

A tour to the UK

Buckingham Palace



General Information

Buckingham Palace is the London residence and principal workplace of the ruling monarch of the United Kingdom. Located in the City of Westminster, it has been a focus for the British people at times of national joy. Originally, it was known as Buckingham House and was a huge townhouse built for the Duke of Buckingham in 1703 on a site which had been in private ownership for at least 150 years. It was later acquired by King George III in 1761 as a private residence for Queen Charlotte and was known as "The Queen's House".

From Buckingham House to Buckingham Palace



The renovation of the building began in 1762. After his succession to the throne in 1820, King George IV continued the renovation with the idea of a small, comfortable home. While the work was in progress, in 1826, the King decided to change the house into a palace with the help of his architect John Nash. The cost of the renovations grew dramatically and by 1829, the extravagance of Nash's designs led to his being removed as architect. On the death of George IV in 1830, his younger brother King William IV hired Edward Blore to finish the work.

The Palace as the home of the monarch

Buckingham Palace finally became the principal royal residence in 1837, on the accession of Queen Victoria, who was the first monarch to live there as her predecessor William IV had died before its completion.



**Built between
1847-1850**



Reconstructed in 1913

The interior

The Palace measures 108 metres by 120 metres, is 24 metres high and contains over 77,000 m² of floorspace. It contains 600 rooms, 19 of which are 19 state rooms, 52 principal rooms, 188 staff rooms and 78 bathrooms. The principal rooms of the palace are contained on the piano nobile behind the west-facing garden. Some other rooms of the interior of the Palace are the Music Room, the Blue and the White Drawing Rooms, the Picture Gallery, the Throne Room and the Green Drawing Room.



The garden at Buckingham Palace



The garden at Buckingham Palace is located at the west of Buckingham Palace. It covers much of the area of the former Goring Great Garden. The plans of the structure were originally made by Henry Wise and subsequently it was redesigned by William Townsend Aiton for George IV. The garden covers a 42 acres site in the City of Westminster, London and has two-and-a-half miles of paths. Its area is bounded by Constitution Hill to the north, Hyde Park Corner to the west, Grosvenor Place to the south-west and the Royal Mews, Queen's Gallery, and Buckingham Palace to the south and east.

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