

Queen Elizabeth II Homes



Elizabeth II and her homes

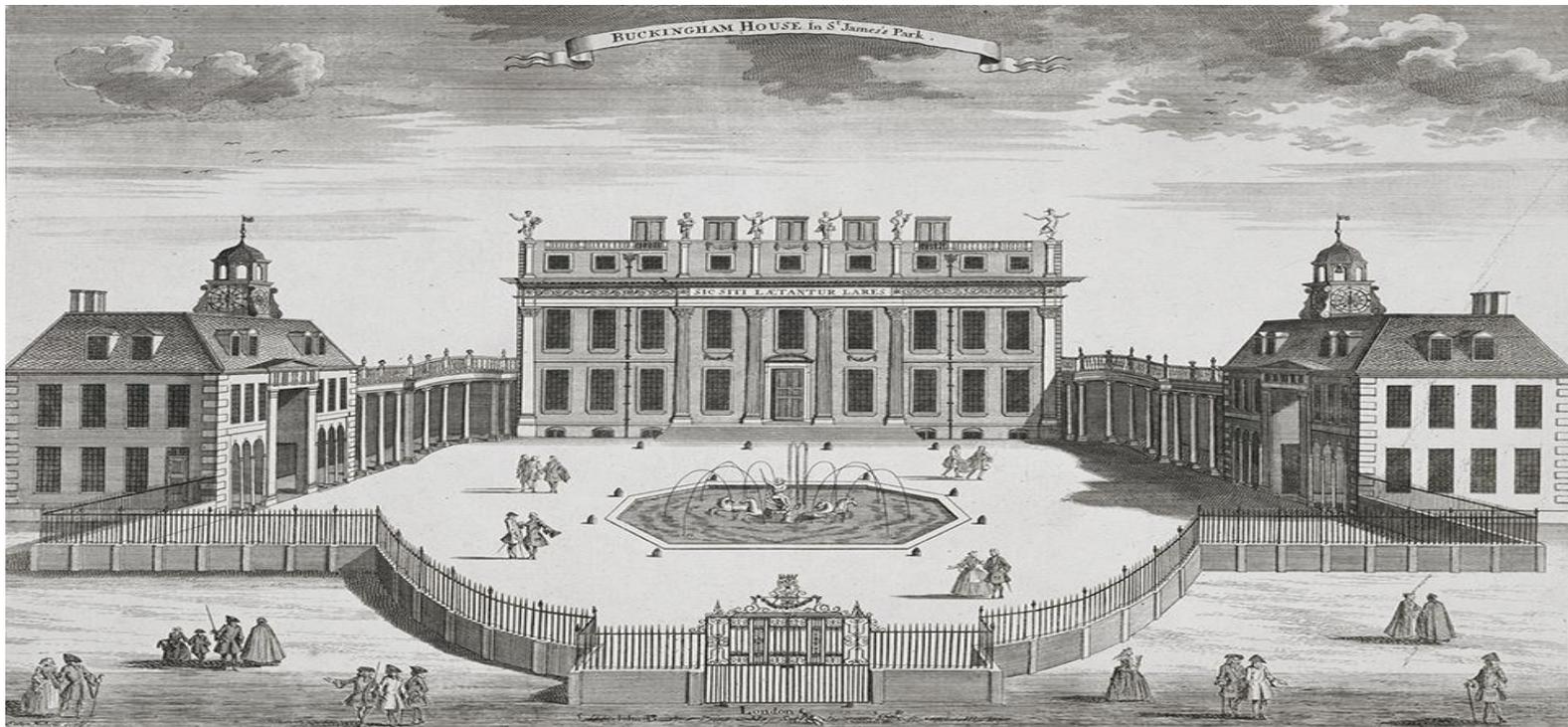
- Queen Elizabeth II is one of the most popular women in Great Britain. She is the Queen for 65 years. She is rich, her property is worth it 500 milions dolars.



1. Buckingham Palace



- Buckingham Palace – the official residence of British monarchs. The palace was built in 1703 as a town residence for a Duke of Buckingham, John Sheffield. In 1761, King George III of the Britain came into the possession of the palace, which was transformed into his private residence. During the next 75 years, the palace was extended many times.

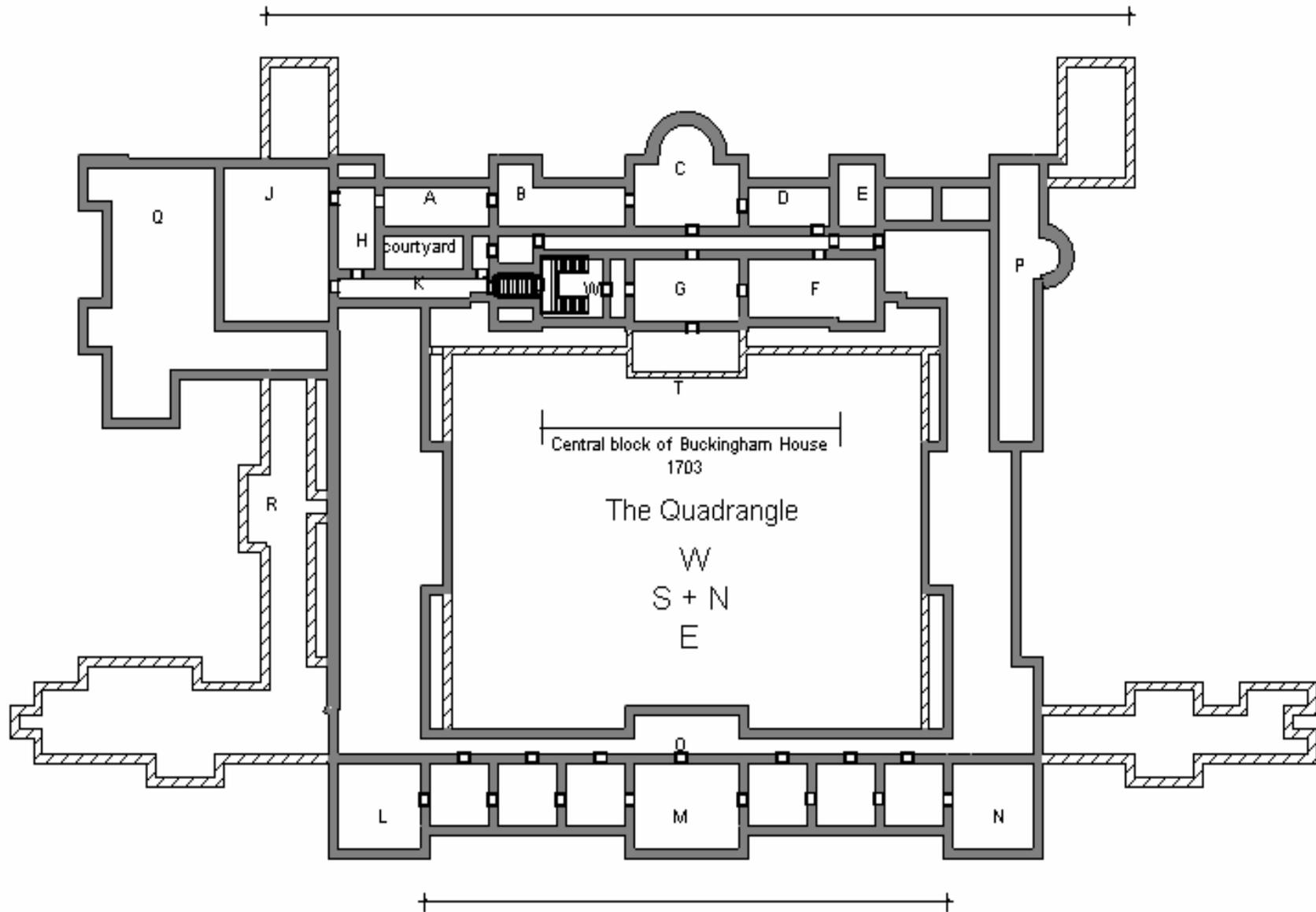


Interior of the Buckingham Palace

The Buckingham Palace has got:

- 600 rooms
- 78 bathrooms
- 300 clocks
- A dining table for 60 people
- A swimming pool
- A cinema
- A 40 – acre garden
- A lake

Buckingham House remodelled and major extensions by Nash circa 1826



East facade facing The Mall
by Edward Blore circa 1847, remodelled in 1913 by Aston Webb











A dining table for 60 people





2. Windsor Castle



- Windsor Castle – from 1110, the residence of English kings, located in the city of Windsor.
- It was built 16 years. Together with Buckingham Palace in London and Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh is one of the main official residences of the British monarchs.
- Queen Elizabeth II accepts official and private guests here.

Windsor Castle

- Windsor Castle has got 800 m long and 19 towers. It's floor area approximately 45 000 m². It consists of numerous buildings surrounded by walls with towers and gates.
- Built in years 1070-1086 by Wilhelm I the Conqueror, then expanded by successive rules; among others Edward III built here the Round Tower in the 14th century, and Edward IV in the 15th century began the construction of the late Gothic chapel of St. George.
- It houses valuable collections of paintings, drawings and handicrafts.

Fire in 1992

- In 1992, a fire broke out in Windsor Castle.
- Part of the castle was almost completely burned down. Queen Elizabeth took over the fire in the castle, because it was her favourite castle. For the collection of funds needed for construction works, a fragment of the Buckingham Palace was made available to the public.





Windsor Castle after the fire











3. Palace Hollyrood



- Palace Holyrood – the palace in Edinburgh, which is the residence of British monarchs in Scotland. It is located on a hill, at the eastern end of the Royal Mile, which, among other things, leads to the castle.



- In 1128 there was the Holyrood Abbey here. The courtyard of the building was gradually built; in 1532 a watch tower was established in the north-western part of the castle. The Palace of Holyrood in its present form was built in the 17th century. The castle hosted, among others, the Queen of Scots, Maria Stuart.





4. Balmoral Castle



- Balmoral Castle - 80 hectares estate, located 80 km from Aberdeen in Scotland, on the Dee River.



- There is a castle there (mentioned for the first time in 1484) rebuilt and expanded in the years 1853-1856 in the Scottish Baronial style for Queen Victoria and her spouse - Prince Albert. The castle is characterized by a tower on a square plan with a round tower in one corner and three bartizans - in the others.

- Balmoral is the favourite summer residence of the British royal family.









5. Sandringham House



- Sandringham House - a rural royal residence located near the village of Sandringham.
- It is one of the two - next to Balmoral - royal residences that do not belong to the property, which the monarchs have due to their office, but which remain the private property of the ruling family.



- Queen Elizabeth II traditionally stays here from Christmas to February, thereby celebrating the next anniversary of her accession to the throne. Also in Sandringham House the royal family usually welcomes the New Year.





6. St. James's Palace



St. Jacob Palace was built in 1536 and is one of the oldest in London. Formerly it was the main royal seat, this function was taken away in 1837 by Queen Victoria. However, it still remains the formal seat of the monarch's court, and is also the official London residence of Princess Anne and Princess Alexandra. The palace also hosts official parties organized by the royal family, including many charity events. Unfortunately, the building can not be visited.







7. Kensington Palace



- The Kensington Palace has been a royal residence in London since the 17th century.
- Above all, it plays the role of an apartment building for the monarch's family. In 1981, Prince Karol and Princess Diana lived here after the wedding.
- It was also here that Princess Margaret had her home until 2002.
- Today, the main residents are Princess Kate and Prince William. The prince's couple Gloucester and Prince Michael from Kent with their wife also have their official apartment here. The property has a Wren House, which is the home of Prince and Princess of Kent.



8. Highgrove House



- Highgrove House was built in 1798. It was given by the Duchy of Cornwall in 1980 and has since become the country residence of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. The prince's couple, after marriage, took a special liking to this place. They spent a lot of weekends there, and Prince William and Prince Harry, while they were children, kept their ponies here.



- The residence is surrounded by forests and fields. The estate has 900 hectares of land grown by the Princes of Cornwall.



9. Clarence House



- Clarence House was built in 1827 and from the beginning belonged to the royal family.
- It is located in the immediate vicinity of the Palace of St.James. During World War II, it served as a field hospital. Over the years, it was rebuilt for the needs of subsequent residents.
- After the wedding, the princess Elizabeth lived here with Prince Philip.
- At present, it is the official residence of Prince Charles of Wales, his wife Princess Cornwall Camila and Prince Harry. The building also houses the offices of Prince Charles.



10. Bagshot Park



- Bagshot Park is a royal residence located in the county of Surrey, and its name was adopted from the village of Bagshot located near the estate.
- In 1878 the building was demolished, and in its place a year later a new building was built, which in the 90s of the 20th century underwent a thorough renovation.
- Currently, it is the official residence of Prince Edward and his family.



11. Royal Lodge



- Royal Lodge is a royal residence located in Windsor. The first building was built in the 17th century for high court officials. Over the years it was rebuilt and today's appearance gained in the 30s 20th century. The last renovation was carried out after the death of Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.



12. Hillsborough Castle



- Hillsborough Castle is located in Northern Ireland in County Down. It was built in 1770. In 1925, it was bought by the British government and has since been the official residence of the British monarchs and members of the royal family during their stay in the region. It is also an apartment for outstanding foreign guests. On a daily basis, it is the official residence of the Government of Northern Ireland and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.





13. Thatched House Lodge



- Thatched House Lodge is a royal residence located in London. It was built in 1673 and less than 100 years later it was given its present appearance. It is a very characteristic building due to the fact that it is thatched, hence its name (thatch = strzecha). Princess Alexandra lives here.



14. Manor Barnwell



- Manor Barnwell located in the town of the same name, in central England. It is an 18th century classic mansion in the middle of which we can find about 40 rooms. This place is the official residence of the prince's couple Gloucester, who currently lives in London. In addition to the mansion on a plot of 2,500 acres, there is a dilapidated Barnwell castle from the 13th century.



15. Gatcombe Park



- Gatcombe Park is a rural royal residence located in Gloucestershire. It was built in 1774, then rebuilt several times. It belongs to the royal family since 1976. Queen Elizabeth gave this residence to Princess Annie and her husband Captain Mark Phillips. Today Princess Anna and her second husband, Sir Timothy Laurence, live on the estate. Also in this place every year at the beginning of August, the famous equestrian festival takes place.



16. Anmer Hall



- Anmer Hall is privately owned by Prince William and Princess Kate. It is located in the village of Anmer near Sandringham House. Property areas occupy about 8000 hectares. The residence in its present form is dated around 1802 (in fact, it can be much older). At the moment, the building is rented to a British entrepreneur.



17. Llwynywormwood



- Llwynnywormwood is located in the Brecon Beacons National Park in Wales. The 190-acre estate from 2007 is the private residence of Prince Charles and Princess Camila. An interesting fact is that two houses located next to the main residence can be rented while the prince couple is absent.

After renovation



18. Birkhall



- Birkhall is the private residence of Prince William of Wales and Princess of Cornwall Camila in Scotland. The property was built in 1715 and belongs to the royal family since 1849. In 2005, the Prince of Wales and his newly married wife spent their honeymoon month here.



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