



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN
LONDON AND EDINBURGH

LONDON



London- the capital city of Great Britain



Every year, more than nine million people come from countries all over the world to visit the city. London is a big and beautiful city with lots to see and do. The presentation shows the most important tourist attractions in the city.



Natural History Museum

Natural History Museum is located in Exhibition Road .

It was built in 1880 and opened for tourists in 1881.

The museum was built in Neo-Gothic style and 12th-century Romanesque architecture with rich decoration inspired by the natural world.

The museum's collection includes over 70 million exhibits from 5 different fields: botany, entomology, mineralogy, paeontology and zoology.

The museum's most popular exhibit is the earthquake simulation and dinosaur skeleton display.



Westminster Abbey

Westminster Abbey is located in Abingdon Street.

This cathedral was built in 1269 in the Gothic style.

Westminster Abbey is one of the most important Anglican temples.

Almost all the monarchs of England and Great Britain were crowned in this cathedral.

3,300 dead are buried in the abbey, among them outstanding poets and writers, musicians, actors, scholars, politicians and architects.



Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace is located in Buckingham Palace Road.

This palace was built in 1703 mainly in the Neo-Classical architectural style.

It is the world's largest royal palace, which has also been the official royal residence since 1837.

You can see the official change of the royal guards at 11:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays and daily in the summer.

In August and September you can usually visit some of the rooms in the palace.



Big Ben (Elizabeth Tower)

Big Ben is located in Bridge Street.

It is a part of the Palace of Westminster.

This clock tower was built in 1859 in the Neo-Gothic style.

The clock tower is 96 meters high.

The building has 11 floors.

In 1987 it was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.



The Houses of Parliament

The place is situated near Westminster Abbey. This is the home of the British government. The Palace lies on the north bank of the river Thames, in the City of Westminster, in central London. The Palace is owned by the Crown.

It has become an instantly recognizable landmark of London. The Palace of Westminster has been a part of a Unesco World Heritage Site since 1987.



Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge is located in Tower Bridge Road.

This bridge was built in 1894 in the Neo-Gothic style. The River Thames flows under the bridge.

Tower Bridge is 244 meters long.

Tower Bridge belongs to the group of drawbridges.

The original colors of the bridge were beige, but on the 25th anniversary of the coronation of Elizabeth II, it was repainted in the colours blue, white and red, which are still visible today.

The Tower of London

In the past it was a prison. Nowadays it is a museum and one of London's most famous buildings. Yeoman Wardes or Beefeaters keep the guard of the building. You can see the Crown Jewels there and visit the Bloody Tower and White Tower. The symbol of the place are black birds – the ravens. The legend says that at least six ravens should live in the tower to protect Britain, which will disappear when the birds disappear.





St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's Cathedral is located in St.Paul's Churchyard.

This cathedra was built in 1710 in the English Baroque style by Sir Christopher Wren after the Fire of London.

St Paul's Cathedral is 111m, making it the second largest cathedral in the United Kingdom after Liverpool's Cathedral.

It is one of the most famous churches in Great Britain.

Tickets are free to worship at the Cathedral, but sightseeing is ticketed.



The British Museum

It is located in Great Russell Street. It is the biggest museum in Britain.

The museum was founded in 1753 and built in the Greek Revival style.

The museum's collection is about 8 million exhibits from the fields of history, archeology and ethnography.

The most popular exhibit from this museum is the Rosetta Stone.

Tickets to the museum are mostly free, but if you want to see some exhibitions, you have to pay.

Madame Tussaud's- The Museum of Wax Figures

Madame Tussaud's in Marylebone Road is famous for its figures made from wax. You can see famous people from the past and famous people of today from the world of sport, music, film, politics. There are for example: the Royal Family, Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi, Pavarotti, Marilyn Monroe, Charlie Chaplin, Sylvester Stallone and others. You can visit „The Chamber of Horrors” with some murderers, thieves and other criminals.



The London Eye or The Millennium Wheel

It is a quite new tourist attraction. It was opened to the public in 2000. The wheel is 135 meters high and the journey in it takes about 40 minutes. It consists of 32 air-conditioned capsules for passengers. You can admire beautiful views of the city from it.



EDINBURGH



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It is one of the most beautiful cities in all of the UK. The Scottish capital is a center of culture and the arts and is well-known for its festivals, such as the Edinburgh International Book Festival, Christmas Markets and the Edinburgh Fringe – the world’s largest festival of arts. There are so many places to visit in the city, that it is impossible to present them all, so I decided to describe those which are the most interesting in my opinion.





Edinburgh Castle

Edinburgh Castle is located on Castle Hill.

The castle was built around the 12th century.

The castle was built in a mixture of Norman, Gothic and Renaissance styles.

The castle is considered not only a symbol of Edinburgh itself but also of the whole of Scotland.

For many centuries the castle was the home of kings and queens.

Research conducted in 2014 identified that this castle had undergone 26 sieges, making it the most besieged place in Great Britain, but also one of the most besieged in the world.



Scott Monument

Scott Monument is located in E. Princes St Garden.

This monument was built in 1844 in the Neo-Gothic style.

The building is 61 meters high.

This monument is dedicated to the Scottish writer Sir Walter Scott.

The monument is famous for being the second largest monument in the world dedicated to the writer.

In the center, between the four pillars of the monument, there is a sculpture of the writer.



Palace of Holyroodhouse

Palace of Holyroodhouse is located in Canongate.

This palace was built in 1678 in the style of neoclassical architecture.

The palace is the official residence of the British monarch in Scotland.

At the western entrance of the palace, there is the Queen's Gallery which was built in 2002. Tourists can see works of art from the Royal Collection there.



National Museum of Scotland

National Museum of Scotland is located in Chambers Street in Edinburgh.

The museum consists of two buildings, one from 1866 in the Victorian-Venetian Renaissance style and the other from 1998, which is in a modern style.

The collection of the museum can be divided into 6 different areas: geological, archaeological, technological, natural, historical and cultural.

Traditional museum displays include material from Ancient Egypt but the most notable exhibit is the stuffed body of Dolly the sheep, the first mammal to be cloned from an adult cell.



Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art

Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art is located in Belford Road.

The museum is divided into two parts, Modern One, built in 1825 in the Neo-Classical style, and Modern Two, built in 1833 in the English Baroque style.

The museums has a collection of more than 6,000 paintings, sculptures, installations, videos, prints and drawings, and host major exhibitions.

Entrance tickets to the museum are free.

St. Giles Cathedral

It is also known as the High Kirk of Edinburgh. The church is one of the city's most popular places to visit. The current building was built in the 1300s and is notable for its impressive 161 – foot – tall central tower. Its arched buttresses form a huge crown.

The Thistle Chapel which is next to St. Giles Cathedral is also worth visiting. Sir Robert Lorimer designed the chapel in 1911 in the modern Gothic style. It is best known for its oak carvings; heraldic emblems; and seals of the "Knights of the Thistle," Scotland's oldest order of knights.



The Museum of Childhood



It presents excellent collections of old toys, including model trains, dolls, and games from around the world. But it's more than just a place full of old toys, it explores other aspects of growing up, including a fun look at schooldays, trends, and fashions. It was opened in the early 1900s.

The Surgeons' Hall Museums

The museum is set in the Royal College of Surgeons building in Nicolson Street. It features collections of tools and materials relating with medicine and surgical procedures.

The Surgeons' Hall Museums includes the Wohl Pathology Museum, the History of Surgery Museum, and the Techniques and Technologies Dental Collection.



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