

The sights of London



London is the capital and the largest city of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

Its population is about 8.5 million.

It is situated on the river Thames.

London is also one of the largest ports in the UK.

Besides, it is a great educational and cultural centre.

Traditionally, London is divided into four parts: the City, Westminster, the West End and the East End.



THE BRITISH ISLES

London, the capital of Great Britain.



The City is the heart of London. It is its financial and business centre. Few people live there but over a million come to the City to work. There are lots of banks, offices and firms there,



including Bank of England



Stock Exchange



and the Old Bailey.





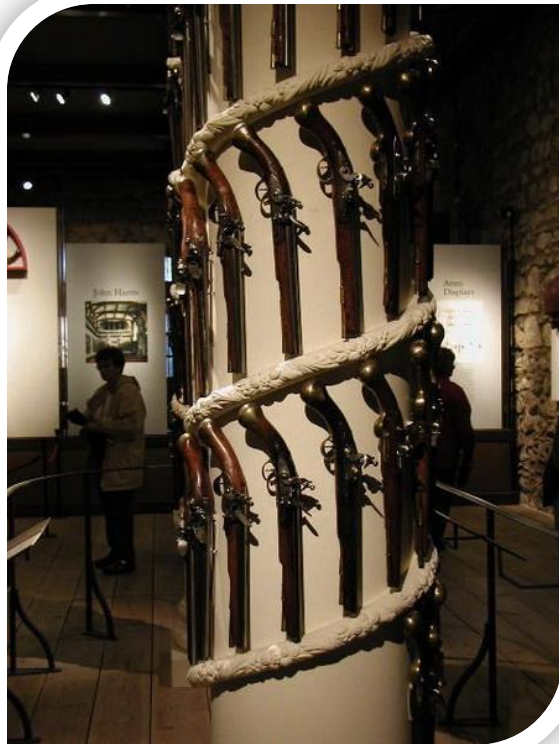
The Tower of London

The City is famous for its oldest part, the Tower of London. It was founded by Julius Caesar and rebuilt in the 11th century by William the Conqueror. For many centuries the Tower has been a fortress. But in various periods of history it was also used as a Royal Palace, a prison, a mint, a Royal treasury, a Royal observatory and even a Royal Zoo.

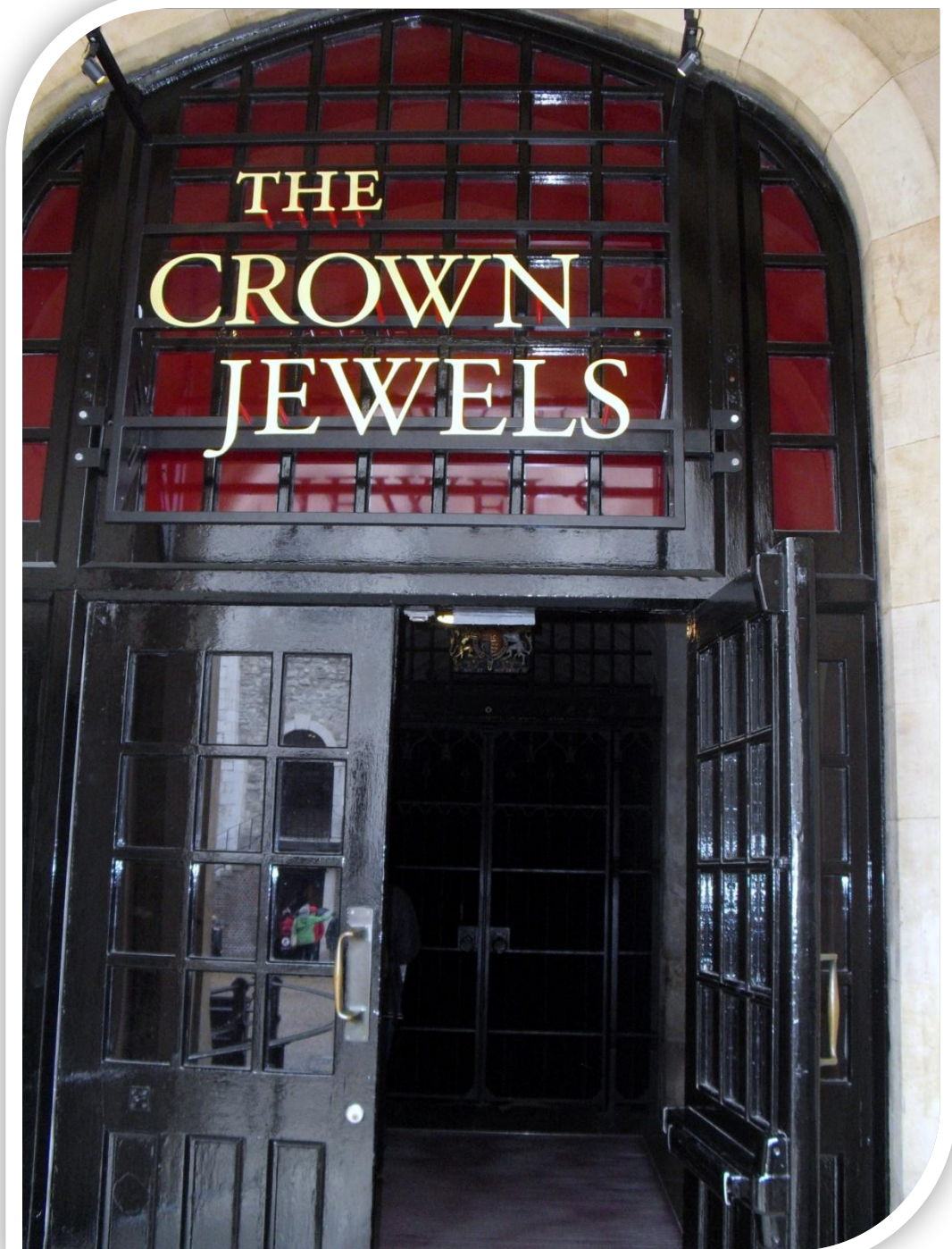


Now it is a museum of arms and armour.









The Tower of London as one of the strongest fortress in Britain, contains Crown Jewels.



The Tower is guarded by famous “ Beefeaters” in the picturesque uniform.



“ Beefeaters”



The Ravens are also a part of history. There is a legend that if ravens disappear, the British monarchy will fall.



That's why their wings are cut back and they are carefully guarded.









Tower Bridge is an iconic symbol of London.





St. Paul's Cathedral is an Anglican cathedral, the seat of the Bishop of London.



St. Paul's Cathedral inside.



The dome of St. Paul's Cathedral shows the scenes from the life of St. Paul.



There is the famous Whispering gallery inside the dome: the words whispered into the stone wall can be heard round the other side.



St. Paul's Cathedral at night.





The Palace of Westminster.





The **Palace of Westminster**, also known as the **Houses of Parliament** or **Westminster Palace**, is the meeting place of the two houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom—the House of Lords and the House of Commons. It lies on the north bank of the River Thames, close to the historic Westminster Abbey. The Palace is the centre of political life in the United Kingdom.



The House of Lords of the British Parliament.





Big Ben.





Big Ben is the nickname for the great bell of the clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London. It celebrated its 150th anniversary in May 2009. The tower is 96.3 meters high (roughly 16 stories).





Westminster Abbey

Westminster Abbey is a Gothic church in London that is the traditional place of coronation, weddings and burial for English monarchs. Located next to the Houses of Parliament in the heart of London.











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The London Eye

The London Eye is a giant 135-metre tall Ferris wheel situated on the banks of the River Thames in the British capital.

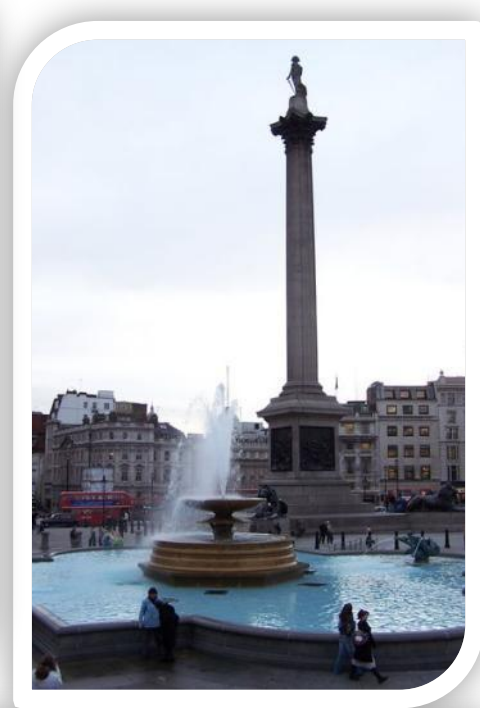
It is the tallest Ferris wheel in Europe, and the most popular paid tourist attraction in the United Kingdom, visited by over 3.5 million people annually.

The London Eye is located on the South Bank of the River Thames in London.



Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Square is a public space and tourist attraction in central London, England. At its centre is Nelson's Column. There are a number of statues and sculptures in the square. The square is also used for political demonstrations and community gatherings, such as the celebration of New Year's Eve .









Trafalgar Square, London

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Buckingham Palace



Buckingham Palace is the London home and primary residence of the British monarch. Buckingham Palace has 775 rooms. These include 19 State rooms, 52 Royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms, 92 offices and 78 bathrooms. Buckingham Palace is the Queen's official London residence and is used to receive and entertain guests on state, ceremonial and official occasions for the Royal Family. The Palace is located between The Green Park, Hyde Park and St. James's Park. Buckingham Palace's 19 state rooms, ballrooms and gardens are open to visitors during August and September.



Changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace is a colorful spectacle and British pageantry. The ceremony lasts about 45 minutes and usually takes place daily at 11:30 from April until the end of July and on alternate days for the rest of the year, weather permitting.







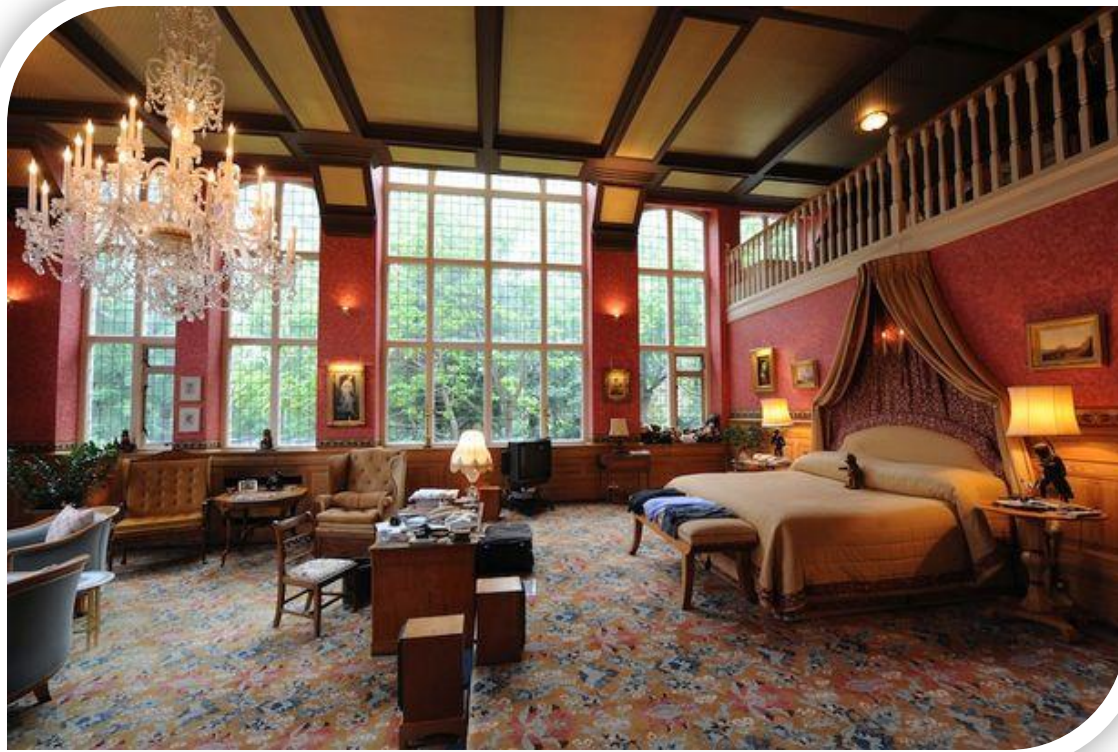




Kensington Palace

- **Kensington Palace** is a royal residence set in Kensington Gardens in London, England. It has been a residence of the British Royal Family since the 17th century. Kensington Palace is also used on an unofficial basis by Prince Harry, as well as his cousin Zara Phillips.
- It was the official residence of Diana, Princess of Wales (until her death in 1997).





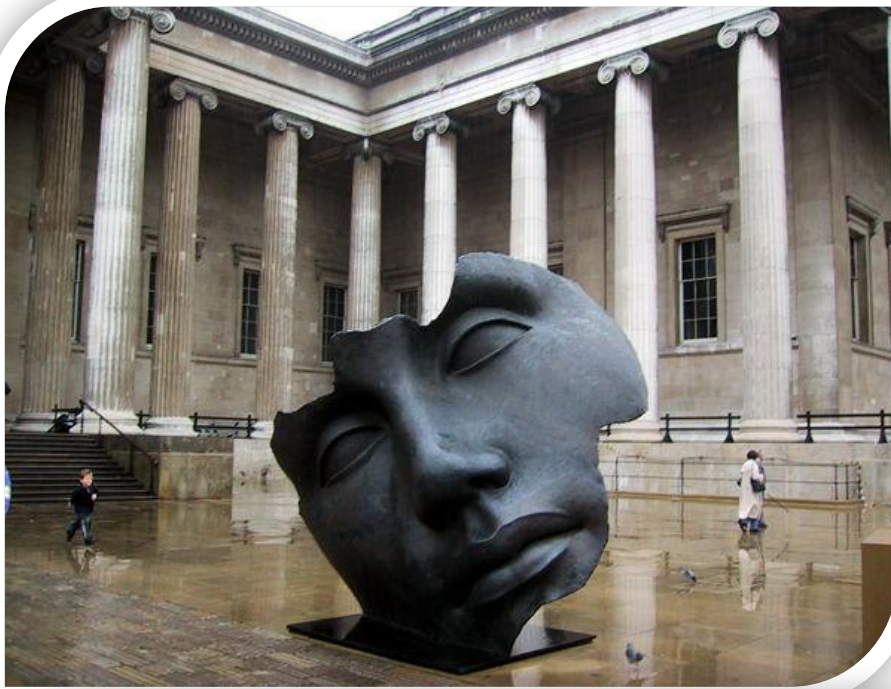
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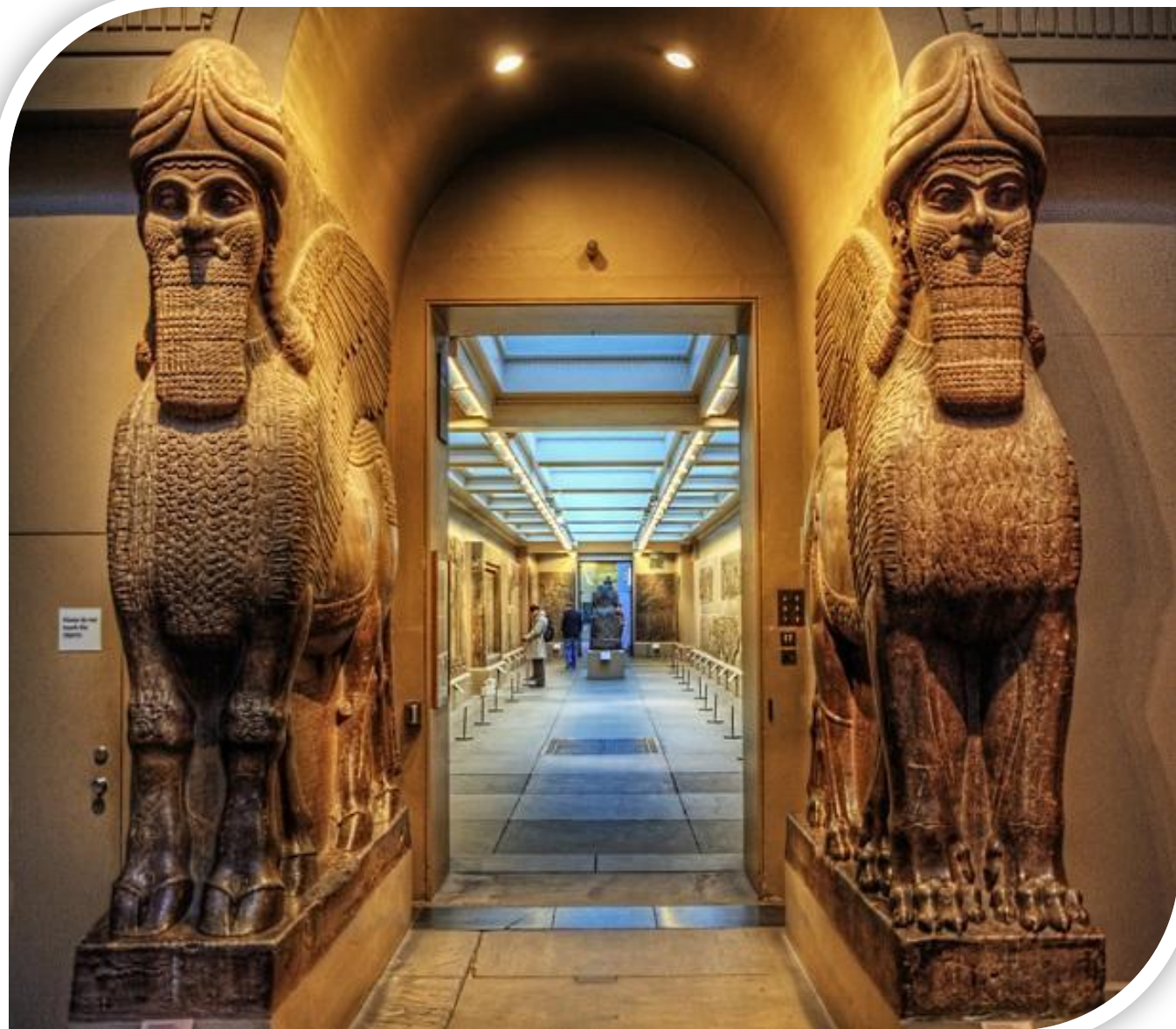


The British Museum

The **British Museum** is a museum of human history and culture in London. Its collections include more than seven million objects.

They are among the largest and most comprehensive in the world and originate from all continents, illustrating and documenting the story of human culture from its beginnings to the present.









The Royal Albert Hall

- The **Royal Albert Hall** is a concert hall situated in London.
- The Royal Albert Hall is one of the UK's most treasured and distinctive buildings, recognizable all over the world. Since its opening by Queen Victoria in 1871, the world's leading artists from every kind of performance genre have appeared on its stage. Each year it hosts more than 350 performances including classical concerts, rock and pop, ballet and opera, award ceremonies, school and community events, charity performances.



The Royal Albert Hall



St Mary Axe was a medieval parish in London whose name survives on the street it formerly occupied.







Curious neighborhood)





“Cheese Grater” is the new highest building in the center of London.

Hyde Park

- **Hyde Park** is one of the largest parks in central London, England and one of the Royal Parks of London.



The London Zoo

London Zoo is the world's oldest scientific zoo. Today it houses a collection of 755 species of animals.

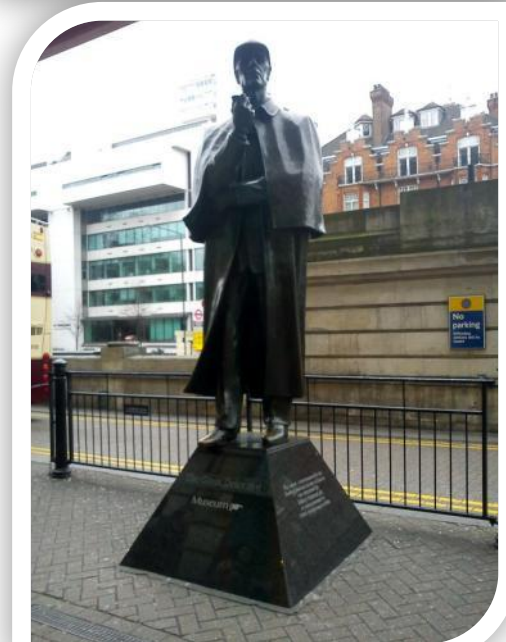




The Sherlock Holmes Museum



- The Sherlock Holmes Museum is a popular privately-run museum in London, England, dedicated to the famous detective Sherlock Holmes. It opened in 1990 and is situated in Baker Street.





Madame Tussauds is the main tourists attraction displaying waxworks.





Cleopatra's Needle

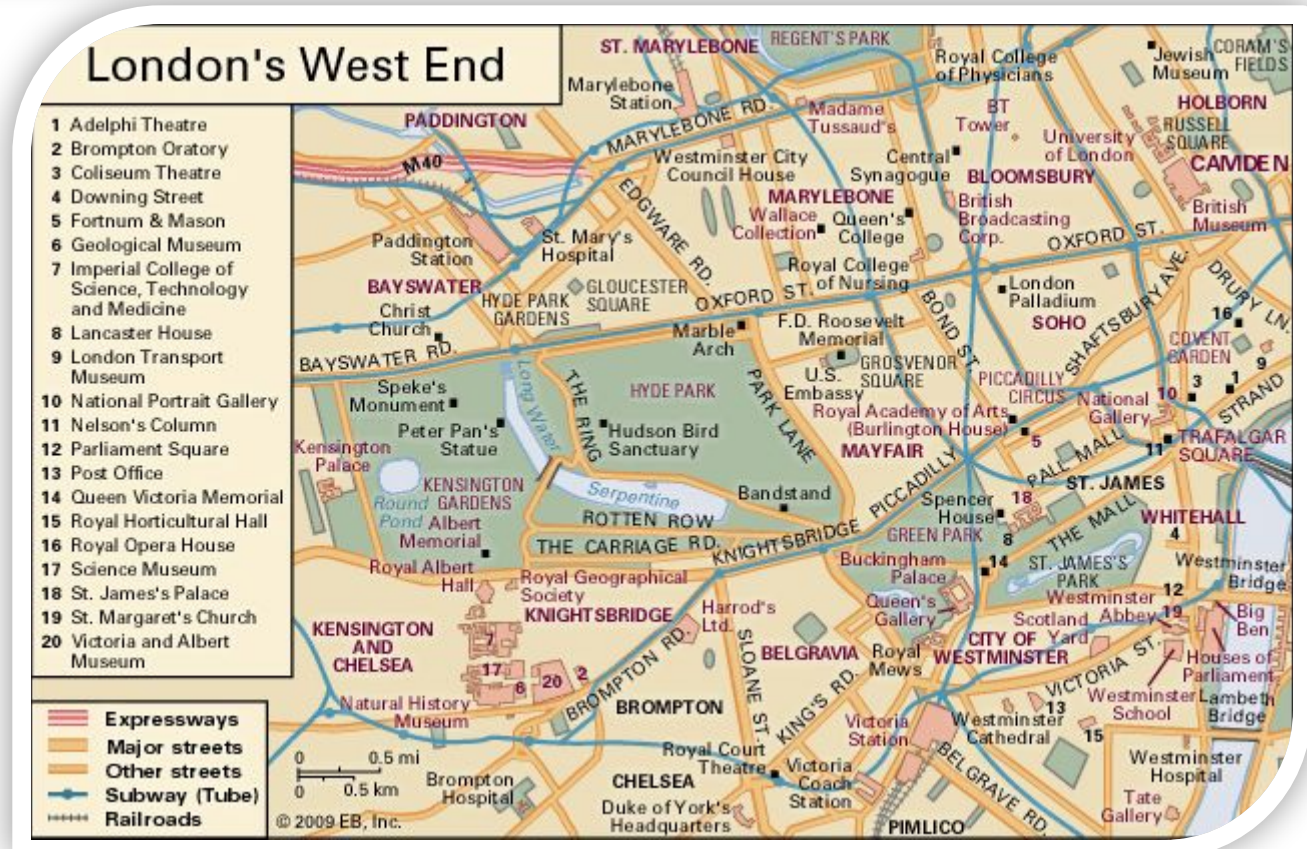
- Anyone visiting London for the first time and walking along the Thames may be surprised to come across an original Egyptian obelisk.
- This obelisk is known as Cleopatra's Needle ...though it has very little to do with Cleopatra at all.
- It is known as Cleopatra's Needle as it was brought to London from Alexandria, the royal city of Cleopatra.
- Cleopatra's Needle stands on the Thames. Two large bronze Sphinxes lie on either side of the Needle. These are Victorian versions of the traditional Egyptian original.





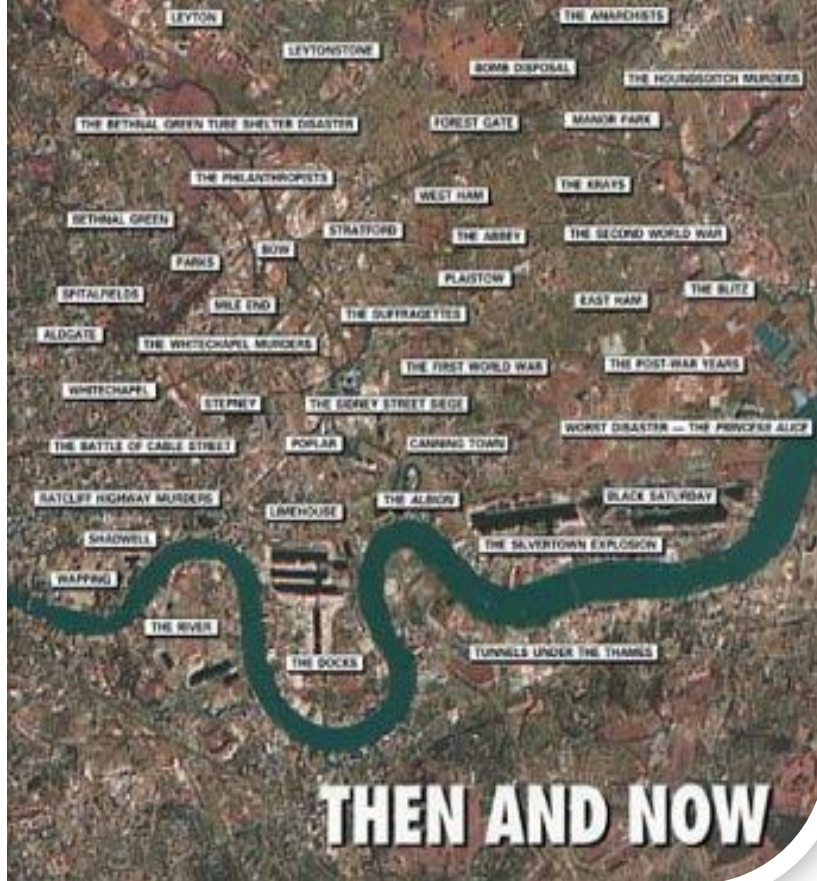


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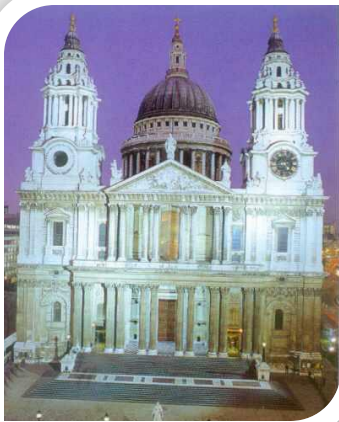
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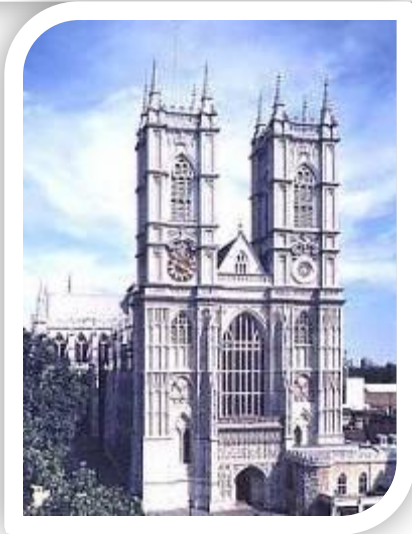
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A double – Decker bus for excursions)



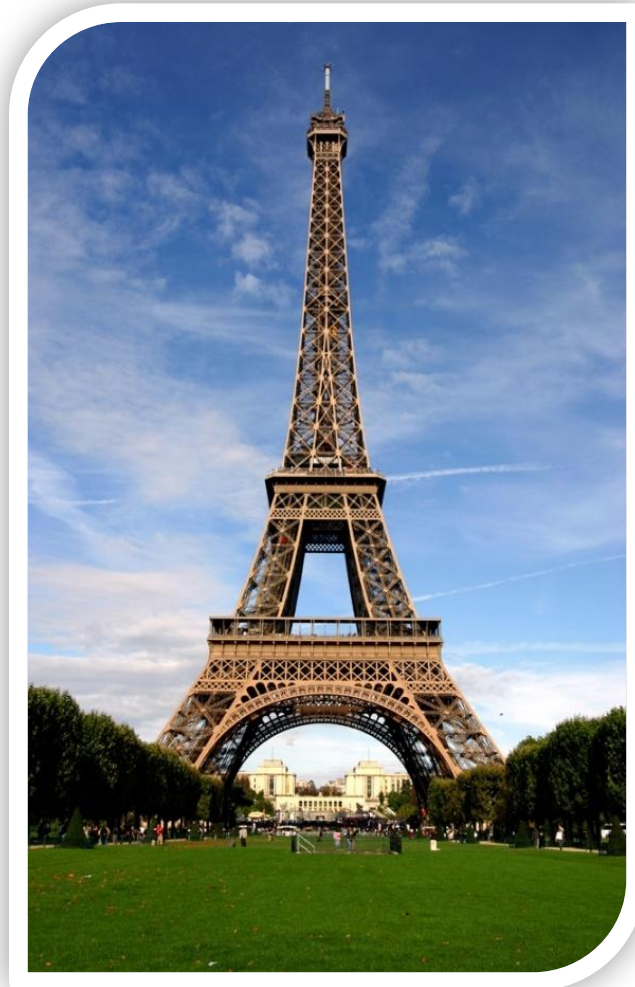
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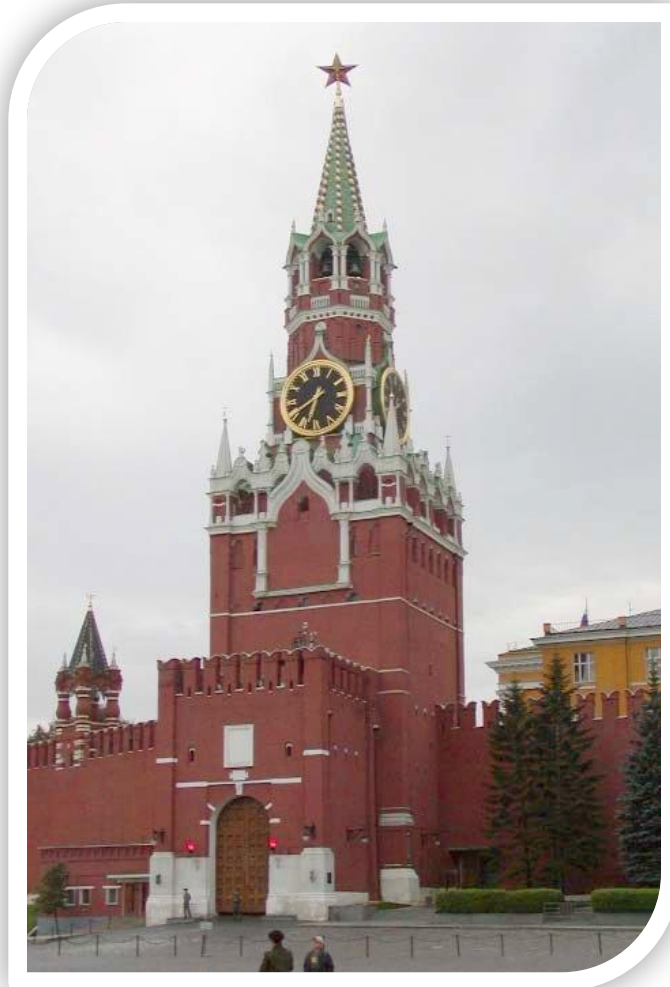
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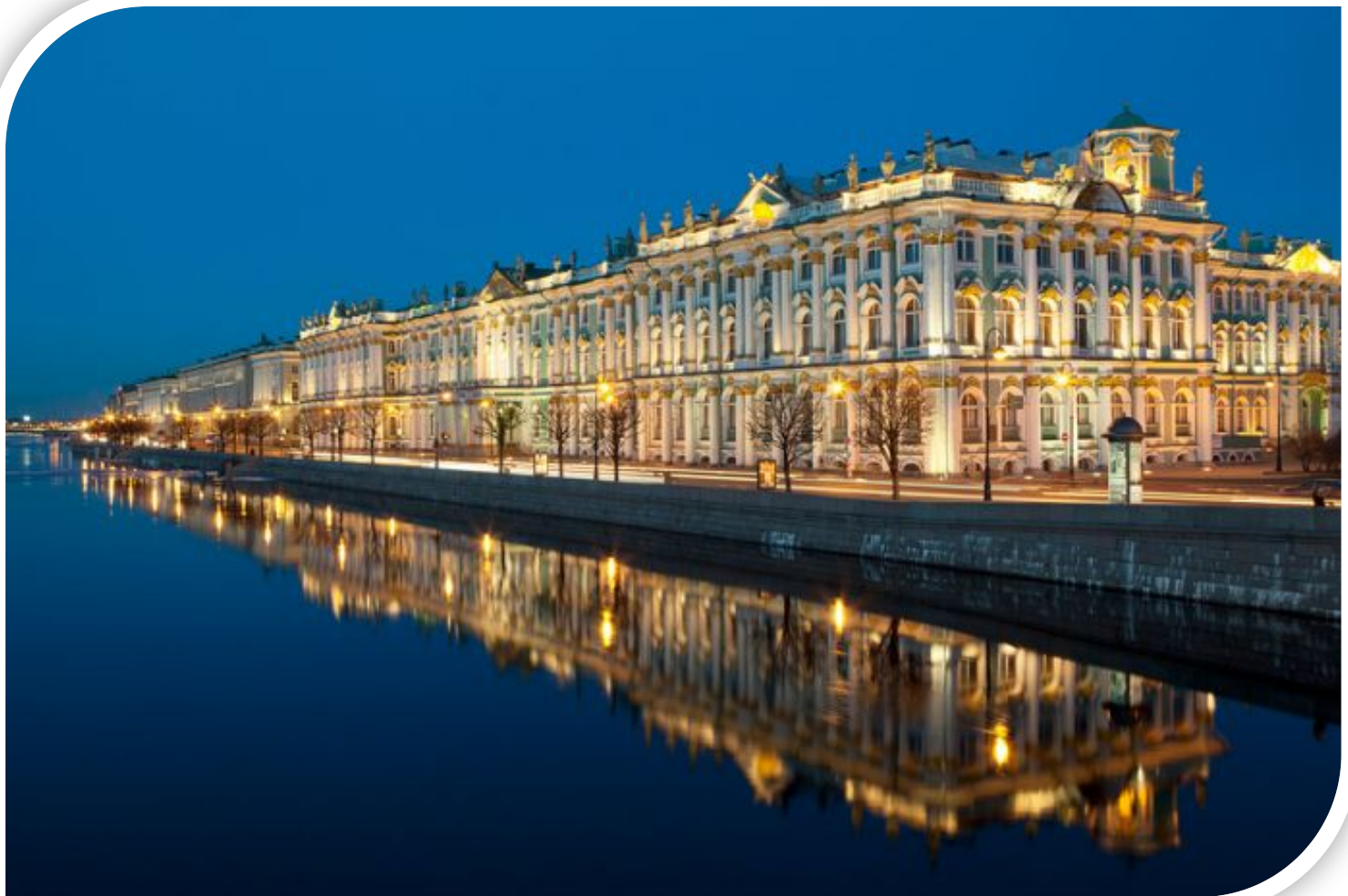
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Welcome to London!



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