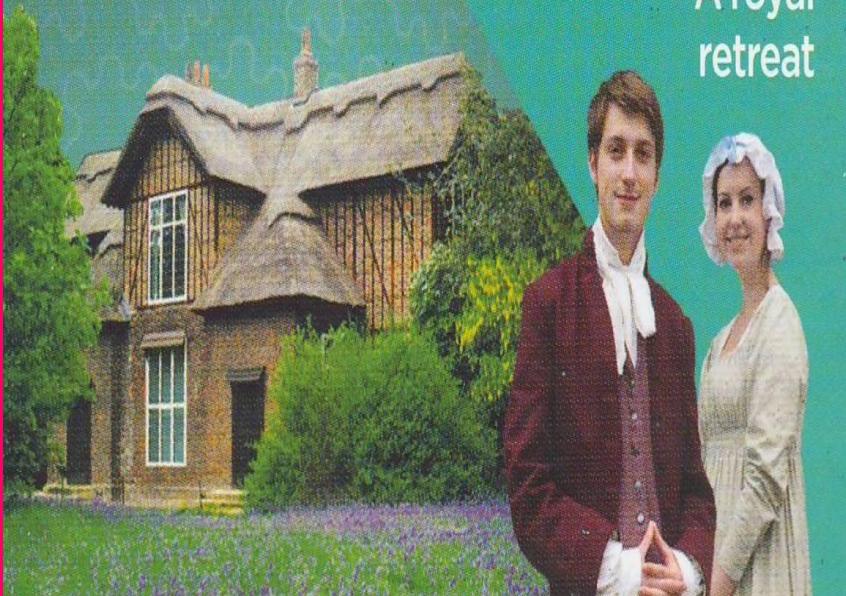


KEW PALACE



A royal
retreat



Dig deeper into history at Kew Gardens

Kew Palace, in the heart of Kew Gardens was a much loved royal retreat for a number of monarchs, including George III, his wife Queen Charlotte and their 15 children. The palace has seen births, weddings and deaths, not to mention several bouts of 'madness'.

Explore the palace, the Royal Kitchens and Queen Charlotte's Cottage at no extra charge when you're visiting Kew Gardens and gain a unique insight into royal family life.



Georgian style

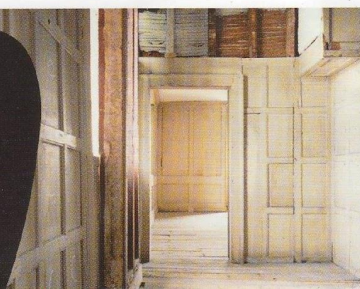
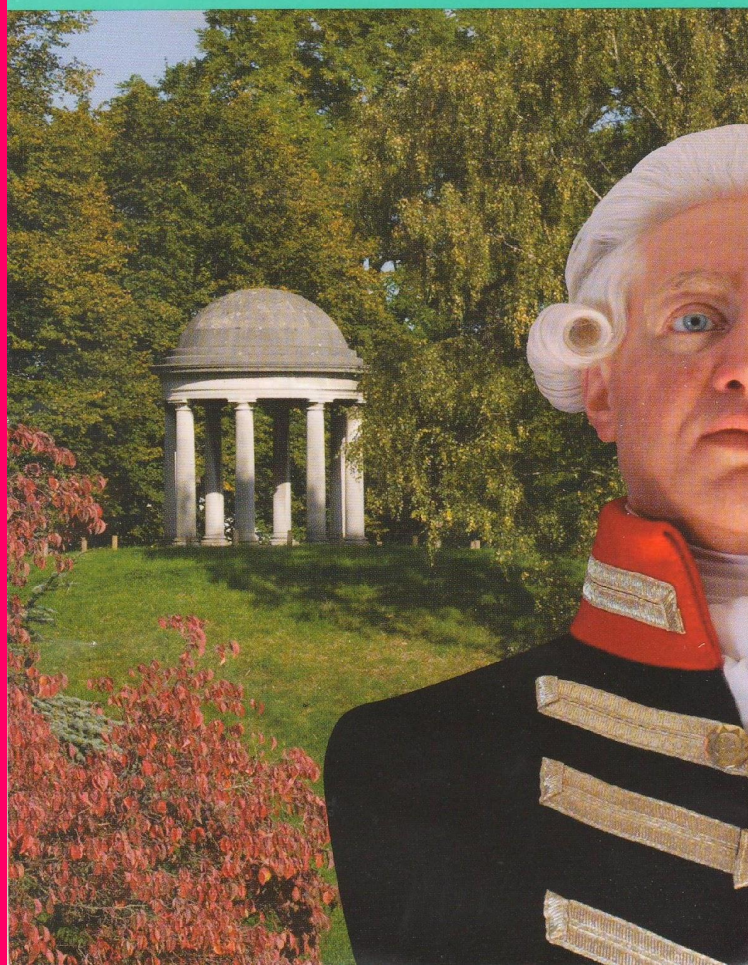
Explore the rooms that have been restored to their original Georgian splendour, appearing as they would have done in 1804. George III's daughter, Princess Elizabeth was given the freedom to decorate her bedroom in the latest style. Come and decide what you make of her interior design skills.

The 'madness' of King George

George III was kept at Kew Palace during his episodes of so-called 'madness'. As you walk the corridors of the palace learn about the horrific treatments the King's doctors administered, and discover for yourself the root of the King's malady.

Peeling back the layers

Explore the archaeological treasure trove of the deserted rooms and corridors on the second floor. Many of the rooms have lain untouched for almost two centuries, abandoned by the royal family following the death of Queen Charlotte in 1818.

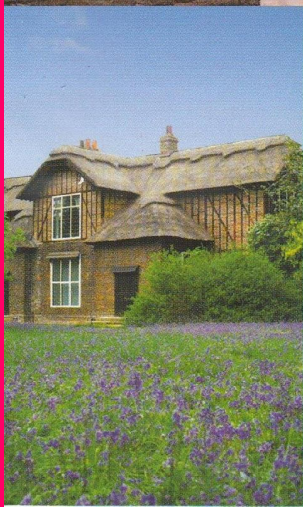


The Royal Kitchens

Next door to Kew Palace, the Georgian Royal Kitchens remain miraculously preserved, 200 years after they were last used. Step back in time to 6 February 1789, the day George III was given his knife and fork back after his first bout of 'madness'.

Georgian cookery

Join our Georgian chefs as they create a feast fit for a king on selected weekends. Visit our website for more information.



Queen Charlotte's Cottage

In happier times this delightful cottage was the family's rustic retreat and venue for informal picnics and laughter-filled afternoon teas. The cottage was later given to Kew Gardens to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

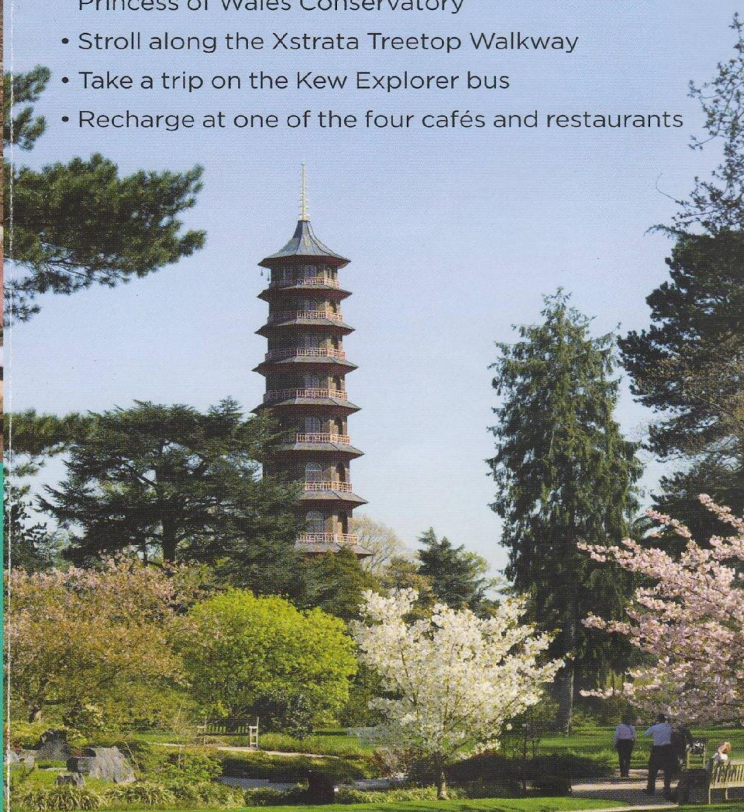
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Follow in the footsteps of George III, Queen Charlotte and their children by combining a visit to Kew Palace with a picnic in the shadow of their magnificent Pagoda.

Stumble across other hidden gems which dotted the royal family's estate like the Temple of Bellona, Temple of Aeolus and the Ruined Arch – all waiting to be rediscovered today.

As well as exploring the rich royal heritage of Kew, discover over 300 acres of tranquil gardens and stunning landscapes including:

- Feel the heat in the Palm House and the Princess of Wales Conservatory
- Stroll along the Xstrata Treetop Walkway
- Take a trip on the Kew Explorer bus
- Recharge at one of the four cafés and restaurants



Visit kew.org for more information about Kew Gardens

