# Welcome to Kensington Palace Audio Tour

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## Overview

A brief introduction to Kensington Palace and find out more about the different audio tours.

## Stop 1 Introduction in Stone Hall

### Narrator:

Hello and welcome to Kensington Palace – a place of secret stories and public lives. First, we need to make our way to the Stone Hall. Go past the bottom of the staircase and into the next room. Find a place to stand away from the doorways – and take a look at your screen while I tell you a little about the Palace and what there is to see today.

Kensington Palace has been a royal home for over 300 years. King Charles III lived here as Prince of Wales during his marriage to Diana, Princess of Wales. William and Catherine, now Prince and Princess of Wales, also lived here as Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, with their young family and it remains their main London residence.

Today, we’ll be exploring the Palace’s historic royal rooms and discovering the personalities, dramas and intrigues of the past Kings and Queens who used them. These sections of the Palace are cared for by Historic Royal Palaces, an independent charity – we rely on your entrance fee to keep these extraordinary spaces open to the public. There are three different visitor tours to explore, and the doorways to these are highlighted by the coloured panels in this room.

Through the doorway near the dark green panel are the intimate Queen’s State Apartments of joint monarchs Mary II and her husband William III, who built the palace in the 1690s.

Through the doorway to the right of the orange panel are The King’s State Apartments of George II and Queen Caroline in the 1730s.

And the ‘Victoria: A Royal Childhood’ tour, through the doorway next to the pale green panel, explores Queen Victoria’s childhood here in the early 1800s.

You can explore these tours in any order and will return to this room at the end of each one. For step-free access, we recommend you start with the King’s State Apartments tour.

You’re welcome to take photos but please don’t use flash or take videos. Finally, if you have any questions, look out for our friendly and knowledgeable Palace Hosts in red-and-black uniforms.

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