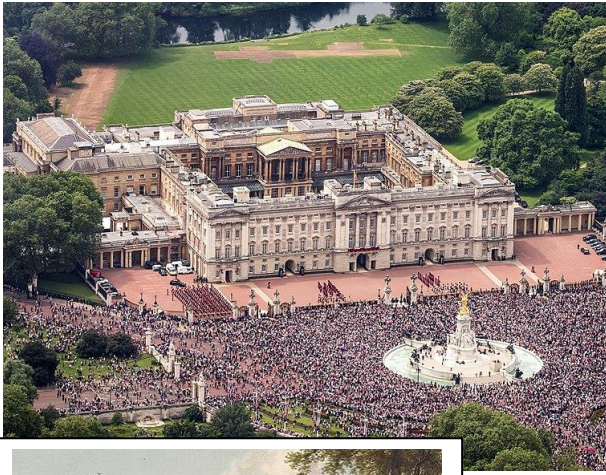


Buckingham Palace and Gardens

Thursday 7 September 2023

Make your own way there

Cost **£28**. Optional Garden Tour **£11**



The Palace in 1819 before King George IV started remodelling it.



The Music room

Wear sensible shoes as you will be doing a lot of walking.

The State Rooms are the public rooms in the Palace where the monarch and members of the Royal Family receive and entertain their guests on State, ceremonial and official occasions. There are 19 State Rooms, which mainly reflect the taste of George IV, who commissioned the architect John Nash to transform Buckingham House into a grand palace in 1825. The State Rooms are furnished with many of the greatest treasures from the Royal Collection, including paintings by Van Dyck and Canaletto, sculpture by Canova, Sèvres porcelain, and some of the finest English and French furniture in the world.



The White Drawing room.

Before you set out for the gardens, stop for a coffee or tea at the café.

Make sure to get your ticket stamped on departure. This will give you entrance into the Palace and Gardens for 1 year, thus allowing you to visit Buckingham Palace again in 2024 at a different time of year to also experience the change of seasons in the garden.



The State Dining room

Buckingham Palace Gardens

These are situated to the rear (west) of Buckingham Palace, occupying a 17 hectares (42 acres) site in the City of Westminster and form the largest private garden in the capital.

For those who would like to find out more about the Royal gardens, join a 45 mins tour of the gardens for an extra £11 after your visit to the Palace.



A potted history of Buckingham Palace

- The land on which Buckingham Palace sits was originally marshland along the River Tyburn. The site had a series of owners, including William The Conqueror and the monks of Westminster Abbey.
- In 1698 the site was sold to a John Sheffield who became the Duke of Buckingham and he built "Buckingham House" around 1705. King George III purchased it in 1761 and commissioned a £73,000 renovation of the structure so that his Queen, Charlotte, and children could live there.
- In 1820, the king's son, George IV in 1837 his niece, Victoria, assumed the throne and became the first royal resident of Buckingham Palace. The British Parliament agreed to complete the construction of the Palace (interior and exterior) (1853).
- In 1901 Edward VII ascended to the throne, and he is credited with an interior redesign of the palace, the remnants of which can still be seen today
- The home of the late monarch, Queen Elizabeth II since 1952, Buckingham Palace remains the administrative headquarters of the royal family and the site of many official events and receptions. Today, the 830,000 sq. ft. building has 775 rooms, including 19 state rooms, 52 royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms, 92 offices and 78 bathrooms