

## Kew Gardens and Palace

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By coach departing at 8.45 am

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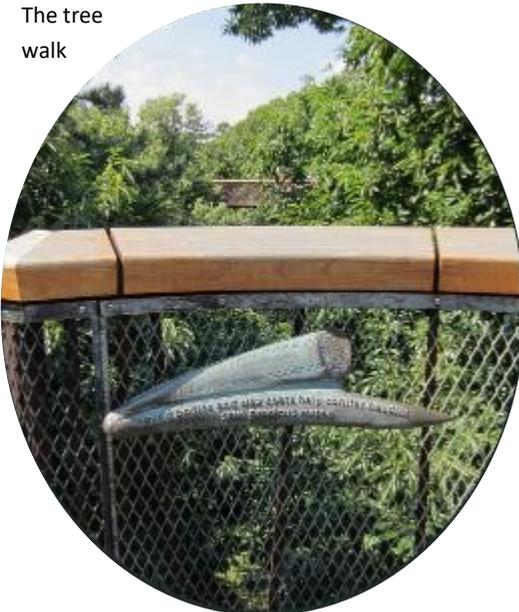
Kew Gardens is a World Heritage site and has the world's largest and most diverse collection of living plants anywhere in the world. There are 326 acres of exceptional landscape featuring glasshouses, stunning floral displays, immersive installations, a royal palace and art galleries.

Don't miss the Palm House built in the mid 1840's home to plants from the tropical regions of the world with temperatures kept at a steamy 81F (27C) all year round, the ultra-modern Davies Alpine House and the Princess of Wales Conservatory featuring ten different zones.

Step inside Kew Palace the former residence of King George III and explore a beautiful royal retreat that has been thoughtfully restored and offers a fascinating insight into the life of the royal family in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Next to the Palace are the Georgian Kitchens that act as a reminder of the difference between life above and below stairs.

For a more leisurely tour around the whole site take the hop-on, hop-off Kew Explorer train, this is included as part of your trip. This offers the opportunity to explore some of the further reaches of the Gardens while the driver provides guided commentary throughout. There are seven stops along the route to allow passengers to explore areas in more depth.

The tree walk



We leave St Mark's car park at 8.45 am and aim to arrive at Kew by 11.30 am after a comfort/tea/coffee stop at Oxford Services on the M40 .

Kew Gardens provides several cafes and restaurants or, if you prefer, take your own picnic to eat in the gardens.

The coach will be ready for boarding at 4.15 pm for a prompt departure at 4.30 pm. We should be back in Rugby around 6.30 pm.