

The tourist attractions in London



LONDON



London is the capital city of England and of the United Kingdom situated on the Thames river, the largest city in Britain and one of the largest cities in the world.





Trafalgar Square

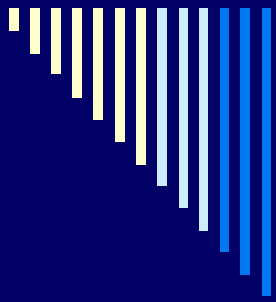


Trafalgar Square is in the centre of London. It was built in 1828. In the middle of Trafalgar Square is Nelson's Column. This Column is fifty meters high. A lot of demonstrations and public meetings take place here. It's a famous square where on New Year's Eve people gather to celebrate.



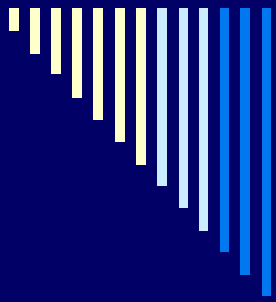
The Houses of Parliament





The Houses of Parliament were built
after the fire in 1834.

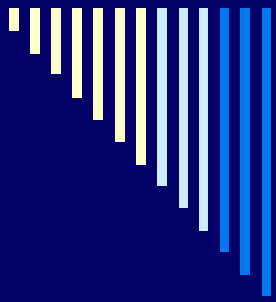
There are two houses in the Parliament:
the House of Lords *and* **the House of
Commons.**



Big Ben

Big Ben is one of the most famous clocks in the world. Big Ben is really a bell. You hear it every hour. It is a big bell. It weighs 13,720 kilograms.





Tower Bridge

- Tower Bridge is the only Thames bridge which can be raised. The road over the bridge is built on two central sections, they open 3 times a week to let ships through.





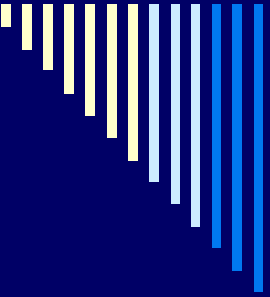
London Eye





Westminster Abbey

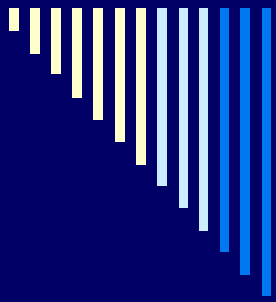


- 
-
- Westminster Abbey is a symbol of English tradition. The coronation of nearly all English kings and queens since William the Conqueror has taken place here. Many of them are buried within the Abbey. There are also the graves of famous poets, writers, and statesmen. Here you can see memorials to Newton, Darwin, Dickens, Chaucer and others.
-



The British Museum

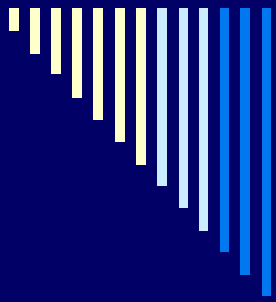




The British Museum

- The British Museum has one of the largest libraries in the world. There are more than 6 million books in the library. At present the library has modern electronic equipment.
-

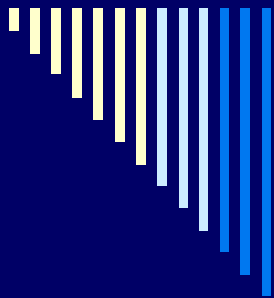




Buckingham Palace

- Buckingham Palace is an official residence of the Queen and her family. It has 600 rooms, a swimming pool, a cinema, a ballroom, and a garden. In summer the Queen gives three garden parties for about 9,000 guests. The ceremony of the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace is a great tourist attraction. It takes place daily at 11.30 a.m. and lasts half an hour. To the sound of music, the guardsmen arrive and pass the palace keys to another group.





Piccadilly Circus

- Piccadilly Circus is a square in the central part of London. In the square you can see people of many nationalities. Piccadilly Circus is the meeting-point of 6 streets. London's famous restaurants and best-known theatres and cinemas are on Piccadilly Circus.



St. Paul's Cathedral



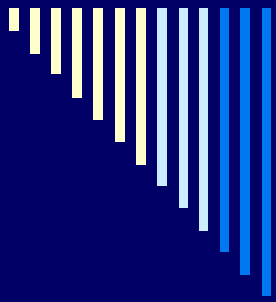


- St. Paul's Cathedral is the city's greatest monument. It was built by Sir Christopher Wren in 1675–1710. Wren is buried there, also Wellington and Nelson.

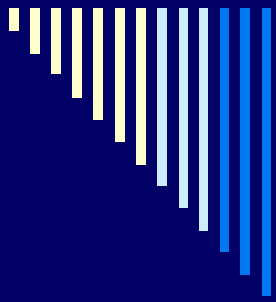


The National Gallery





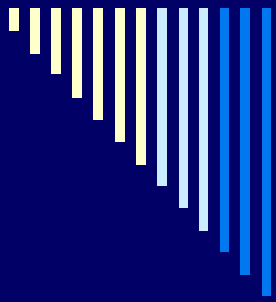
The National Gallery is situated in the centre of London. It has a fine collection of European paintings.



St-James's Park



Hyde Park



- **There are a lot of beautiful parks and gardens in London, such as Hyde Park, St-James's Park and others.**

