

LONDON THE DORCHESTER

One day itinerary: **Parks & Gardens**

London is one of the greenest cities in the world. Nearly 50% of Greater London is green space, so wherever you are, you don't need to travel far to find a leafy break from the bustle of the capital. While London is famous for its grand royal parks, there are plenty of more intimate spaces to explore, too. From botanical gardens to charming gardens hidden from view, discover the best green spaces in London with this one-day itinerary.

Start the day by crossing the road to Hyde Park and walking approximately 10 minutes through the park to The Rose Garden.



THE ROSE GARDEN AT HYDE PARK

T: 0300 061 2114 | Hyde Park, London, W1J 7NT

Make your way across Hyde Park's luscious lawn and past the Serpentine to the southeast corner to discover a picturesque Rose Garden that's blooming with flowers. Seasonal rose beds are planted twice a year, resulting in two colourful displays for spring and summer, although there's always something to see year-round.

Exiting from the southeast side of Hyde Park, take a 10-minute drive to the next destination.



CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN

T: 0207 352 5646 | 66 Royal Hospital Road, London, SW3 4HS

Built in 1673 as an apothecary's garden, the Chelsea Physic Garden is a hidden space off the River Thames that's home to around 5,000 medicinal, rare and historic plants and herbs. Sheltered by its walls, the garden creates a mild microclimate that's ideal for growing such species, while glasshouses hold an intriguing variety of tropical plant life.

Next, take a 20-minute taxi ride to Kew Gardens.



KEW GARDENS

T: 020 8332 5655 | Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, TW9 3AE

Arguably the world's most famous botanical garden, Kew Gardens is dedicated to conservation and cultivation. Tropical wonderlands await in giant glasshouses, there's a magnificent treetop walkway, and hundreds of species of plants and flowers cover the 300-acre site. Visitors can even leave a lasting presence by adopting a seed or sponsoring a species from the Millennium Seed Bank.

Then, take a 15-minute drive to Richmond Park.



RICHMOND PARK

T: 0300 061 2200 | Richmond, TW10 5HS

Richmond Park wears many hats: National Nature Reserve, Royal Park and Site of Special Scientific Interest. However, it's best known for its herds of Red and Fallow Deer, which roam free in the giant park, as well as its woodlands filled with ancient trees. Visitors can enjoy long walks through the grounds or take part in sports such as cycling, horse riding, power kiting, and fishing.

From Richmond Park, it's a 50-minute drive back into central London to The Sky Garden.



THE SKY GARDEN

T: 020 7337 2344 | 20 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 8AF

The highest public garden in the city, three storeys of landscaped greenery span the 35th – 37th floors of 20 Fenchurch Street. Beneath the glass dome roof, fragrant French lavender and bright South African bird of paradise bloom in a verdant jungle. Pop outside onto the alfresco terrace for 360 panoramas of London's skyline, before settling down to some fine dining and cocktails at one of the Sky Garden's bars and restaurants.

After dinner, take a 30-minute taxi ride back to the hotel.

All journey times are approximate and subject to variation.