

## Guided visit to The Royal Albert Hall

12 – 1.30pm Friday 12 September 2025

Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AP



The Royal Albert Hall was opened by Queen Victoria in 1871 and has a seating capacity of 5,272. Originally, it was to have been called the Central Hall of Arts and Sciences, but the name was changed to the Royal Albert Hall of Arts and Sciences by Queen Victoria upon laying the Hall's foundation stone in 1867. It forms part of a memorial to the Prince Consort which includes the Albert Memorial.

It is the venue for the BBC Proms concerts, which have been held there every summer since 1941. Annually, it is host to more than 390 shows. Marvel at the grandeur of this Grade 1 listed building, its unique acoustic 'mushrooms,' and the sweeping Gallery as you learn about the architecture, royal visits, and the thousands of performances that have graced the venue. Get a glimpse of the stage, view the Royal Areas of the Hall, visit the rarely seen subterranean Loading Bay and, if you are lucky, a rehearsal for that night's show.



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Cost for the 90 minute guided tour: £22.50 per person

There are 18 places available for this visit

**Getting there:** Meet organisers Christine Roe and Lynn Coward at Wimbledon main station entrance at 11.15am. District line to South Ken and 15 mins walk. Start at Door 12

**General information:** There are toilets and a café on-site. There are stairs, but with lifts on every floor. NB: This tour is 90 mins long!

**Bookings:** email [visits@mertonu3a.org.uk](mailto:visits@mertonu3a.org.uk). Please provide your name and mobile phone number and whether you will meet us there or at Wimbledon Station.

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