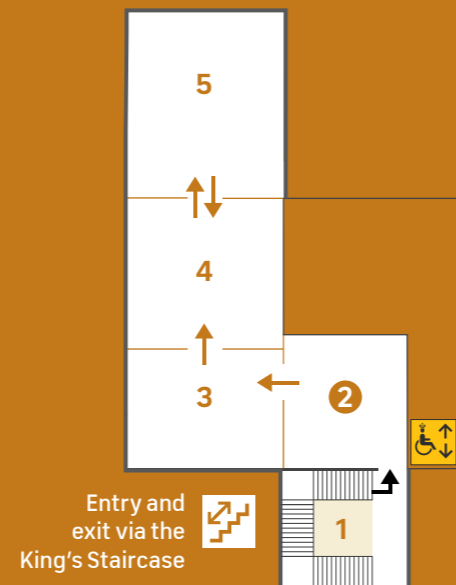
Within a few hours of the news that Princess Diana had died on 31 August 1997, Kensington Palace was swamped with visitors. The Gold Gates, just outside the palace were covered in floral tributes to the princess. In the days that followed every inch of railing around the palace was covered with flowers, which stretched out like a carpet into Kensington Gardens.

Exhibition in partnership with

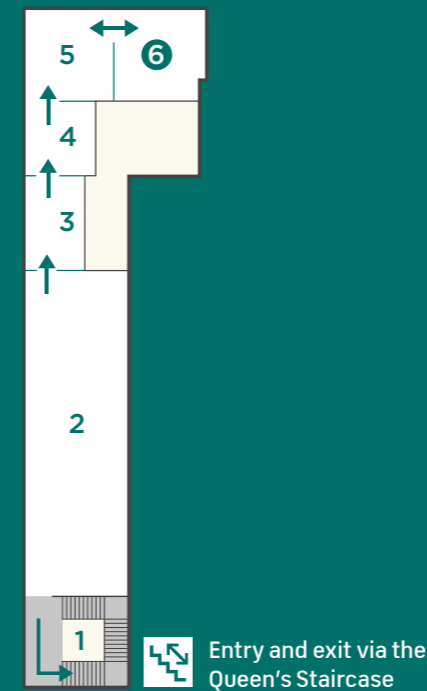
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LONDON 1735



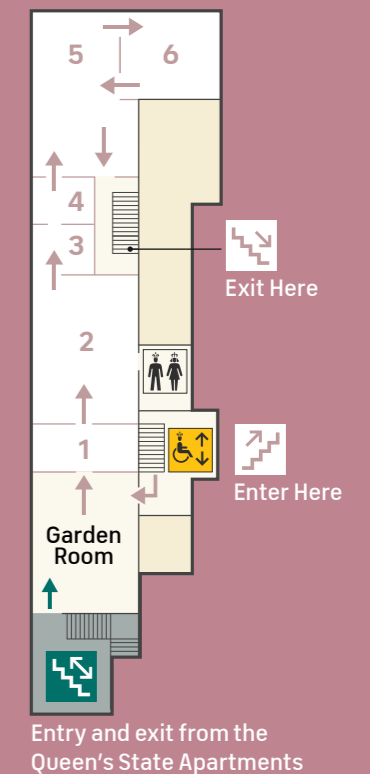
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### KEY

- 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

### KEY

- 1 The King's Staircase
- 2 The Presence Chamber
- 3 The Privy Chamber
- 4 The Cupola Room
- 5 The King's Drawing Room

### KEY

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

### KEY

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Crown & Camera
- 3 Ceremonial Occasions
- 4 Portrait Commissions
- 5 A Royal Family
- 6 Monarchy and the Media