



London, the capital of England and the UK, is the world's ninth-largest city. Its history spans nearly 2,000 years, beginning with the arrival of the Romans soon after their invasion of Britain in AD 43.

It is situated on the banks of the river Thames, in southeast England.

FACTS ABOUT LONDON

- ◆ London is the biggest city in Britain and in Europe.
- ◆ London occupies over 620 square miles.
- ◆ London has a population of 7,172,036.
- ◆ London is in the southeast of England.
- ◆ London is the seat of central government in Britain.
- ◆ The tallest building in London is the Canary Wharf Tower.
- ◆ London was the first city in the world to have an underground railway, known as the 'Tube'.
- ◆ Some of the most important people from countries all over the world visit the Queen at Buckingham Palace.
- ◆ There are over 100 theatres in London.

WHAT TO SEE AND DO IN LONDON

1. Changing of the Guard



The Changing of the Guard takes place at two separate locations in London:

- Foot Guards at Buckingham Palace
- Two Household Cavalry regiments at Horse Guards on Whitehall

The Queen's Guard changes in the Forecourt of Buckingham Palace at 11:30am every day in the summer and every other day in the winter.

2. Tower Bridge



Tower Bridge has stood over the River Thames in London since 1894 and is one of the finest, most recognisable bridges in the world.

3. The Tower of London



The Tower of London was built more than 900 years ago. Visitors come to see the Crown Jewels and the Tower guards called 'Beefeaters'.

4. Buckingham Palace



Buckingham Palace is the Queen's London home. It is used also for the administrative work for the monarchy. It is here in the state apartments that Her Majesty receives and entertains guests invited to the Palace.

5. London Eye



A huge big wheel which dominates the river skyline opposite Parliament.

6. British Museum



It is a museum of human history and culture. Its collections, more than 13 million objects from all continents, illustrate and document the story of human culture from its beginning to the present.

7. The Houses of Parliament & Big Ben



The British parliament is the seat of the Government of the United Kingdom. The Palace of Westminster consists of the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

Big Ben is found at the Houses of Parliament. BIG BEN is the name of the bell inside!

8. Westminster Abbey

.... which was designed to be not only a great monastery and place of worship, but also a place for the coronation and burial of monarchs.

9. Covent Garden

Touristic place to relax. You don't go for the market but for the atmosphere and the street musicians.

10. Oxford St, Regent St, Picadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Hyde Park (Peter Pan Statue), St James's Park, River Thames, Harrods ...



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