

## A typical visit to Kew Gardens

Kew's combination of beautiful plants, landscape and historic buildings make it a firm favourite with visitors from across the world. There is something for everyone to enjoy and to fill a whole day, making it a great visit for your group. We are often asked to outline a typical visit to Kew. Naturally every group has different interests but what follows is a good starting point. After being dropped off at the [Victoria Gate](#) entrance, we recommend beginning your visit with a brief stop in the [Victoria Terrace Café](#) for a refreshing cup of organic coffee or tea. You might be tempted to browse the wonderful range of botanically themed products in the [Kew Shop](#) before entering the Gardens.



**Kew's Temperate House with the Xstrata Treetop Walkway in the foreground**

The [Kew Explorer](#) hop-on, hop-off land train offers a convenient means of visiting the more distant parts of Kew Gardens during its 40 minute circuit. I may arrange a [guided tour](#) with one of Kew's expert volunteer guides for an excellent introduction to the fascinating history of the Gardens and the vital scientific work carried out here at Kew. This will depend on the groups needs.

Once free to explore the Gardens, a short walk across to the [Palm House](#) leads you to another world, where the extraordinary diversity of rainforest plants is housed in a beautifully constructed Victorian glasshouse. If by now you have developed an appetite you can choose between the delicious fare being served in the [Pavilion Restaurant](#) or [Orangery Restaurant](#) or at [White Peaks cafe](#). Where you choose to eat will determine your itinerary for the afternoon.



**Kew's famous Palm House**

For example, head from the Pavilion Restaurant to Kew's largest glasshouse, the [Temperate House](#), where you can find tender plants from the world's temperate regions arranged in geographical zones. Kew's highest attraction, the [Xstrata Treetop Walkway](#), is located a few minutes walk from the Temperate House and the 118 step climb into the treetops is worth the effort for a bird's-eye view of the Gardens. Groups interested in art will enjoy a visit to [The Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art](#), to see exquisite botanical paintings displayed in a purpose-built setting. Walk north towards another stunning architectural construction, [the Sackler Crossing](#), from which you can watch the bustling activity of the waterfowl on the lake. Time permitting take a stroll through the [Princess of Wales Conservatory](#) and the [Davies Alpine House](#) where more of Kew's extraordinary plant collection is displayed, before rejoining your coach at the [Main Gate](#).