## «The sightseengs of Great Britain»



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### "London Eye





The London Eye (the English name of the London Eye) is one of the largest Ferris wheel in the world, which is located on the South Bank of the River Thames in the London Borough of Lambeth. Wheel height is 135 metres (approximately as 45 storey building), and the diameter of 120 meters. With such heights offer magnificent panoramic views of London. It is the tallest Ferris wheel in Europe, and as a consequence is considered to be the most popular tourist attraction in London and the UK as a whole. every year more than 3,5 million people visit the London Eye.

#### Westminster Abbey

One of the most attractive constructions is Westminster Abbey. It attracts visitors not only with its architectural glory but also with its rich history and cultural importance. Westminster Abbey is the place where many outstanding Englishmen are buried, among them well-known poets, writers, scientists, statesmen, painters and many others. Many people who visit the Abbey want to commemorate such great men as William Shakespeare, Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton, Robert Burns, Bernard Show, Lord Byron, Walter Scott, Geoffrey Chaucer, and many others. The history of Westminster Abbey dates back to the Middle Ages or even the earlier times, as 900 years ago St. Peter found the first church on the place, where the Abbey is now situated.



# Big Ben

Big Ben is the largest of the six bells of Westminster Palace in London. But it has long been associated with the name of the Clock Tower, which in September 2012 was officially called "Elizabeth Tower". The decision to rename the tower was made by the British Parliament to mark the 60th anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

The tower was built in 1858. The project architect was Augustus Pugin. The height of the tower and spire is 96.3 m.



### Trafalgar Square

- This is one of the nerve-centres of London. It was named Trafalgar Square to commemorate the historical naval victory won on the 21st of October 1805 by the British fleet under the command of Horatio Nelson over the combined French-Spanish fleet commanded by Villeneuve. The battle took place at Cape Trafalgar in the mouth of the Straits of Gibraltar and lasted several hours. Nelson was fatally wounded by a shot which broke his backbone. He died on board his flagship the Victory, but not before being told that he had won the battle.
- Nelson's Column, with the statue of Admiral Lord Nelson on top, rises in the centre of Trafalgar Square. This most impressive monument is 170 feet (about 52 m) tall. The statue of Nelson, placed facing towards the sea he loved, measures 17 feet (more than 5 m) in height.



### **Hyde Park**

 Hyde Park was once part of a wild and ancient forest, in habited by wolves, wild bulls and boar. It was fenced off as a royal deer park in Tudor times, and later opened to the public.
Kensington Gardens shares the Serpentine Lake with Hyde Park. The part in Kensington Gardens is called The Long Water.

