

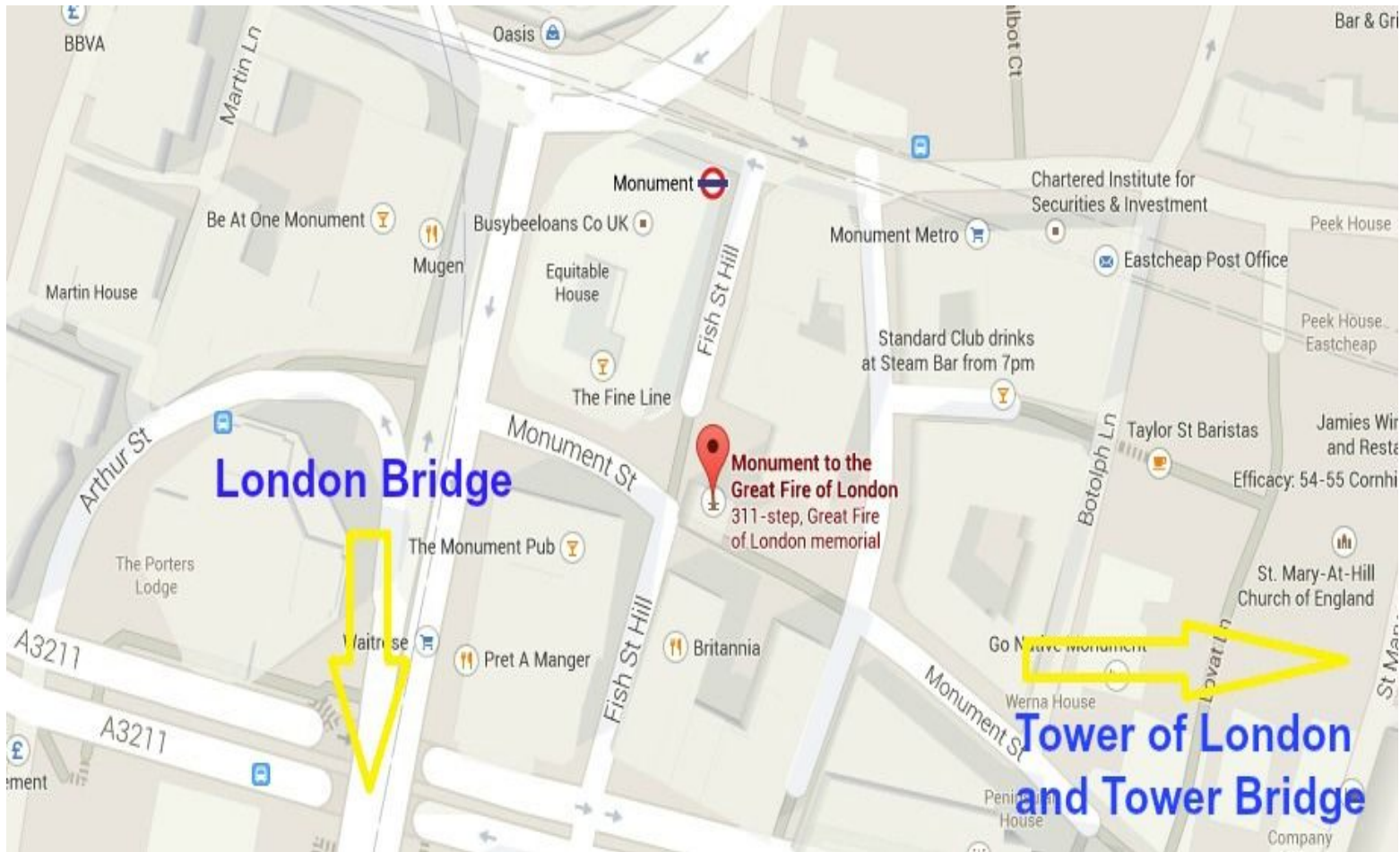


**The
Monument**

What is it?

The Monument to the Great Fire of London, more commonly known simply as **the Monument**, is a column in the City of London, near the northern end of London Bridge, that commemorates **the Great Fire of London**.





London Bridge

Monument to the Great Fire of London
311-step, Great Fire of London memorial

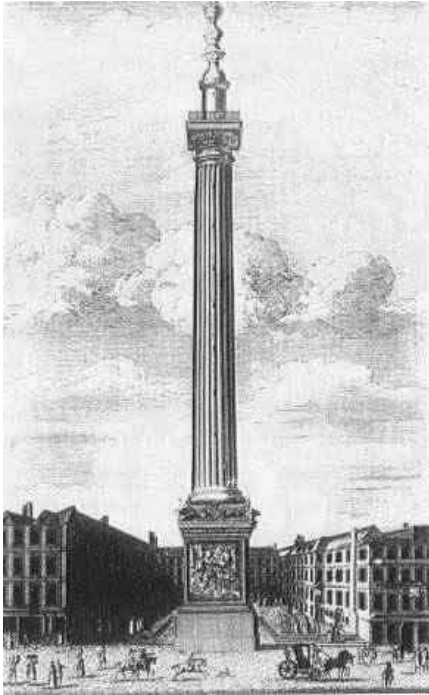
Tower of London and Tower Bridge

History

It stands at the junction of Monument Street and Fish Street Hill, 202 ft (62 m) tall and 202 ft (62 m) from the spot in Pudding Lane where the Great Fire started on 2 September 1666.

It was designed by Christopher Wren and Robert Hooke. Its height marks its distance from the site of the shop of Thomas Farriner (or Farynor), the king's baker, where the Great Fire began.



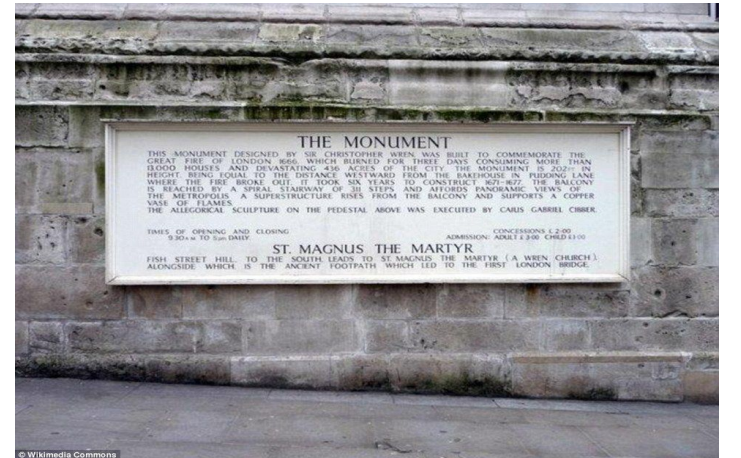


Building of the monument began in 1671 and finished in 1677. The monument itself consists of a flute like shaped Doric column with a gilded gold urn of fire at its peak. It is the highest single stone column in the world.

Visiting

At the entrance of the Monument to the Great Fire of London you will find three separate inscriptions, all in Latin. Wording on the north side tells the tale of how the fire started, the damage that it caused and how it was ultimately extinguished.

The south side information is that of how Charles II dealt with its aftermath. To the east is a history of the monument itself.



Visiting

To the west you will be able to view a sculpture created by Caius Gabriel Cibber depicting the devastation caused by the fire. This statue also shows Charles II and his brother, the Duke of York supervising its restoration with the words science, architecture and liberty also displayed.



Visiting

To reach the top of the monument you must ascend 311 steps which are part of a narrow winding staircase. Nearing the apex of the tower you may notice a net-like enclosure preventing a clear view from that angle. This addition was made necessary as a security measure was added in the mid-19th century at the top to prevent people jumping off, after six people had committed suicide from the structure between 1788 and 1842





Nowadays

As part of a refurbishment to the monument that was performed between 2007 and 2009, a panoramic camera was added to the top of the structure to provide a 360 degree view of London. It is used today to monitor building and ground activity as well as the weather. It is in operation 24 hours a day and updated every 60 seconds.



Prices and Opening Times



Adult Ticket: £4.50 (RUB324.86) per ticket

Child Ticket: £2.30 (RUB166.04) per ticket

Concession Ticket: £3.00 (RUB216.57) per ticket

Children of 13 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Opening Times:

Summer Opening Hours: April - September 9:30am - 6:00pm daily (last admission 5:30pm)

Winter Opening Hours: October - March 9:30am - 5:30pm daily (last admission 5:00pm)

The Monument is closed from 24 - 26 December.



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AND
PLEASE DON'T ASK
TOO MUCH**