

EXPLORE THE HEART OF LONDON



**Discover London's haunts and the most famous
sights of the most beautiful capital of the world**

LONDON EYE





The tallest observation wheel ever built (135 m over the Thames River) carries 800 passengers at a time in 32 capsules (up) on a 30-minute ride. The British airways London Eye was created as a millennium landmark.

THE TOWER OF LONDON

- The Tower of London has grown up around the original White Tower (right), founded by William the Conqueror and completed in 1100.



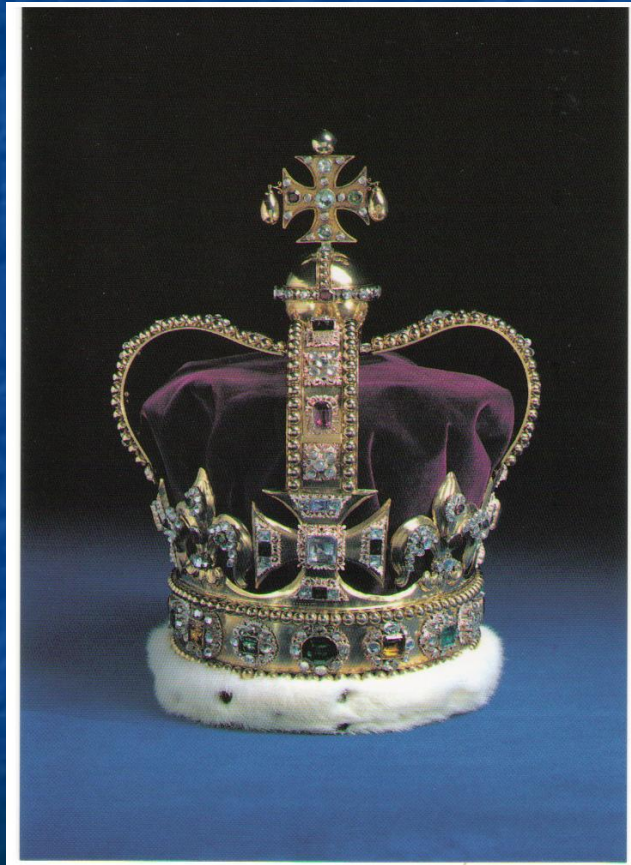


- After 900 years of constant service as a royal palace, fortress, prison, arsenal, mint and jewel house, this national icon remains the best preserved medieval castle of any European capital.





CROWN JEWELS



- keeps astonishing collection of priceless Coronation Regalia, including the glistering imperial State Crown, which has 2868 diamonds, 273 pearls, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds and 5 rubies.

THE COLLECTION OF ROYAL ARMORIES



YEOMAN WARDERS

- 37 Yeoman Warders (popularly known as “Beefeaters”) taking care of 8 ravens of the Tower, entertain you by captivating tales from the Tower; giving a chance to take pictures with them.



THE RAVENS

- Legend says Charles II believe that if the ravens were ever to leave the Tower, the fortress and the kingdom would fall. So, for many years the ravens have become one of the Tower's most famous sights and, just in case, a Ravenmaster keeps a close eye on the collection!



RAVENS' HOME



- The ravens have their cages for a night: winter (left), summer (right).

ROMAN CITY WALL

- The Roman City Wall of London was built in the late 2nd or early 3rd century. William the Conqueror used the Roman Wall to form the side of his castle.



The Tower Bridge



- Built in 1894 the Tower Bridge has become one of the symbols of London.

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral

- St Paul's has been at the heart of the City of London for 1400 years. Offering thanksgiving and service to God since its foundation in 604 AD by St Mellitus, a follower of St Augustine, the Cathedral remains a place of worship and wonder to all who pass through its doors.
- The plans for the present St. Paul's – the fifth church on this site and the masterpiece of its architect Sir Christopher Wren – received approval from King Charles II in 1675 after the Great Fire of London destroyed the previous Gothic cathedral in 1666. Wren's design took only 35 years to realise, and was the first English cathedral to be completed within the lifetime of its architect. It remains one of the world's great buildings.
- This magnificent building has hosted many important events. These have included the State funerals of Lord Nelson, the Duke of Wellington and Sir Winston Churchill; the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria; the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana; and the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elisabeth II.



The Galleries



- Inside the Dome, 163 steps up (left) from the Cathedral Floor, is the Whispering Gallery. A whisper spoken against one wall of the Gallery can be heard 32 metres away on the other side of the Dome.

- Above the Whispering Gallery, on the outside of the dome, are the Stone Gallery, another 119 steps up, and the Golden Gallery, 152 steps further, offering panoramic views across London (right).

