

Travel 2 Richmond-Twickenham

London was the most populous city in the world. In 1800, there was an incredible overpopulation.

Nevertheless, the city managed to create green spaces and parks everywhere.

I believe that the British have feeling for nature.

If you are in the center, green spaces are around the churches. They were cemeteries, then green spaces above the skeletons.

If you are outside, green spaces are real parks.

These are the remains of the Commons, that were the land in community from the ancient times.

There are also huge park, like Richmond Park.



Take the Tube to Richmond



Outside the station, turned your back and admire the building of the station: Art Deco 1937.

Then go left.



The international Yoga day 2015 in Richmond

Walk towards Richmond town, visit the surroundings near the church.

Richmond has a village countryside atmosphere.



The church of Richmond



Church's entrance

From the Church, go down to Richmond Green.
It was part of Richmond Common.



Richmond Green, you can see planes landing in nearby Heathrow. An extraordinary view.



Richmond Green,

When you are in Richmond Green, stay for a while, look at the sky and count how many flights you can see in 10 minutes. A spectacular view. About 1 flight every 2 minutes.

From Richmond Green go down to the Thames, take Friars Lane until you see the river.



The Thames at Richmond



Tide of the Thames at Richmond

Continue along the left side of the river.
Enjoy the scenery: Richmond Bridge, many workshops, countless pubs.



One of the many wonderful views in Richmond

Continue the walk under the bridge, to the road to Richmond, towards Richmond Park.

When you are on the top of Richmond road, you find many benches. There are for letting visitors to admire the view.

Painted by countless artists.
The painter Turner, also. He lived in the nearby.



Richmond Terrace by Turner, 1836.



An actual photo of Richmond Terrace



Richmond Terrace

Continue up on to the same direction until you arrive at the entrance of Richmond Park.

Richmond Park was created in 1625 as a hunting deer park. Now the largest of London.



Entrance gate. It takes an entire day to visit the park.

Step few meters back and take the Queen Route for 300 meters until you arrive to a nice pub, the Lass O'Richmond Hill, where they serve English food.



Lass O'Richmond Hill pub



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Go down to Petersham to see this marvelous , historical hotel, restaurant.



Sign to Petersham hotel & restaurant

From the restaurant Petersham, you will have a wonderful view over the Thames.



Petersham hotel & restaurant



Entrance

From Petersham go down to the river and take the path to have the Thames on your right.

Beautiful landscape.



Path from Richmond to Ham house

1,5 miles you will find Ham House.

Ham House has historical important, because secret negotiations took place here to prepare the return of the king after Oliver Cromwell.



Ham House



The Ham House in 1650



Inside Ham House



The Ham House, the garden



The Ham House, one of its many gardens

It is said, that it was at Ham house, that the lawn was invented in the 1650.

Imagine the dozens of gardeners with scissors to cut the grass down to its roots for creating a green soil.

Go straight from Ham House to the Thames, where there is a ferry boat.

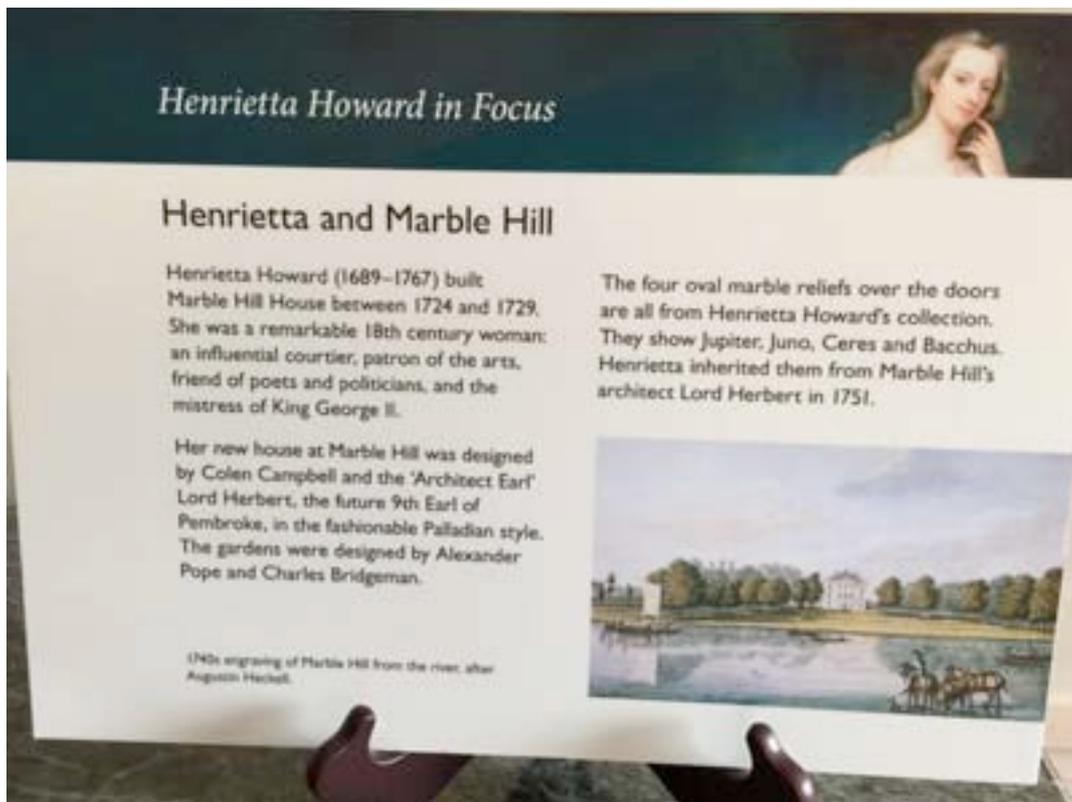
With £1 (price 2015) you will reach the North, left bank of Thames and you are in Twickenham, the rugby capital.

Go straight into the park of Marble Hill House, visit the house. You have to book for entrance via internet.

The guide will tell the story of the owner Henrietta Howard. A very interesting story.



Marble Hill House.



Painting of The Marble Hill House in 1730



The Marble Hill House



The Marble Hill House

If you are a Turner enthusiast, you can take a walk from Marble Hill House to the street in front. At the 40 Sandycombe Road, Twickenham, you will find his house.

It is a private house now. There are plans to create a museum.



Turner's house (designed by himself)

From Turner House return to the Thames and continue towards Twickenham.

You will find the remains of The Orleans House, or the house where the last king of France, Louis-Philippe, hid himself against Napoleon's hitmen. Napoleon was renowned for sending hitmen all around Europe to assassinate potential political rivals.

Carry on to Twickenham along the riverside and then visit the Italian Fountain, the garden.



The Italian Fountain in Twickenham

When finished, go over the pedestrian bridge to Eel Pie Island, which is a cute little island favored by artists, it was famous in the 60s with the Rolling Stones, who used to have very wild parties in the only hotel situated on the island.

Unfortunately it was burnt down mysteriously in 1971.

Finish the day visiting Twickenham, the capital of Rugby.

Last suggestion:

For dinner you can go to a Japanese restaurant: Maki, 149 Kew Road, Richmond TW9 2PN., there is a great sushi chef Ken. We recommend the dragon sushi roll and the Tuna tatamaki!



Maki's food



Maki's cooks