



Once a back garden for three generations of the Royal family, the 300 acre World Heritage Site is now a global leader in botanic research and conservation. Among the breathtaking scenery are several iconic buildings such as the Palm House and Pagoda, as well as the most intimate of Royal homes, Kew Palace.

Before you Way2Go

Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew Green, Kew
Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB
24 hour information line:
+44 (0)20 8332 5655
kew.org

Getting there

Nearest Tube station:
Kew Gardens
Nearest railway station:
Kew Gardens

To plan your journey

Why not use the Transport for London website: tfl.gov.uk or call the 24 hour TFL Travel Information Line on: +44 (0)20 7222 1234.

Oyster Cards are available at most Tube and railway stations as well as some newsagents – just look for the blue Oyster sign. They can also be purchased before you arrive, through the Visit London website: visitlondon.com/travel/oyster

Entrance prices & opening times

For latest information please refer to the Kew website or call their 24 hour information line.

Kew Palace

The Royal Palace is located within the Gardens. Please note that there is an additional fee for entry.

Schedule your visit with an event at Kew

kew.org/events/index.html

Why not arrive at Kew by boat?

Boats sail from Westminster Pier. Kew Pier is a 5 minute walk from the Garden's main gate.

Booking Office:
+44 (0)20 7930 2062
thamesriverboats.co.uk

Need2Go?

Toilets are situated at all main gates and adjacent to restaurants and cafés.

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After you Way2Go

1 See where Frederick Prince of Wales played cricket

Games are played on Kew Green (opposite the main entrance) at weekends from May to September.

2 The Original Maids of Honour

World famous tea rooms, 5 minutes from Victoria Gate. Try the renowned 'Maids of Honour' pastry - apparently a favourite of Henry VIII and our personal tip - the steak pie!

288 Kew Road, Kew Gardens, Surrey, TW9 3DU.

Telephone: +44 (0)20 8940 2752
theoriginalmaidsofhonour.co.uk

Still hungry?

There is a variety of restaurants and pubs around Kew Green.

3 Kew Bridge Steam Museum

Built in the 19th century to supply London with water, the museum now houses some of the world's largest working steam engines.

Green Dragon Lane, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 0EN
 Telephone: +44 (0)20 8568 4757
kbsm.org

4 Syon House and Park

The London residence of His Grace, The Duke of Northumberland. The last surviving ducal residence in Greater London complete with magnificent 18th century interiors by Robert Adam and 400 acres of parkland.

Park Road, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 8JF
 Information line: +44 (0)20 8560 0881
syonpark.co.uk

5 Refreshment by the River Thames?

Enjoy a pint of Fuller's traditional ale and a bite to eat down by the riverside, 10 minutes from the main gate, over Kew Bridge.

Bell & Crown, 11-13 Thames Road, Strand on the Green, London, W4 3PL
 Telephone: +44 (0)20 8994 4164
fullers.co.uk/rte.asp?id=4&itemid=22&ask=view

6 Walk along the river?

Leave the Gardens at Brentford Gate and turn left onto the river towpath. Kew Observatory and obelisks are seen after a 20 minute walk, past a unique stretch of undeveloped riverside. Richmond is another 5 minute walk, with riverside bars, restaurants, as well as a Tube and railway station.

7 St Anne's Church

The handsome parish church on Kew Green. Patronised by Royalty and reputedly where George III secretly married a young Quaker girl. Cream Teas are served on Sunday afternoons in Summer.
saintanne-kew.org.uk

Richmond Park

The largest Royal Park in London. On a clear day, there is a view from King Henry's Mound to the dome of St Paul's Cathedral.

Richmond Park, Surrey, TW10 5HS
 Telephone: +44 (0)20 8948 3209
royalpark.org.uk/parks/richmond_park

8 Shopping in Richmond

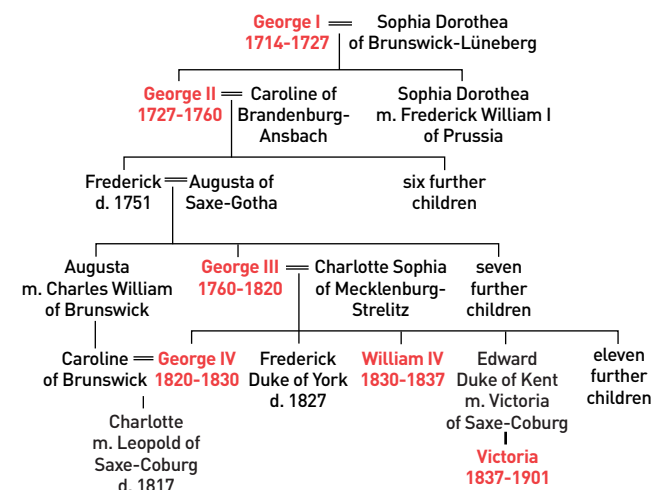
A 15 minute walk from Lion Gate, Richmond offers a wide variety of shops. The collection of boutiques next to Richmond Green is particularly picturesque. Alternatively, there is a parade of shops, cafés and restaurants next to Kew Gardens Tube station.

9 The National Archives

A 15 minute walk from the Main Gate. Visitors must register before using the document archive, however there is a free museum showing treasures from the Government's records including the Domesday Book and Magna Carta.

Ruskin Avenue, Kew TW9 4DU.
 Telephone: +44 (0)20 8876 3444
nationalarchives.gov.uk

Hanoverian Royal Family Tree



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