London eye



«The Eye has done for London what the Eiffel Tower did for Paris, which is to give it a symbol and to let people climb above the city and look back down on it. Not just specialists or rich people, but everybody. That's the beauty of it: it is public and accessible, and it is in a great position at the heart of London»

Sir Richard Rogers, winnerof the 2007 Pritzker Architecture Prize

The London Eye is a giant Ferris wheel on the South Bank of the River Thames in London.

It is also known as the Millennium Wheel

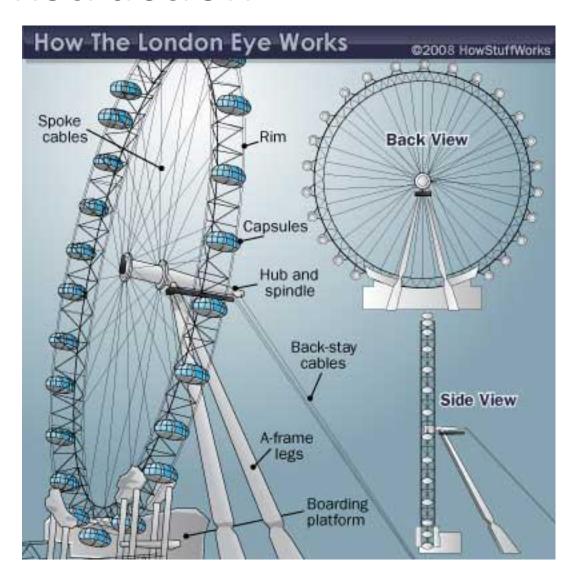


 London eye is the most popular paid tourist attraction in the United Kingdom with over
3.5 million visitors annually



Construction

- -The entire structure is 135 metres (443 ft) tall and the wheel has a diameter of 120 metres
- -When erected in 1999 it was the world's tallest Ferris wheel



Passenger capsules

- The wheel has 32
 air-conditioned passenger
 capsules. Every capsule
 holds up to 25 people
- It does not usually stop to take on passengers; the rotation rate is slow enough to allow passengers to walk on and off the moving capsules at ground level
- Each of 32 capsules symbolizes a suburb of London



As a conclusion:

- -L.E. is one of the most famous symbols of London
- -Is in the very centre of London
- -Visitors can enjoy a bird's-eye view of London
- -The construction of L.E. is safe