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The Tower of London

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The Tower of London is one of the most and popular of London's historical sites.

It was built by William the Conqueror in 1078. The Construction of the Tower took 20 years from start to finish.



*The Tower has been many things:
a palace,
a fortress,
a prison, a place of execution,
a Zoo.*





HENRY III

*Kings sometimes get strange presents.
About 700 years ago King Henry III
got 3 leopards, one elephant and a
polar bear.*



There are always at least 6 ravens at the Tower.



The first ones probably built their nests here because they liked the old stone houses and walls.

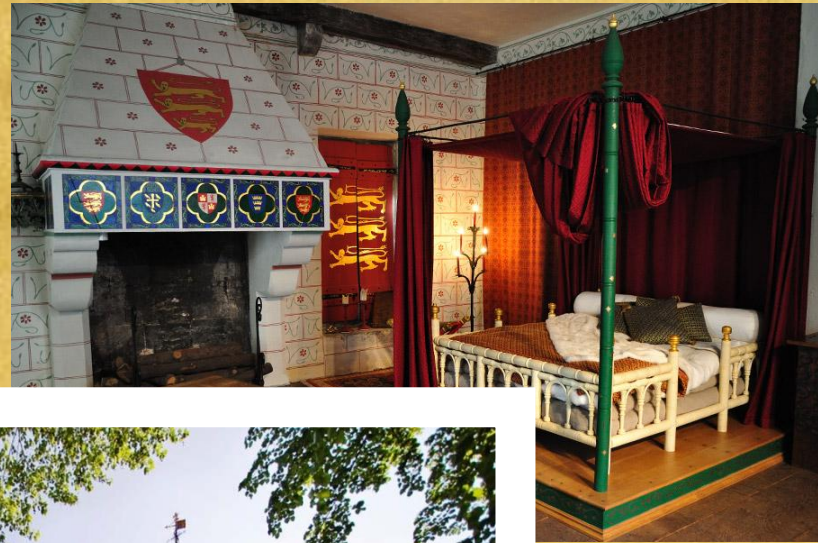
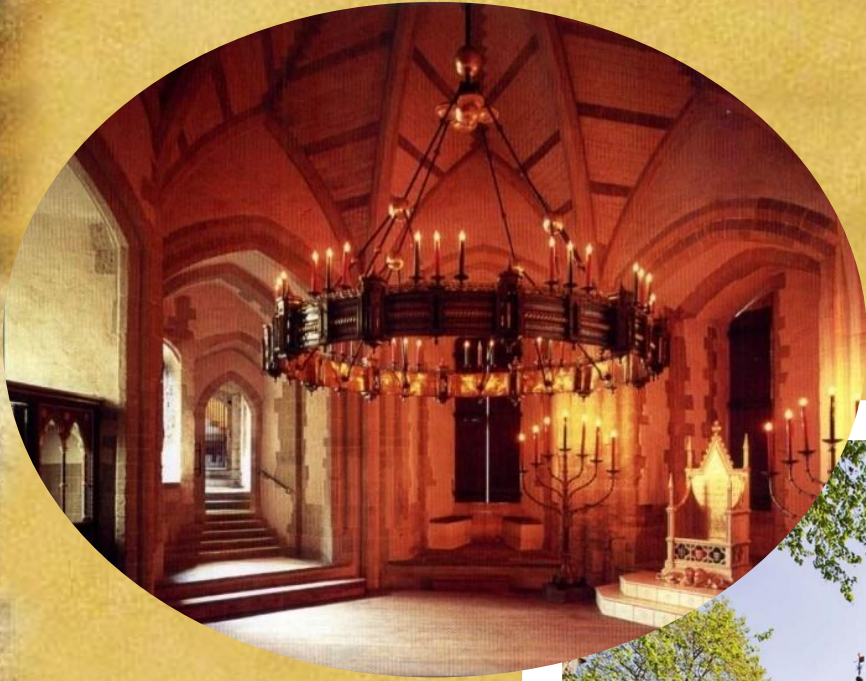


There is a legend that they bring good luck to Britain, if they stay at the Tower.

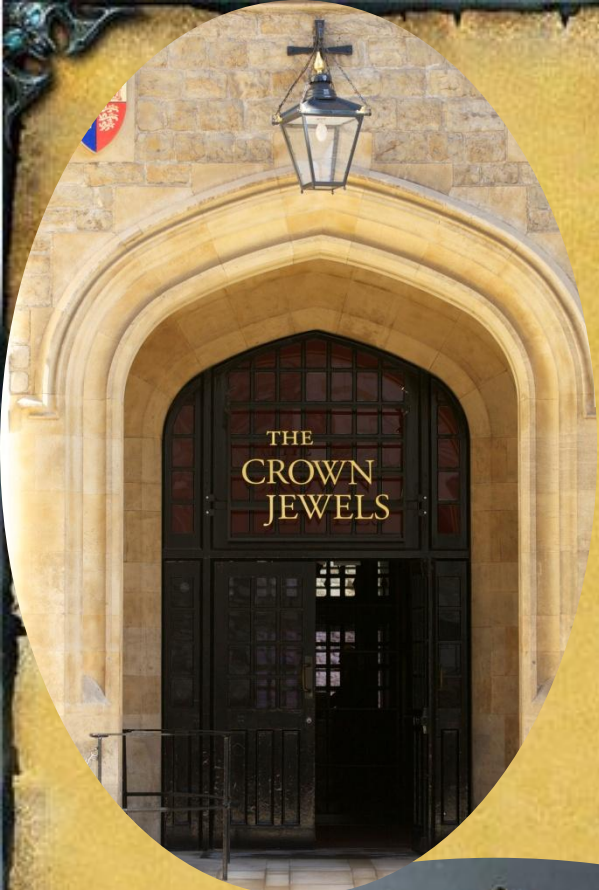
*The Beefeaters used to guard
the Tower and its prisoners.
Today they work mostly as
guides.*



The Tower was a royal palace long ago.



Then it became a prison. Kings, queens and noblemen were locked up here.



The Crown Jewels are shown in the Jewel House.



They are well looked after.





The Tower of London will always be remembered as a symbol of royal power.