During the 18th Century, Arcadia, an idyllic pastoral setting was created along the Thames between Hampton and Kew. Magnificent royal and aristocratic palaces, parks and gardens were constructed by a host of exuberant and creative designers of the period. The result was one of the world's greatest riverine landscapes, woodland and horticultural wonders that still captivate visitors today. This brief section of the Thames offers some of the best views in London, and the historic towns that are situated along its banks have some of the most important buildings and landscapes in the capital. The following pages offer an introduction to some of the highlights of this route.

The Thames Landscape Strategy: the Thames’ inviting you to explore the most interesting and accessible sites along the central Thames.

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