

"Britain at a Glance"



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London



Dr Johnson some 300 years ago said "that anyone that tires of London is tired of life"- this is still so true today. Centuries of history mix with the culture and hustle and bustle of a thriving city. Still one of the World's financial capitals.

Landmarks and tourist attractions such as the Tower, nearby Tower Bridge, the Houses of Parliament, the Great Dome of St Pauls Cathedral, and Buckingham Palace, not forgetting the spectacular London Eye. The West End. Theatreland. Art Galleries and Museums. The Tate. Lots to see and do.





Trafalgar Square

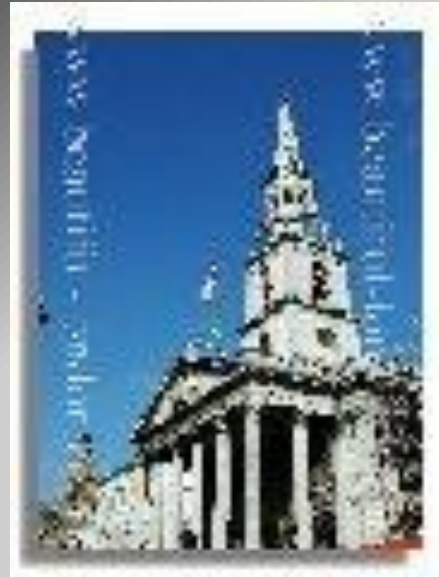
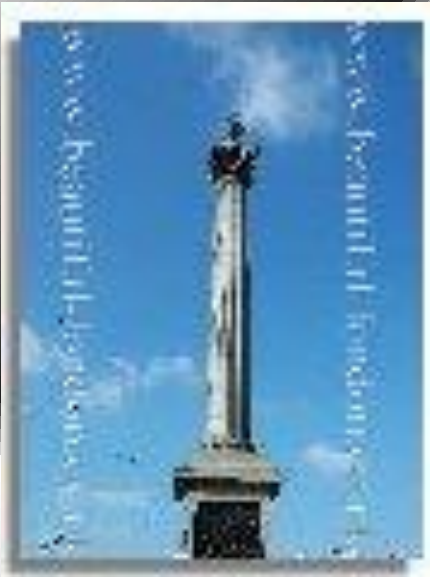
One of the most famous Squares in the World - With Nelsons Column , the National Gallery and of course the pigeons. The Column itself is some 170 foot high , with the statue of Nelson himself being some 18 foot high. Though one would not think so viewing him from the ground. Admiral Nelson is buried in St Pauls Cathedral.

Named after the Naval Battle of 1805, Trafalgar Square was completed by the mid 1840's. Nelsons Column is surrounded by 4 bronze lions, on granite plinths , unveiled in 1868, sculpted by Sir Edwin Landseer, and cast by Marocchetti. At the time Landseer was better known for his animal paintings. Fountains and statues , including one of Charles I on horseback, dating from the 17th century adorn the Square. Yet more sculptures in the form of bronze relief's can be found at the base of the Column depicting scenes from four of Admiral Nelson's Battles.

On the North side of the Square is the National Gallery, housing masterpieces by Leonardo Da Vinci, Rembrandt. Alongside is the National Portrait Gallery.

On the west side is Canada House, while in the North East corner is the Church of St Martins in the Fields. Cafe in the Crypt, off the Square , beyond Admiralty Arch are The Mall itself leading to Buckingham Palace. On the other side of The Square are The Strand and the start of London's Theatre land.

At Christmas a Norway Spruce tree, the gift of the people of Oslo, stands in The Square. Whilst at New Years Eve a crowd numbered in hundreds of thousands see in the New Year.



Buckingham Palace

'The Official Principal Residence of the British Monarch', in other words the London home of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. When Her Majesty is in residence her Royal Standard flies from the mast.



Buckingham Palace facts and history. Originally a country house built for the Duke of Buckingham. In 1825 George VI commissioned John Nash to remodel the existing house into a palace where he could then hold Court and conduct official business. In 1837 only three weeks after her Accession Queen Victoria took up residence, adding a new wing in 1840. In 1913 the East Facade was remodeled to what you see today. One of the most famous buildings in the World.





Buckingham Palace Tours

The Palace State Rooms are open to the public for two months each summer, August and September, with 18 rooms to view, including the Throne Room and State Room. There is always high demand for tickets.



Visit the Queen's Gallery, housing an changing series of exhibits from the Royal Collection, open all year. Immediately in front the Palace is the Queen Victoria Memorial, unveiled in 1911 constructed in finest white marble . Topped by a gilded Victory and surrounded by four figures.



Particularly popular with visitors is the Changing the Guard Ceremony. Held daily at 11.30 am in summer, and on alternate days in winter. Leaving their barracks at 11.00 am sharp, the new guard as they are known, march to the Palace. taking over from the old guard, all to the accompaniment of a military band.



Nearby is St James Park, a nice place for a relaxing lakeside walk.

Castles of England

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Edinburgh Castle dominating the City, dating from the 12th Century. Stunning views are to be had from its ramparts over the roofs of the Old Town, across to Princes Street and the New Town, further to the hills of the Lothian countryside and the Firth of Forth. Home of the Honours of Scotland- the Scottish Crown Jewels. Leading down from the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle is the Royal Mile, dating from the 16th Century, all the way to the Palace of Holyrood House, a Royal Palace.

The Royal Mile. Leading down from the Castle Esplanade is Castlehill and the start of the Royal Mile. Tourist Attractions such as the Camera Obscura, the Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre and souvenir shops by the dozen. Continuing down the Royal Mile you reach Parliament Square and the High Kirk of St Giles , and the City Chambers, temporary home of the Scottish Parliament. Before reaching Canongate and eventually the Palace of Holyroodhouse, with its beautiful park.



[Lindisfarne Castle and Priory Holy Island](#)

Lindisfarne Castle and Priory Holy Island Northumberland reachable along a causeway for an hour or so either side of low water, an Island full of character and lots of history. The Tudor castle standing guard over the harbour. The priory dating from Norman times .

[Bamburgh Castle](#)

Dominating the skyline above the delightful village of Bamburgh, visible for many miles along the Coast. Probably the most imposing castle in England. Restored by Lord Armstrong in the 1890's at the then astronomical cost of one million pounds. From the ramparts on a clear day are fine views across to the Farne Islands, along the Coast to Lindisfarne, and if you are lucky as far as the Cheviot Hills.

[Alnwick Castle and Garden](#)

No visit to Northumberland is complete without seeing Alnwick Castle In mid-summer English roses of the garden a delight. The Grand Cascade. See how the Duchess of Northumberland's dream to transform a derelict 12 acre walled garden into the most magnificent garden created anywhere in Europe in the last 100 years. Explore the town, see the Bondgate, wander the cobbled streets.



Edinburg-The Old Town and the Fringe

The dramatic architecture of the Old Town , alleyways, imposing tenements 12 storeys high ,a delightful maze of narrow streets and wyndes (winding lanes) contrasts with the order and splendour of the New town .

Greyfriars Bobby The small bronze statue of Greyfriars Bobby can be found in Candlemakers Row, immediately adjacent to Greyfriars Kirkyard. Greyfriars Bobby was a Skye terrier who, upon the death of his master John Gray in 1858, stood guard over his Masters Grave for over 14 years. The loyalty of the little dog attracted such deep public sentiment, both then (and to this day) that a bronze statue was sculpted .

The Edinburgh Festival and the Fringe Is in fact several festivals, the International Festival, the Military Tattoo, held on the Castle Esplanade, and the Fringe Festival, as well as Jazz and Film Festivals too. Attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors to the City every September.

New Years Eve Edinburgh Hogmanay from a torchlit procession a few days before, to a Candlelit Concert in St Giles Cathedral , to a ticket only Princes Street party, to a Ceilidh in the Gardens, to a dazzling firework display and kissing strangers on the stroke of midnight the City is the place to be. Numbers are now limited to 100,000. Severe gales have lead to the cancellation of past events, but given a mild weather forecast this year is sure to be a sell out, both for tickets, and hotel rooms so book early.

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Thanks for your attention!