



Albertopolis

Explore London's quarter for science, technology, culture and the arts

Prince Albert and Sir Henry Cole had a vision: an area of London dedicated to education and culture. It became a reality 150 years ago in South Kensington, and became fondly known as Albertopolis after its royal patron. Albertopolis is home to some of London's most spectacular buildings, world class museums and premier educational institutions.

Albertopolis was designed to celebrate the achievement and grandeur of Britain and her Empire. Today, the area retains many links with the wider world and has a very international feel. It is home to dozens of embassies and cultural institutes, plus welcomes tourists and students from around the world.



Royal Albert Hall
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Explore this cultural quarter with its magnificent buildings and great institutions. And hear some remarkable stories about diplomats and spies, musicians and artists, explorers and inventors, immigrants and refugees.

Location	Kensington, Central London	Suitable for	Families – A busy but safe area
Start point	Albert Memorial		Wheelchairs – An entirely step-free route
Postcode	SW7 2AP	Refreshments	Many places to eat and drink including cafes in the museums and park
Finish point	Royal Albert Hall	Facilities	Public toilets in Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park and the museums
Distance	2 ½ miles		
Level	Gentle - A flat route along city streets and through a park		

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