











# **Buckingham Palace**



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- Is the official London Residence of British Monarchy since 1837
- Now is the administrative headquarters of the Monarch
- Is the venue for Royal ceremonies
- Has 775 rooms (19 state rooms, 52 Royal and Guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms, 92 offices, 78 bathrooms)
- The state rooms are open for visitors every year



## **Queen Elizabeth II**

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# The London Eye







# The London Eye (Millennium Wheel)

- Was completed by 2000
- Is located on the bank of the river Thames across
  Big Ben
- Is the 4<sup>th</sup> tallest structure in London (400 feet high/135 metres)
- It takes 40 minutes to complete one revolution
- Has 32 passenger capsules (25 passengers in with a conditioner)
- Welcomes 3000000 visitors a year



# **Big Ben**





### Tower of London



#### Tower of London (The white Tower)

- Is a historic castle on the bank of the River Thames
- Was built by William the Conqueror in 1078 (the first Normand king of britain)
- Was used as a prison (for 800 years), Royal Residence, armoury, treasure, menagerie, public records office
- Was used as a menagerie (zoological garden) in the 18-19 centuries. In 1828 there were 280 exotic animals including lions, leopards, tigers, elephants. Later they were relocated into Regent's Park.
- The guardians of the Tower are 9 black ravens. 'If the ravens leave the Tower, the kingdom will fall' (if the six residence ravens leave, the Tower and United Kingdom will come to an end)

# Tower Bridge



## **Tower Bridge**

- Was built in 1894 across the River Thames close to the Tower of London
- Is one of the five London bridges
- Consists of two bridge towers tied together by two horizontal walkways
- Daily it is crossed by 40000 people

## **London Zoo**





# Trafalgar Square



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- Is a symbol of the Battle of Trafalgar, a British victory in the Napoleonic was between France and Spain in 1805 off the coast of Cape Trafalgar in Spain( war between Napoleon and Nelson)
- Has Nelson Column at the centre guarded by 4 lion statues
- Admiral Nelson was a British flag officer in the Royal Navy who died at the Battle of Trafalgar