

An aerial view of London, England, featuring the ornate architecture of St. Martin-in-the-Fields church in the foreground. The church has a prominent dome topped with a golden orb. The background shows a dense urban landscape with various buildings, including a tall skyscraper and the BT Tower in the distance. The sky is filled with dramatic, grey clouds.

# ***ROUND LONDON***

*Sightseeing Tour*

# WELCOME TO LONDON



# London

- London is the capital of Great Britain, its political, economic and cultural center. It's one of the largest cities in the world.
- Its population is more than 11 million people.
- London is situated on the banks of the river Thames.
- The city is very old and beautiful.
- It was founded more than two thousand years ago.
- London has many places of interest.

# *Sights of London*

- *The Tower of London*
- *Tower Bridge*
- *London Eye*
- *The Houses of Parliament*
- *Big Ben*
- *St. Paul's Cathedral*
- *Buckingham Palace*
- *Westminster Abbey*
- *Trafalgar Square*
- *The British Museum*

# *The Tower of London*



- The Tower of London is one of the world's most famous buildings, and now it welcomes two million visitors each year.
- It has been a palace, a prison, a royal mint and even a zoo!

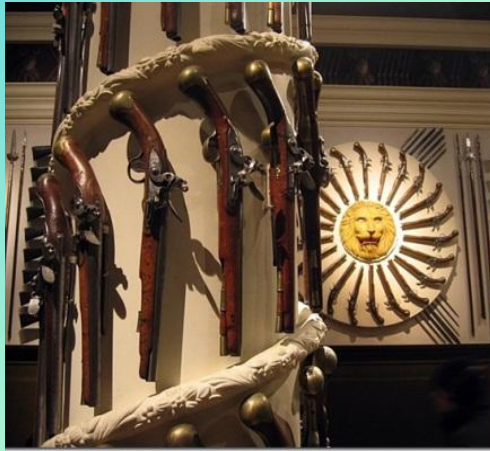
Today The Tower is a well-known museum.

There is a gun room where people can watch different kinds of weapon.

The Tower is also a royal treasury today and the Royal Crown is kept there.

The famous symbol of the Tower and the Great Britain is a raven. There are 6 ravens in the Tower. They are named after the Scandinavian and Celtic mythological characters: Hugin, Munin, Thor, Branwen, Gwyllum and Baldrick.

Men who look after the Tower ravens and serve there are called beefeaters.





# ***Tower Bridge***

- **Tower Bridge is a bridge across the Thames river situated close to the London Tower.**
- **The bridge was built in 1894 and it is still in daily use.**
- **Many visitors come there every day to find one of London's most unusual and exciting attractions, video presentations and interactive computers.**

# London Eye



- The London Eye is a giant Ferris wheel situated on the banks of the River Thames.
- The entire structure is 135 meters (443 ft) tall and the wheel has a diameter of 120 meters (394 ft).
- It is the tallest Ferris wheel in Europe, and the most popular paid tourist attraction in the United Kingdom, visited by over 3.5 million people annually.



# *The Houses of Parliament*



- Home of the British Government, the building is actually called the Palace of Westminster, but is more commonly known as the Houses of Parliament. These are the elected House of Commons and the House of Lords, made up of hereditary and life peers.



# *Big Ben*



- **Possibly the most famous clock face and chimes in the world, Big Ben is actually the name of the biggest bell (13.5 tons) inside The Clock Tower (320ft) which forms part of the Houses of Parliament.**

**Built in 1858/9 the bell was named after Sir Benjamin Hall and when it was cast it was Britain's heaviest bell.**

# *St. Paul's Cathedral*



- **Work on this, the most impressive church in London began in 1675 to a design by SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN. It was built to replace old St Paul's which was destroyed by the GREAT FIRE OF LONDON in 1666. The present building has been luckier. It survived the World War II bombings which flattened a great many of the surrounding buildings.**

# *Buckingham Palace*



- **Buckingham Palace is the London home of The Queen and Prince Philip. Queen Victoria was the first monarch to take up residence here after the architect John Nash transformed it from Buckingham House into a palace.**

# *Westminster Abbey*



- An architectural masterpiece of the thirteenth to sixteenth centuries, Westminster Abbey.
- It has been the setting for every coronation since 1066 and for numerous other royal occasions. Today it is still a church dedicated to regular worship and to the celebration of great events in the life of the nation.



# Trafalgar Square



- Trafalgar Square is a public space and tourist attraction in central London, England, United Kingdom built around the area formerly known as Charing Cross.



- Nelson's Column is a monument in Trafalgar Square built in honor to Admiral Horatio Nelson, who died at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.
- The pedestal is decorated with four bronze relief panels, each 18 feet square, cast from captured French guns. They depict the Battle of Cape St Vincent, the Battle of the Nile, the Battle of Copenhagen and the Death of Nelson at Trafalgar.
- The statue of Nelson is made of Craigleith sandstone and the four bronze lions are lying at its base.



# The British Museum



- The British Museum, in London, is widely considered to be one of the world's greatest museums of human history and culture.
- Its permanent collection, numbering some eight million works, is amongst the finest, most comprehensive, and largest in existence and originates from all continents, illustrating and documenting the story of human culture from its beginnings to the present.



*The End*