

# WELCOME TO LONDON

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# LONDON

**London** is the capital city of England and the United Kingdom. It's situated in the South East of England with a population of 14 million people.



# LONDINIUM

**London** is one of the oldest cities in the world, and it was founded by the Romans in 40 A.D. and called Londinium.



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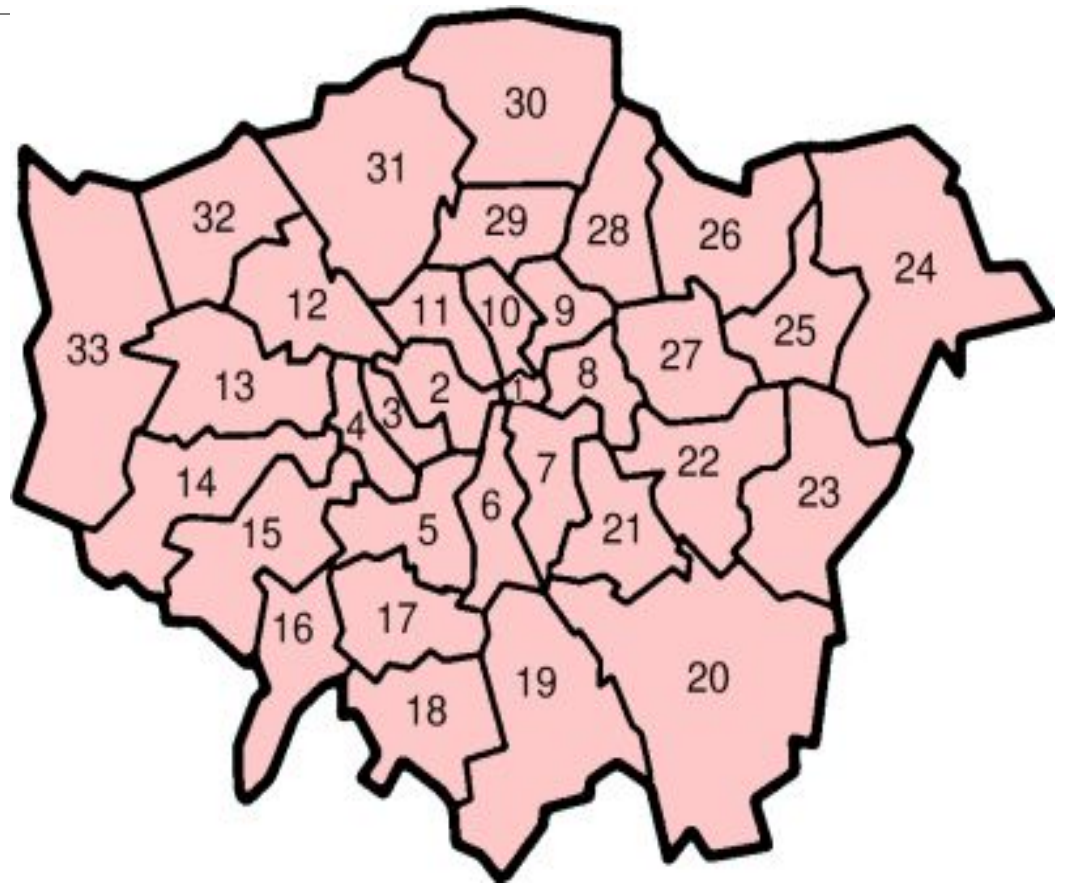
**London** has a temperate marine climate like much of the British Isles, so the city rarely sees extremely high or low temperatures.



# DISTRICTS

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Since 1965 **Greater London** has been divided into 32 districts in addition to the ancient City of London.



# THE THAMES

**London** has the river Thames, which runs through the middle of city and it is 215miles long.



# ECONOMY

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**THE CITY OF LONDON** is the world's largest financial centre alongside New York. It is home to the London stock Exchange and Lloyds of London.



# Transport

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London public transport include: London Underground, London Buses, River Services and the National Rail.





# The London Underground

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The Underground is also called “**tube**”, because of the cylindrical shape of the system’s deep-bore tunnels. It has 276 stations and runs over 243 miles (408km) of line, making it the longest railway in the world.



# THE RED DOUBLE DECKER BUSES

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The buses known as the **red double decker buses** and **rail network** in London is very well developed, frequent and efficient.



# TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

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**London** has rich cultural history but, at the same time, it is regarded as one of the most modern cities in the world. The most famous tourist attractions are the Big Ben, the House of Parliament, the Queens palace, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London ecc.



# THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT 1

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**The Houses of Parliament** is where the two Houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom (Houses of Commons and Lords) meet for political purposes. The oldest part of the building dates back to 1097.



# THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT 2

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On 5th November 1605  
Guy Fawkes tried to  
assassinate the King  
and the parliament  
members in the  
Gunpowder Plot, by  
blowing up the House  
of Parliament but he  
did not succeed.



# BIG BEN

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**Big Ben** isn't the clock on the tower, but just the bell inside it. People all over the world can hear its sound on the radio and TV programmes. It's always right, never too fast or too slow.



# BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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**Buckingham Palace** is the official home of the British Monarch in London. When the flag is put up on the pole, it means that the Monarch is in the palace. It is also a famous tourist attraction because of the Queen's Royal guards.



# THE ROYAL GUARD

Every morning at half past eleven people all over the world come to see the changing of the guards: the captain of the Old Guard gives the Keys of Buckingham Palace to the captain of the New Guard.





# THE TOWER OF LONDON

**The Tower of London** is a historic tower in the centre of London. The Tower's primary function was a fortress, a royal palace, and a prison. Many prisoners were executed in this tower.



# THE BRITISH MUSEUM

**The British Museum** contains Egyptian collections of mummified skeletons found in the Pyramids, Greek sculptures from the Parthenon in Athens and two of the four existing original copies of the Magna Carta.



# THE NATIONAL GALLERY

**The National Gallery** is one of the most important art galleries in the world. It also includes the collection of Italian paintings found outside Italy.



# MADAME TUSSAUDS

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**Madame Tussauds** is a museum in which you can visit wax sculptures of the world's most famous people, past and present.



# THE LONDON EYE

**The London Eye**, also known as the **Millennium wheel** was built in 1999, and since then the biggest observation wheel in the world. It is 170m high and you can see the beautiful London skyline from the top.



# THE PARKS OF LONDON

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The **parks** are a real part of the Londoner's life. People often have lunch in the parks, spend their free time and children can enjoy themselves in many pools and little lakes.



# HYDE PARK

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**Hyde Park** is one of the largest parks in the central London, famous for its Speakers' Corner. It's divided by the Serpentine Lake.



# ST. JAMES PARK

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**St. James Park** is the oldest Royal Park in London and it is surrounded by three palaces. The most ancient is Westminster, St. James Palace and of course, the best known Buckingham Palace.





# GREENWICH PARK

**Greenwich Park** is a former hunting park in Greenwich and one of the largest single green spaces in South East London.



# WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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**Westminster Abbey** was begun by Henry III in 1245. It's one of the most important Gothic buildings in the country with the medieval shrine of an Anglo-Saxon saint still at its heart.



# TOWER BRIDGE

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**The Tower Bridge** is a bridge closed to the Tower of London which gives it its name. It has become an iconic symbol in London, and it's situated over the River Thames.



# PICCADILLY CIRCUS

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**Piccadilly Circus** is a famous road junction and public space of London's West End in the City of Westminster. It was built in 1819 to connect Regent Street with the major shopping street of Piccadilly.



# TRAFALGAR SQUARE

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**Trafalgar Square** is a square in London and its name commemorates the Battle of Trafalgar (1805), a British naval victory of the Napoleonic Wars.



# THE ROYAL FAMILY

**The British Royal Family** lives in England and resides mainly in London at Buckingham Palace. The Royal family is formed by Queen Elisabeth II and her husband Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, their son Charles, and his two sons William and Henry.

