

Put a Spring in Your Step

with a visit to Kensington and Chelsea

Explore the borough's iconic landmarks, gorgeous green spaces, extensive shopping locations, and world-famous museums this spring. Our walking map will show you the way as you discover what Kensington and Chelsea has to offer, whether you're visiting or live nearby. You may just find a hidden gem!

Find out more about things to do and places to go at: www.rbkc.gov.uk/explore-kensington-and-chelsea

Movie scene Easter egg hunt

Did you know, an 'Easter egg' is used to describe a hidden detail in film and TV?

We've dropped our own Easter egg hunt for you to try in this walking map, featuring the special locations in the borough which have appeared in famous movies and TV shows for you to find.

Psst you could also win amazing prizes in our photo competition by sharing shots of your favourite places on social media. Follow the link for details!

(All places are subject to opening times and entry costs)



1 The Museum of Brands
The museum hosts a variety of temporary displays, talks and workshops that examine the role of brands throughout history and the modern world.



3 Portobello and Golborne Market
Began in the 19th Century, dedicated almost entirely to fruits and vegetables, before it became the incredible antiques and produce market it is today.



2 Westbourne Grove
Notting Hill's high street, starting at the junction with Portobello Rd, features art galleries, independent stores and plenty of places to grab a drink or bite to eat after a busy day at the market.

4 Notting Hill (1999) and Love Actually (2003)
filmed famous scenes at real houses and the iconic bookshop in the area while Paddington (2014) took us to an antiques shop on Portobello Road.



5 The Design Museum
Offering an introduction to the history of contemporary design, lined up with exciting temporary exhibitions and pop-ups.



6 Exhibition Road
Explore some of London's most famous museums and cultural institutions right here. The Natural History Museum, V&A, Science Museum, Imperial College London and more.



7 Kensington High Street
One of the borough's bustling destinations for shopping and dining. With Holland Park and Kensington Gardens at either end, there's also plenty of green space to enjoy.

16 Brompton Cemetery
Robert Downey Jr can be seen strolling through this historic location in Sherlock Holmes (2009).

13 The Earl's Court Police Box
Stop by the 'Dr Who' police box for photo opportunities and tours.



13 'Doctor Who' fans
can find a replica of the iconic blue police box used to time travel in the famous TV series - perfect for that Instagram-worthy shot!



9 Duke of York Square
A chic shopping destination leading to the famous King's Road with big brands, unique boutiques and restaurants, and home to the world-famous Saatchi Gallery.

8 Kensington Gardens
served as the location for scenes in Finding Neverland (2004), Bridget Jones' Diary: The Edge of Reason (2004), and Wimbledon (2004), as well as a sneaky feature in Seasons 3 and 4 of Downton Abbey.

10 Sloane Square
is home to the Royal Court Theatre which was also the backdrop for several scenes in the psychological thriller Match Point (2005).

15 Cadogan Square
Channel your inner secret agent and spot M's apartment in the James Bond film, Skyfall (2012).



11 The National Army Museum
A great place to learn more about the Army's role, from the British Civil Wars to the present day with interactive collections.

12 The Chelsea Physic Garden
Established in 1663, London's oldest botanical gardens occupies four acres on the edge of the Thames. Visit to see a unique assortment of plants that changed the world.



14 Albert Bridge
A dramatic scene in Sliding Doors (1998) sees the main character throw her engagement ring into the Thames.

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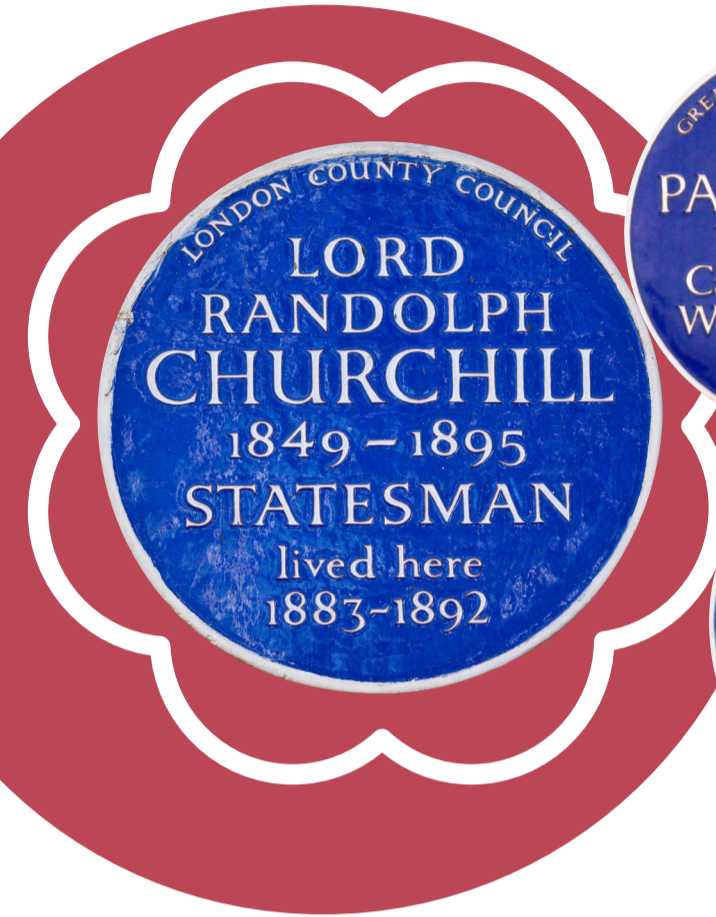
- A** Notting Hill and North Kensington
- B** Exhibition Road and South Kensington
- C** Earl's Court
- D** Kensington High Street
- E** Sloane Square and Chelsea

Stay active

Kensington and Chelsea is one of the most walkable boroughs as it's the smallest in London, but jam-packed with places to explore. Lots of amenities and attractions sit in close proximity so you can stroll from one to the next.

Being out in the fresh air whenever possible, as well as getting your steps in, is a great way to improve your health and well-being. It also reduces the need for more vehicles on the road, helping to keep our air cleaner.

As the weather gets warmer and the days get longer in spring, it's the perfect opportunity to get out and about and see what the borough has to offer.



Find the blue plaques

If you're out and about, you can search for the many blue plaques to learn more about famous residents who have lived in Kensington and Chelsea. There's over 100 years of commemoration and history to learn from, so why not take a step back in time during your walk!

The names of several famous writers, poets, dancers, musicians, politicians, campaigners and visionaries can be found upon Kensington and Chelsea's Blue Plaques.

From Oscar Wilde to Sir Winston Churchill, Sylvia Pankhurst to Princess Seraphine Astafieva, there's a world of amazing history hidden within Kensington and Chelsea, much of which helped shape the London we know today.

Experience the diverse culture

Kensington and Chelsea is enriched with a diverse cultural heritage that you can experience along your walk. Why not explore the beautiful green spaces of Holland Park and observe the great variety of wildlife that lives there or take a stroll down the famous market at Portobello Road and check out the incredible antiques and produce.



Visit the museums and galleries

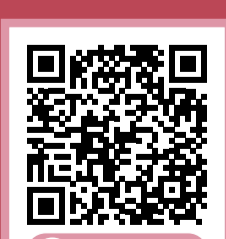
Just by walking along Kensington High Street, you'll come across two absolute gems worth visiting, Japan House and the Design Museum. Kensington and Chelsea is home to some of the world's most famous museums, many of which are within relatively short walking distance of each other. Check out the map and see how many you can locate.

To name but a few, you could explore the Natural History Museum and delve into the world of the dinosaurs, wander in the Science Museum to discover more about mankind's greatest inventions, lose yourself in the Victoria and Albert Museum of art and design, or take part in the challenging exhibitions at the National Army Museum, as you learn about the impact the British Army had on the world.

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