

# 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 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.

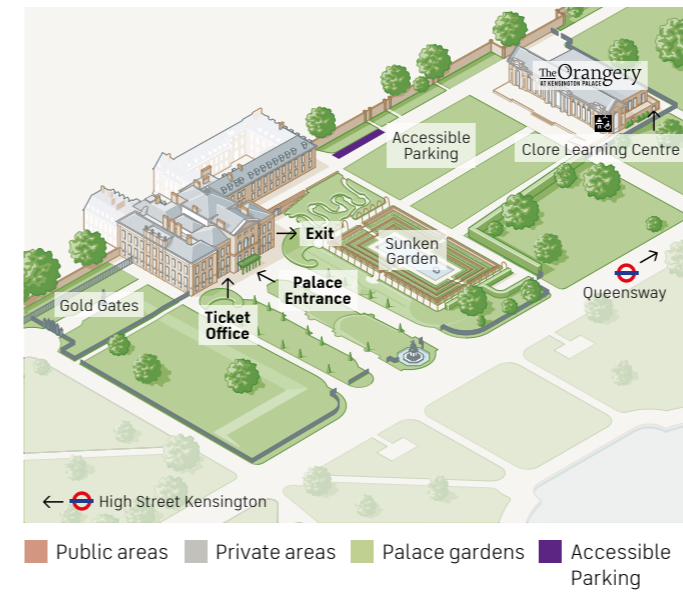
You can choose to visit the exhibitions in any order.

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.

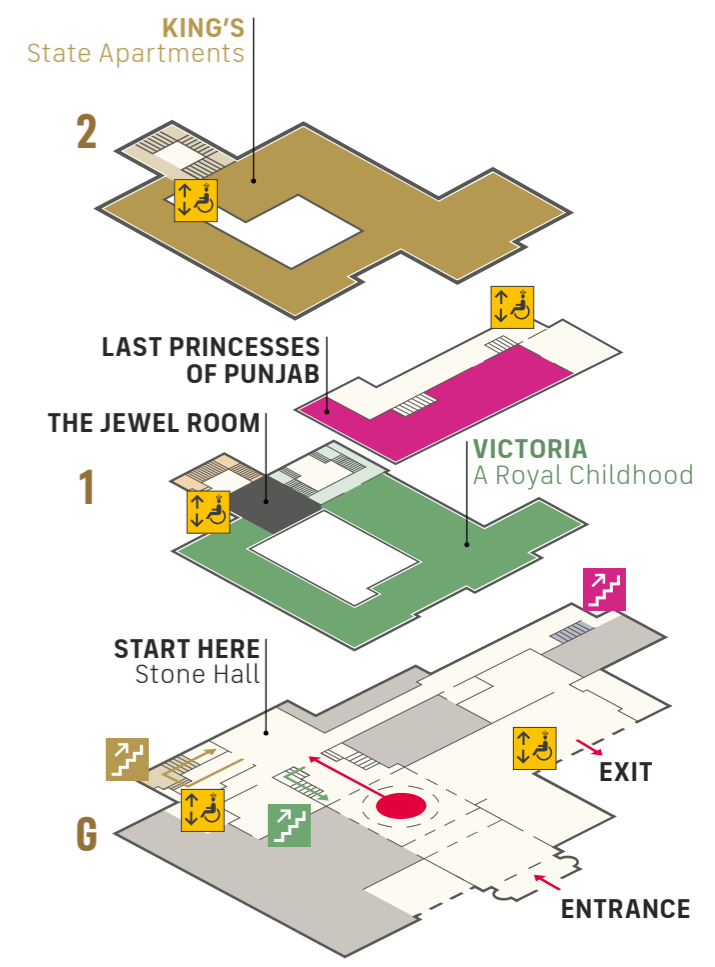
The Queen's State Apartments are closed until Spring 2027 for major re-presentation. Please ask a member of staff if you require any assistance or have any questions about your visit today. Access Guides are available at the scanner desk.

# 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 to the right.



## 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
  - LAST PRINCESSES OF PUNJAB
  - 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

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| <b>PLEASE DO</b>                     | <b>PLEASE DO NOT</b>                       |
| Take photographs, but no flash       | Touch objects or artworks on display       |
| Take video                           | Eat or drink in the palace                 |
| Use bicycle racks outside the palace | Use selfie sticks or tripods in the palace |

**OPENING TIMES**

**Summer (1 March – 25 October)**  
10:00–18:00 (last entry 17:00)

**Winter (26 October – 28 February)**  
10:00–16:00 (last entry 15:00)

**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.

Access Guides are available to help you on your visit.

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

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## VICTORIA A ROYAL CHILDHOOD

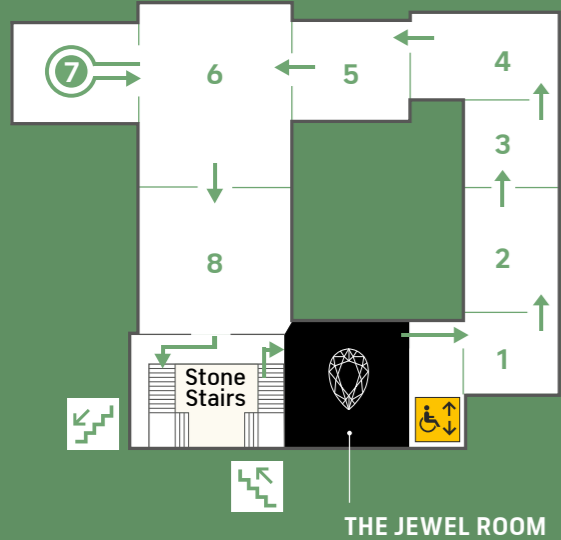
### Queen Victoria, 1800s

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

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Young Victoria       | 5 Family Feuds                  |
| 2 The Princess at Play | 6 The Birthday Ball             |
| 3 Educating Victoria   | 7 <b>The Baby in the Palace</b> |
| 4 A Royal Performance  | 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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| 1 The King's Staircase        | 5 The King's Drawing Room |
| 2 <b>The Presence Chamber</b> | 6 Queen Caroline's Closet |
| 3 The Privy Chamber           | 7 The King's Gallery      |
| 4 The Cupola Room             |                           |



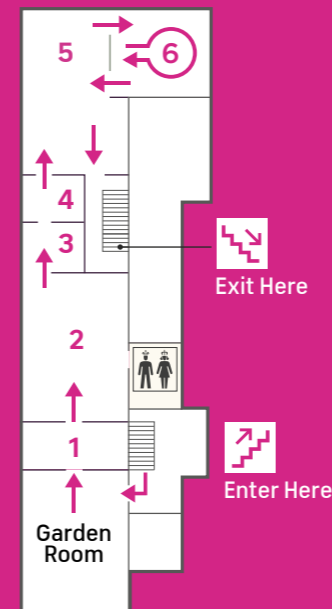
## LAST PRINCESSES OF PUNJAB

### 1800s & 1900s

Discover the story of Punjabi princess and suffragette icon, Sophia Duleep Singh and five women who shaped her extraordinary life.

Sophia and her sisters Catherine and Bamba, her mother Bamba Müller, grandmother Jind Kaur and godmother Queen Victoria each expressed womanhood, power, and royalty in different ways. They infused their identities and heritage into the causes they devoted themselves to, and became powerful changemakers in their own right.

If you require level access to Last Princesses, please speak to a member of staff in the Victoria: A Royal Childhood exhibition. More information can be found in our Access Guide.



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| 1 Introduction  | 5 Princess Sophia and Princess Catherine, Suffrage and Campaigns |
| 2 Maharani Jind Kaur, Maharani Bamba Müller, Queen Victoria | 6 Princess Bamba, Keeper of Legacy                               |
| 3 The Princesses and University                             |  |
| 4 The Princesses, English Society, and India                |  |



## POWDER, PERFUME & SCANDAL

DAILY: 1 AUG-30 AUG  
WEEKENDS: 5 SEP-22 NOV

LIVE PERFORMANCES  
ACROSS THE PALACE: 10.00-14.45

Step into 1727 and the glittering world of Kensington Palace. With King George II abroad, power now rests in the hands of his brilliant and formidable Queen, Caroline, ruling from Kensington Palace with wit, charm, and political cunning.

Join the ambitious and talented people who flocked to Kensington Palace to win power and influence. First, you must first win the Queen's good favour. But to get to the Queen you will need to outwit the powerful, perfumed and scandalous aristocrats that surround her.