



# KEW GARDENS

Friday 27 September 2019 - 11.15am

## Dale Chihuly Glass Installations 'Reflections on Nature' - Marianne North Galley – Explore Gardens by Hop-on-Hop-off Train

**COST: £20 includes group garden entrance ticket and Explorer Train**

**This is a great year to revisit KEW GARDENS. As summer turns into autumn we can follow on from Twigs Way's fascinating lecture on Marianne North by visiting the gallery dedicated to her botanical paintings. It also an opportunity to view and appreciate the luminous work of the world's most celebrated environmental glass artist, the American Dale Chihuly, against this spectacular landscape.**

**11.15 Meet at Kew's Victoria Gate and enjoy the facilities around Victoria Plaza: shop, café and rest rooms. The 09.58 train from Blackheath to Victoria, changing to the District Line will arrive at Kew Gardens Station at 11.07. Take the subway under the lines to the exit on the London-bound side and walk straight ahead along Lichfield Road to the Garden entrance.**

### SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DAY

**Your admission includes the Kew Explorer Train for an orientation of the Gardens. This runs from Victoria Gate on the hour and the half hour. Your ticket is valid all day and you can get on and off at each of 7 stops. It includes a point from which you can view Sion House across the River Thames. Kew Palace & the Orangery Restaurant are at stop 7.**

**11.45 After coffee, those who wish can walk together to view The Marianne North Gallery. This as well as the Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art are at stop 1 on the train.**

**Dale Chihuly's stunning & colourful glass sculptures have been installed around the gardens. You will glimpse some of them from the train – others, including the one in the Japanese garden, require a little more effort.**

**The Temperate House, stop 2, exhibiting some species now extinct in the wild, re-opened in 2018 after a multi-million pound restoration project and has been called a 'botanical cathedral'.**

**There are several Lunch options, shown on the map you will receive.**

**16.00 Suggested time to meet at the Victoria Gate to return to central London and Blackheath but you can stay longer: the gardens are open until 19.00**

*If you require further information, or are unable to come at the last minute please call Janice Brooke on 07910 342683*



### BOOKING FORM: KEW GARDENS FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2019

Please hand to the Visits desk with your cheque for £20, or post both to: Mrs Janice Brooke,  
53 Wallace Court, 42 Tizzard Grove, London SE3 9EP

Name(s) in full for security reasons:

No of places:

E mail address (if available)

Your Phone number:

Cheque payable to The Arts Society Blackheath £20 per person

Emergency Contact(s) with phone no:

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