

"When a Man Is Tired of London He Is Tired of Life"



*A tour around London*

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# Statue on border the city of London



# The London Eye



The London Eye is on the Thames. It's the largest observation wheel in the world and it's very popular with tourists.



# *The Houses of Parliament*



The houses of Parliament is the largest modern building in the richest gothic style completed in 1857. It stands on the left bank of the river Thames and is 940 feet in length. There are two towers: The Clock Tower with the bell in it, and the Victoria Tower with the British flag flying from it.

# *Big Ben*



Big Ben is the name of the huge clock in one of the tall towers of the Houses of Parliament.

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The clock Tower, overlooking Westminster Bridge, is 316 feet high and 40 feet square. People are allowed to get inside the tower so that they can see the works of Big Ben. There is no lift and there are three hundred and forty steps up to Big Ben.





**The faces of the clock are very large. The minute hand is 14 ft long, the hour hand is 9 feet, and the figures are 2 feet high.**

# Westminster Abbey



**Westminster Abbey is a historic building. It is the church where all the kings and queens have been crowned and where many of them are buried. It was founded in 1050 as a monastery. Then it was rebuilt. The west towers were added in the eighteenth century.**



# Buckingham Palace



Buckingham Palace was built in the 18th century and rebuilt in the 19th century by the architect John Nash. It is a big grey stone building with the flag over it.

# The official residence



Buckingham Palace is the official London residence of the Queen. If the Queen's flag flies over the Palace, it means that the Queen is in residence. When the Queen is not in London, the flag is taken down.

# *A Traditional Ceremony*



The Queen's Guard leave Buckingham Palace.  
This is a traditional ceremony.  
It always attracts many tourists..

# The Queen's Guard



One of the most impressive and popular ceremonies is “Changing the Guard”, which takes place at Buckingham Palace every day, including Sunday, at 11.30. The uniform of the guards is extremely coloured – red tunics, blue trousers and bearskin caps.



# *The Tate Gallery*



The Tate Gallery opened in 1897 and is named after Sir Henry Tate. Now it is the National Gallery of Modern Painting. There is a large Collection of European twentieth-century art there.

# The British Museum



The British Museum started as a museum which collected everything. At first it was particularly famous for its natural history collection and its vast library of books.

The museum's huge collection of books and manuscripts has now become the British Library.

Today the British Museum is a treasure house of old, beautiful and interesting objects. The one thing they have in common is that they have all been made by hand.

# *Trafalgar Square*

This famous square is so named in honour of Britain's great victory over the combined French and Spanish fleets at cape Trafalgar of the coast of Spain in 1805 during the Napoleonic war.





Nelson's Column is named after the greatest admiral Lord Nelson. It is a very tall column and a figure of Nelson is on top of it. Equally famous is the general who led the army at the battle of Waterloo in 1815. This is the Duke of Wellington.



# *The National Gallery*



On the north side of Trafalgar Square is the National Gallery. The National Gallery was built in 1824.

The National Gallery has a collection of Italian, Dutch, German and French pictures. It is rich in painting by Italian masters such as Raphael and Veronese.

# St. Paul's Cathedral



St. Paul's Cathedral is a masterpiece of the famous architect Sir Christopher Wren.

It took him 35 years to construct this beautiful building.

The Cathedral is full of monuments.

# The Tower of London

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The Tower of London is a very old building. It is more than nine hundred years old.

For many centuries the Tower has been a fortress, a Royal Palace, a prison and a royal treasury.

# *The Tower as a museum*

It is now a museum of arms and armour, and as one of the strongest fortresses in Britain, it has a Crown Jewels.



# The White Tower



The White Tower, a massive building inside the walls, was the place where Kings of England held there Court.

# *The Ravens*



The ravens are another famous sign. The legend says that without them the Tower will fall.

# In the Tower



At present people visit the Tower as a museum to see old weapons and armour.

# The Tower Bridge

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The Tower Bridge is a tall structure. It was built across the Thames in 1894 to allow road traffic to pass over it and river traffic to pass under it. Its two halves can go up and down and allow sea-going ships to enter the Pool of London, in the heart of the city.



# *The National History Museum*



The National History museum was first opened to public in April 1881. A museum is just a department of the British Museum. Today the national History Museum is famous around the world for its beautiful galleries. The museum is well-known for its exhibition which include human biology, story of the years discovery mammals.

# *The Victoria and Albert Museum*



The Victoria and Albert Museum (V & A) is named after Queen Victoria and her husband, Prince Albert. It grew out of the collection of objects bought for the Great Exhibition in London in 1851.

# *Albert Hall*

The Royal Albert Hall is a huge concert hall gives festivals of popular classical music concerts every summer.

The programmes include new and contemporary works, as well as classics.



# *London Buses*



Double-decker is a bus with two passenger decks. Double-deckers are a common sight in Britain. London has more than 3,000 double-deckers. In their original form they were 'hop-on, hop-off' buses. That is there were no doors. Most double-deckers these days have automatic doors, and you pay fares to the driver.

Double-deckers have seats for 65 people. Only five people are allowed to stand when the seats are full.

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