

● Which famous landmarks should people visit in London and why?

If you go to London, you should... see Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament because they are symbols of the city / Buckingham Palace because it's where the Queen lives... visit Madame Tussauds because the wax statues are incredibly lifelike (look like real people) / The British Museum because you can see artefacts from all over the world / The National Gallery because some of the world's most famous paintings are there / the Tower of London because it's a famous historical building... walk across the Tower Bridge, see the River Thames, and ride on the London Eye because it allows you to see the whole city.

● Tell me more about some famous London landmarks.

Big Ben is really the name of the bell inside the clock tower. The tower was finished in 1859. / The Houses of Parliament are also known as Westminster Palace. The palace in its current form was built in the nineteenth century. / Buckingham Palace became the official residence of the British Monarchy in 1837. The palace has 775 rooms and covers 77,000 square meters. / The Tower of London was a royal residence before it was used as a prison. It is also where the Crown Jewels are housed. / The London Eye was built in 1999. It takes 30 minutes to go in a complete circle. There are 32 capsules which carry 25 people each.

● Can you tell me about some of London's museums or art galleries?

The British Museum has famous artefacts, like the Rosetta Stone and the Elgin Marbles. You can see the reading room where Oscar Wilde, Bram Stoker and Mark Twain all visited. / The National Gallery has in its collection *Sunflowers* by Van Gogh, a self-portrait by Rembrandt, Hans Holbein's *The Ambassadors* plus paintings by Turner, Cezanne and others. The gallery is located beside another famous London landmark, Trafalgar Square, where you can see Nelson's Column. / The Tate Modern is an art gallery located in an old power station.

● Apart from visiting landmarks, what else can you do in London?

London is a multicultural city, so there are many opportunities to eat dishes from all over the world. London has many markets where you can buy fruit, vegetables, exotic foods, interesting clothes or just enjoy the atmosphere. London is also famous

for its parks, such as Hyde Park, Regent's Park and Kensington Gardens. Hyde Park is especially famous because of its 'Speakers Corner', where people can stand up in public and speak on almost any subject. You can visit a proper English pub. You can also ride on London's famous double-decker buses or on the London Underground, also known as the Tube.

● Can you name the capital of Scotland and describe some of its famous sites?

The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh. Edinburgh is pronounced ED-IN-BAR-RAH and not ED-IN-BURG. One of the main attractions is Edinburgh Castle. Many festivals take place in the city. The Fringe Festival is one of the most famous festivals. It's possible to see plays and musical performances from all over the world. One of the most popular parts of Fringe is the comedy festival. If you're in Edinburgh on New Year's Eve you can celebrate Hogmanay – the Scottish New Year's celebration.

● Can you name the capital of Wales and describe some of its famous landmarks?

Cardiff is the capital and the largest city in Wales. Some of the main landmarks are Cardiff Castle, and the Millennium Stadium, which is the home of Welsh Rugby and is a major events venue. Just outside Cardiff is the St Fagans National History Museum, which is an open-air museum with 40 buildings from all over different parts of Wales. It features a Victorian school and church. The National Museum of Cardiff has a large collection of impressionist paintings.

● What are some other famous cities in the UK? Why would you visit them?

You should go to... Oxford and Cambridge to see two of the world's oldest, most prestigious universities. / Glasgow because it is the largest city in Scotland and has a unique culture. / Liverpool, where the Beatles came from, is famous for its docks. / Manchester, home of the world's most famous football team, Manchester United, and birthplace of many British bands. / Aberdeen, which is a beautiful university town in Scotland. / Belfast, because it is the capital of Northern Ireland. / Bath, because it's a beautiful spa town. / Nottingham is known for its forest and castle because they are home to the legendary Robin Hood. / Bristol is a small city famous for its art and culture; you can also visit the Clifton suspension bridge. Birmingham is in the heart of the UK and is famous for its Cadbury's chocolate museum, and for its Balti restaurants (a type of curry).

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