

London

In the 21st century, London has reinvented itself on a monumental scale. Don't miss the amazing views from the ultra modern EDF Energy London Eye, the world's most visited modern art gallery, Tate Modern, or the staggering scale of the British Museum Great Court.



food & drink



68-86 Bar and Restaurant
Radisson Blu Edwardian Vanderbilt,
68-86 Cromwell Road, SW7 5BT
www.radissonblu-edwardian.com

Ascots Bar and Restaurant
Radisson Blu Edwardian Berkshire,
350 Oxford Street, W1C 1BY
www.radissonblu-edwardian.com

Galvin at Windows Restaurant
22 Park Lane, W1K 1BE
www.galvinatwindows.com

The Balcon
8 Pall Mall, SW1Y 5NG
www.thebalconlondon.com

Butlers Wharf Chop House
36e Shad Thames, SE1 2YE
www.chophouse-restaurant.co.uk

Skylon
The Royal Festival Hall, Southbank
Centre, 1 Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX
www.skylon-restaurant.co.uk

where to stay



★★★★★
**Radisson Blu Edwardian,
Bloomsbury Street Hotel**
9-13 Bloomsbury Street, WC1B 3QD
www.radissonblu-edwardian.com

★★★★★
**Crowne Plaza
London Kensington**
100 Cromwell Rd, SW7 4ER
www.cplondonkensingtonhotel.co.uk

★★★★★
The Grosvenor
101 Buckingham Palace Road,
SW1W 0SJ
www.guoman.com

★★★★★
**Intercontinental London
Park Lane**
One Hamilton Place London, W1J 7QY
www.intercontinental.com

★★★★★
Ibis London Blackfriars
49 Blackfriars road, SE1 8NZ
www.ibis.com

★★★★★
**Holiday Inn London
Regents Park**
Carburton Street, W1W 5EE
www.ihg.com/holidayinn

1 Houses of Parliament

The Houses of Parliament are one of London's most famous attractions and the seat of government in England. Take a guided tour which follows the route taken by The Queen at the State Opening of Parliament; from The Queen's Robing Room, through the Royal Gallery, and into the majestic Lords Chamber. Unlike The Queen, who is not allowed into the Commons Chamber, visitors can stand on the floor of the House and imagine the lively debates. Visit also Westminster Hall, where Guy Fawkes and King Charles I were tried, and where Nelson Mandela and Barack Obama have addressed Parliament in recent years.

www.parliament.uk/visiting

2 Westminster Abbey

One of England's finest Gothic buildings and the scene of the coronation, marriage and burial of British monarchs. Visitors can see the Grave of the Unknown Warrior, Royal Tombs and Shrine of St Edward the Confessor, the Coronation Chair, Lady Chapel and Poets' Corner, Pyx Chamber, Nave and cloisters, the Royal Chapels and the Undercroft Museum.

www.westminster-abbey.org

3 The EDF Energy London Eye

Located by Westminster on the River Thames, this experience gives you spectacular 360-degree views of London's most famous landmarks. On a clear day you can see around 40km – that's as far as Windsor Castle! The London Eye rotates at a leisurely 0.9km per hour allowing you to step on and off without the wheel having to stop. An experience lasts around 30 minutes and in that time you'll get a unique sky-view of the entire city. At 135 metres tall, you can look out and count over 55 of London's main attractions including Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, the 'Gherkin', the Tate, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace and Piccadilly Circus to name just a few.

www.londoneye.com

4 Tower Bridge

Inside the Tower Bridge Exhibition you will learn all about how the world's most famous bridge works and the history behind its creation. Enjoy the panoramic views from the walkways situated 45 metres above the Thames and visit the original Victorian engines.

www.towerbridge.org.uk

5 Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace is the official residence of the Queen in London. The palace used to be a simple town house back in the 17th century, but now boasts 775 rooms, including 52 royal and guest bedrooms and 78 bathrooms! But, in spite of its luxury furniture and art pieces, Buckingham Palace remains a working palace and the centre of the British monarchy.

www.royalcollection.org.uk/visit

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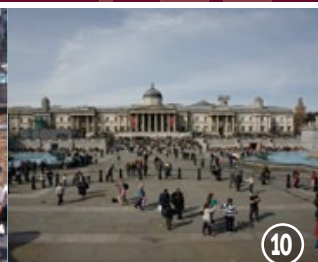
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6 St Paul's Cathedral

With its world famous dome, St Paul's was built in the 17th century by Christopher Wren. Impressive from the outside as well as from the inside, the cathedral houses numerous tourist attractions, including the Crypt - in which homage is paid to England's important figures such as Lord Nelson and Winston Churchill. The geometric staircase's impressive architecture impresses every visitor before reaching the Whispering Gallery and its acoustic effects. And the view from the top of the building is not to be missed. St Paul's has welcomed many royal events, including the widely broadcasted wedding of Charles and Diana.

www.stpauls.co.uk



7 Tower of London

One of the most famous fortified buildings in the world. Begun in 1078 by William the Conqueror, the Tower has been a palace, prison, treasury, arsenal and even a zoo! Today the Tower houses the priceless Crown Jewels. Also on view are the Medieval Palace, the infamous Bloody Tower and over 90 inscriptions made by prisoners in the Beauchamp Tower.

www.hrp.org.uk/toweroflondon



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8 Tate Modern

Tate Modern is the national gallery of international modern art and is one of London's top free attractions. It's packed with challenging modern art and is housed within a disused power station on the south bank of the River Thames. The imposing brick building, opposite St Paul's Cathedral, has a superb permanent collection of modern art including masterpieces by Matisse, Picasso, Dalí, Magritte, Mirò, Pollock, Rothko and Warhol as well as regularly changing exhibitions by international artists.

www.tate.org.uk/modern



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9 Camden Lock Market

Camden Lock, the original market of Camden Town, distinguishes itself from others by offering an individual and extensive range of goods from designer clothes and accessories, to one-off pieces of art, food and furnishings. Includes designer workshops, studios, stalls, shops, cafés, restaurants and bars.

www.camdenlockmarket.com



10 National Gallery

Gallery displaying Western European paintings from about 1250-1900. Includes work by Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt, Gainsborough, Turner, Renoir, Cezanne and Van Gogh.

www.nationalgallery.org.uk

other things to see and do...

- National Portrait Gallery
www.npg.org.uk
- Madame Tussauds
www.madametussauds.com/london
- Hampton Court Palace
www.hrp.org.uk/HamptonCourtPalace
- Natural History Museum
www.nhm.ac.uk
- British Museum
www.britishmuseum.org
- National Maritime Museum and Royal Observatory, Greenwich
www.nmm.ac.uk
- Wallace Collection
www.wallacecollection.org