



WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LONDON?

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If you're trying to decide what to see in London you could well find yourself spoilt for choice. With so much on offer, it can be hard to find the best places to visit in London when you're on a tight schedule. From world renowned tourist hubs like the British Museum, to the relatively obscure All Hallows by the Tower, London simply has so much to see!

So if you're planning to check out Britain's capital and want to make the most of your trip, then our selection of the best things to do in London could be just the thing. Our expert list highlights what to see in London on a short trip, with our top 4 places to visit in London stacked alongside a few extra recommendations that didn't make



1. BRITISH MUSEUM HISTORY

The British Museum is one of the world's foremost museums of history and anthropology. Based in London, the British Museum has some of the largest and most revered collections from around the globe ranging from Babylonian stonework and Samurai armour to pottery and glass from the Roman Empire.



The British Museum has several permanent collections, including its world-famous Egyptian collection which includes a large number of Egyptian mummies as well as temporary exhibits. One of the British Museum's most famous residents is the second century BC Rosetta Stone.



The British Museum divides its collections by themes and cultures, each of which is displayed in numbered rooms. One of its most popular exhibits is its collection of Parthenon Sculptures from Ancient Greece, which can be found in room 18. With such a wide collection, it's difficult to summarise the work of the British Museum or to explore its myriad of galleries. However, the museum does offer a variety of itineraries, including a one hour tour which showcases, amongst other things, the Parthenon Sculptures, the Egyptian mummies, the Rosetta Stone and Assyrian lion hunt reliefs from 668 BC as well as several other famous objects like the Lewis Chess Set and 12th – 14th century Nigerian artwork.



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Hyde Park, together with Kensington Gardens which adjoins it on the west, forms the largest open space in London extending 1.25 mi east to west and half a mile north to south. Originally part of Westminster Abbey, it was taken over by Henry VIII in 1536 and became a royal deer park before eventually being opened to the public by Charles I in 1635. Today, it's one of London's most popular attractions, and whether you're there for a gentle stroll, a picnic or some serious sightseeing, it should be a must-see on your London "to-do" list.

Hyde Park: London's Most Famous Green Space

One of Britain's Royal Parks, Hyde Park covers some 350 acres, including a lake - the Serpentine - that was built in 1730 and is popular for boating and swimming.

The Albert Memorial: Tribute to a Royal Romance

The extremely ornate memorial to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (1819-61), Queen Victoria's consort, is located in Kensington Gardens and was in the neo-Gothic style. Albert is seated under a richly decorated canopy 190 ft high, holding in his hand the catalogue of the Great Exhibition of 1851. Around the pedestal are 178 marble neo-classical reliefs of artists and men of letters of every period. At the corners of the pedestal are sculptured groups symbolizing manufacturing, engineering, commerce and agriculture, and at the outer corners of the steps are other groups symbolizing the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa and America.





The Serpentine Galleries



Hyde Park Corner







3. The View from The Shard is the premium visitor attraction at the top of Western Europe's tallest building, and London's newest landmark, The Shard.

Designed by Master Architect Renzo Piano, the Shard redefines London's skyline and has become a dynamic symbol of London. At a height of up to 800ft or 244m, The View from The Shard offers spectacular views over London, enabling visitors to see as far as 40 miles away. Twice as high as any other vantage point in the city, it is the only place where visitors can see the entire city at once.

Book your tickets in advance for your chance to see London in high definition, and save £5 compared to the door price!

WARNER BROS. STUDIO TOUR LONDON- THE MAKING OF HARRY POTTER





Warner Bros. Studio Tour London provides an amazing new opportunity to explore the magic of the Harry Potter™ films – the most successful film series of all time. This unique walking tour takes you behind-the-scenes and showcases a huge array of beautiful sets, costumes and props. It also reveals some closely guarded secrets, including facts about the special effects and animatronics that made these films so hugely popular all over the world.

Some of the things you can expect to see and do:

- Step inside and discover the actual Great Hall.**
- Explore Dumbledore's office and discover never-before-seen treasures.**
- Step onto the famous cobbles of Diagon Alley, featuring the shop fronts of Ollivanders wand shop, Flourish and Blotts, the Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes, Gringotts Wizarding Bank and Eeylops Owl Emporium.**



- **See iconic props from the films, including Harry's Nimbus 2000 and Hagrid's motorcycle.**
- **Learn how creatures were brought to life with green screen effects, animatronics and life-sized models.**
- **Rediscover other memorable sets from the film series, including the Gryffindor common room, the boys' dormitory, Hagrid's hut, Potion's classroom and Professor Umbridge's office at the Ministry of Magic.**