

# *HAMPTON COURT PALACE GARDENS*

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## *The story of the gardens*

*Discover how the  
beautiful gardens  
surrounding Hampton  
Court Palace have  
evolved over the years,  
from their Tudor  
beginnings in the early  
16<sup>th</sup> century to the  
present day.*

*The Tudor dynasty or House of Tudor was a royal house of Welsh origin, descended from Rhys ap Tewdwr, the last "king of the Brito. The Tudor family rose to power in the wake of the Wars of the Roses*





*English historians almost unanimously give **William III** as king of England and Scotland a high estimation. In the years of his rule were carried out profound reforms that laid the foundations of the political and economic system of the country. In these years begins rapid rise of England and its transformation into a mighty world power.*

# *Hampton Court*

## *Palace Gardens*

*Relax in over 60 acres of beautiful gardens that lead to the River Thames, featuring sparkling fountains, glorious displays of over 200.000 flowering bulbs and 750 acres of tranquil royal parkland.*



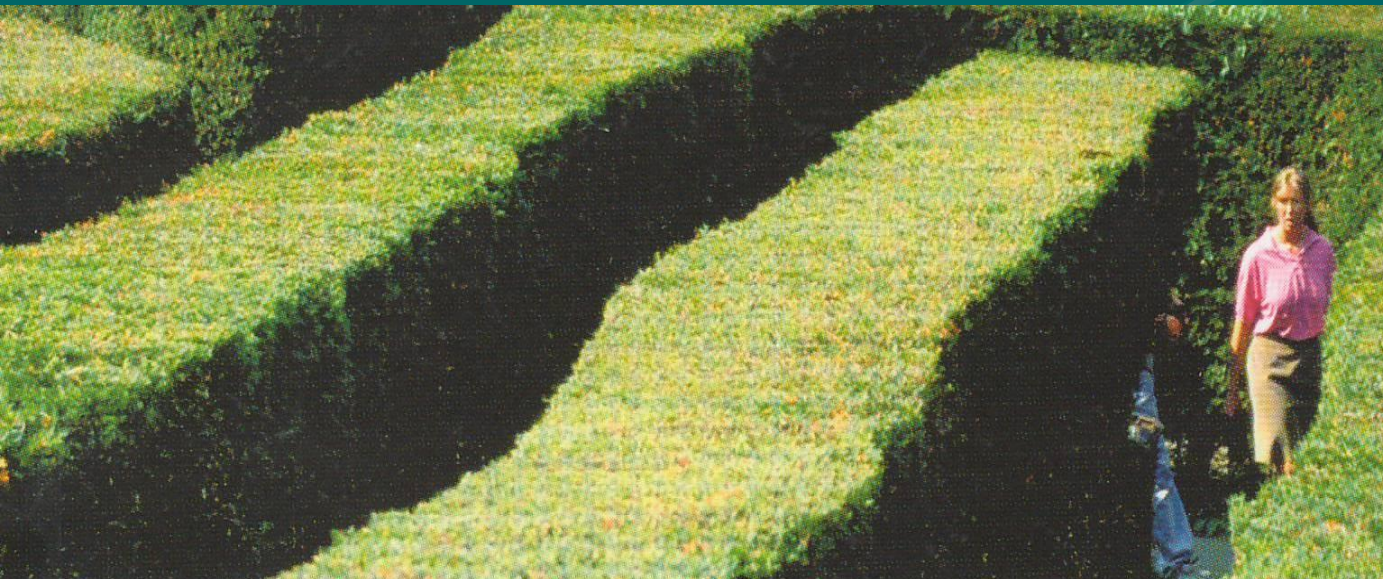
# Hampton Court Palace Gardens



*Visiting the gardens  
Admission to the Formal  
Gardens and the Maze is  
included with your palace  
ticket. Admission to the  
Formal Gardens only  
(admission only charged  
during official summer time)  
and the Maze only can be  
purchased separately. A  
separate charge applies to  
the horse and tram ride.*



*The Maze  
Begun in 1690 as a  
form of country  
entertainment for  
William III, today  
the Maze covers one  
third of an acre and  
consists of half a mile  
of winding paths  
surrounded by  
towering yew tree  
walls. On average it  
takes 20 minutes to  
reach the centre.*



## *The Great Fountain Garden*

*Relax in the shade of the historic yew trees, marvel at glistening fountain or take a stroll along the Broad Walk wall which, at 580 metres, is the longest herbaceous border in Britain.*





## *Horse and tram rides*

*Enjoy a leisurely ride on our horse and which will lead you and your family through the beautiful gardens around the East Front. Rides run throughout the summer months, weather permitting.*



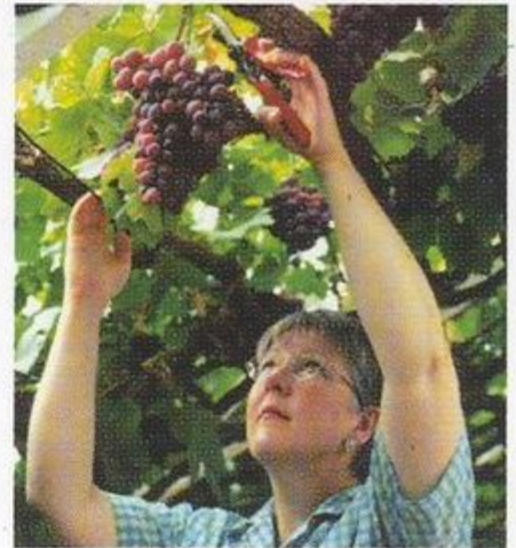
## *The Lower Orangery Garden*

*Once the home of Queen Mary's Exotick plant collection, this garden has been restored to its former brilliance of 1702. Displays include colourful seasonal beds next to citrus trees and cacti in impressive replica ornamental vases. Nearby, you can discover the magic of the hidden Pond Gardens which were originally used for holding freshwater fish for the royal courts.*



# The Great Vine

Planted in 1768 by the celebrated gardener 'Capability' Brown, the magnificent Great Vine is the oldest in the world and still produces a yearly crop of black, sweet grapes.



# How to get here

*Train: 30 minutes from  
London Waterloo.*

*Bus: 111, 216, 461, 411,  
513, R68.*

*Car: From the M25 take  
either exit 10 and the  
A307, or exit 12 and the  
A308. From central  
London take the A3 to the  
Hock underpass and then  
the A309. Parking is  
available on site (free  
applicable).*

*River boats: (April-Sept)  
Westminster, Richmond  
and Kingston.*

