

WELCOME TO KENSINGTON

THE SUMO GUIDE

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Culture in Kensington



JAPAN HOUSE

Japan House is the cultural home of Japan in the UK with regular events, workshops and free exhibitions. www.japanhouselondon.uk



KENSINGTON PALACE

Kensington Palace has been a Royal Palace since the 17th Century. Queen Victoria was born here and it has been the official residence of many members of the royal family. www.hrp.org.uk/kensingtonpalace



THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

The Royal Albert Hall was built over 150 years ago and named after Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert. It is used for concerts and events throughout the year and has been the home to the BBC Proms concerts since 1941. www.royalalberthall.com



THE KYOTO GARDEN AND FUKUSHIMA GARDEN IN HOLLAND PARK, W11 4UA

The Kyoto Garden and Fukushima Garden in Holland Park are symbols of the friendship and cultural exchange between Japan and Great Britain. These exquisite gardens are a perfect spot for peaceful reflection and relaxation.



LEIGHTON HOUSE

Containing an outstanding collection of Victorian paintings, Leighton House offers an intimate glimpse into the life and work of Frederic, Lord Leighton, one of the most renowned British artists of the Victorian era. www.rbkc.gov.uk/museums



SAMBOURNE HOUSE

Sambourne House was once the home of Edward Linley Sambourne, the illustrator and Punch cartoonist, and provides a fascinating insight into Victorian life. www.rbkc.gov.uk/museums



The Grand Sumo Tournament takes place at the Royal Albert Hall from **15 - 19 October 2025**.



Audio Tours

Scan here to download our free Kensington audio tours.

Experience Japan in Kensington

JAPAN HOUSE 101-111 Kensington High Street. W8 5SA

What's on

- Pictograms (until 9 November).
- Talismanic Figurines from the Kansai Region (until 29 October).
- Browse the beautifully curated store for sumo-inspired products and unique gifts celebrating Japanese craft, culture and tradition.



AKIRA RESTAURANT First floor of Japan House

Outstanding Japanese cuisine, beautifully presented on carefully selected tableware. Afternoon tea also available.



KONJIKI 20 Kensington Church Street. W8 4EP

Family run restaurant serving modern Japanese cuisine including afternoon Sushi and Tea set.



YASHIN SUSHI 1A Argyll Road. W8 7DB

Innovative sushi recipes with a wide choice of sakes.



MARUGAME UDON Kensington Arcade, Kensington High Street. W8 5SF

Handcrafted udon noodles served with delicious broths and crisp tempura.



JAPANESE GALLERY 66E Kensington Church Street, W8 4BY

One of the largest collections of Japanese Art and Antiques. By appointment only.



Pubs

Experience the charm of a traditional English pub in the heart of Kensington all within walking distance.

THE ABINGDON 54 Abingdon Road. W8 6AP

BRITANNIA 1 Allen Street. W8 6UX

THE BUILDERS ARMS 1 Kensington Court Place. W8 5BJ

THE ELEPHANT & CASTLE 40 Holland Street. W8 4LT

THE GREYHOUND 1 Kensington Square. W8 5EP



Restaurants

Discover fine dining and favourite spots loved by locals.

BANCONE 127a Kensington High Street. W8 5SF
Handmade pasta in a buzzy and informal atmosphere.

DISHOOM 4 Derry Street. W8 5SE
A lovingly curated menu of Bombay comfort food and first-class drinks.

FFIONAS 51 Kensington Church Street W8 4BA
Traditional British cuisine with a modern twist and an intimate dining experience.

IL PORTICO 277 Kensington High Street. W8 6NA
Simple, authentic Italian food from the region of Emilia Romagna.

JACUZZI 94 Kensington High Street W8 4SH
Authentic Italian food and a unique dining experience.

KITCHEN W8 11-13 Abingdon Road. W8 6AH
Relaxed and friendly Michelin star neighbourhood restaurant serving modern English dishes with a French soul.

KROKODILOS 28a Kensington Church Street. W8 4EP
Family recipes and authentic Greek ingredients capturing the soul of Mediterranean dining.

MIN JIANG ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL Royal Garden Hotel, 2- 24 Kensington High Street W8 4PT
Authentic Chinese restaurant with breathtaking views of the London skyline and Hyde Park.

Afternoon Tea

Indulge in the timeless tradition of English afternoon tea in Kensington.

THE MILESTONE HOTEL 1 Kensington Court. W8 5DL

THE ORANGERY AT KENSINGTON PALACE
Kensington Palace Gardens. W8 4PX

ORIGIN KENSINGTON
Royal Garden Hotel, 2- 24 Kensington High Street. W8 4PT

ROYAL ALBERT HALL Hello Kitty afternoon tea throughout October. SW7 2AP





KENSINGTON OLYMPIA (Step-free access from street to platform)

Diana Memorial Fountain
23-MINUTE WALK
from High Street
Kensington Station

The Albert Memorial
18-MINUTE WALK
from High Street
Kensington Station

Royal Albert Hall
18-MINUTE WALK
from High Street
Kensington Station

A Short Walk from High Street Kensington Station

- JAPAN HOUSE**
1 minute
- HOLLAND PARK**
6 minutes
- DESIGN MUSEUM**
8 minutes
- KENSINGTON PALACE**
12 minutes
- ROYAL ALBERT HALL**
18 minutes

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| Park entrance | ATM | Village-feel neighbourhoods |
| Tube station | Pharmacy | Gallery |
| Police station | Post Office | |
| Hotel | Weekend Market | |
| Playgrounds | Sports Facilities
<i>Including an outdoor gym, tennis courts, football pitches, cricket nets</i> | |
| Supermarket | | |
| Water Fountain | | |

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PICTOGRAMS

Iconic Japanese Designs

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30 July – 9 November 2025

Exhibition | Free Admission