

Buckingham Palace

is the official home of the Royal Family. If the queen is at home, the flag is up.

The palace has 775 rooms and 78 bathrooms. There is a cinema and a swimming pool. It also has its own post office and police station. 400 people are working here. There are even 2 people who are responsible for the 300 clocks in the palace.



The Houses of Parliament

or the Palace of Westminster. Before it became the home of the Parliament, it was the Royal Family's home.

Big Ben is the nickname for the Great Bell of the striking clock and the clock tower itself.



The London Eye

is the tallest observation wheel in the world, located on the South Bank of the River Thames. It was opened to public in 2000. Over 3 million tourists ride it every year.



Tower Bridge

was opened in 1894 by the Royal Family. The bridge goes over the river Thames. It is 244 metres long, 16 metres wide and weighs 11000 tonnes.

More than 40,000 people (motorists, cyclists and pedestrians) use the bridge every day.

The towers of the bridge house The Tower Bridge Exhibition.



The Tower of London

is where the Crown Jewels are held. The fortress was used as a castle, a prison and a place of execution in the past.

The guards of the Tower are called *beefeaters*. They live at the castle together with their families. About 100 people live there.

The Tower has about 2.5 million visitors every year.



Trafalgar Square

is a big square in the middle of London. Nelson's Column, located in the centre of the square, is a monument built to commemorate Admiral Horatio Nelson, who died at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

Every winter a Christmas tree is placed in the square. The tree is a gift from Norway for all the help they got from Britain during the Second World War.



St Paul's Cathedral

is the second largest Royal church in the UK. It was built more than 300 years ago. The bishop of London works here. The ticket for tourists costs £20.



Westminster Abbey

is a large Royal church. All the English and British monarchs have been coronated here since 1066. Also 3300 famous British people are buried in the church. The royal weddings are held here too.

The church is located right behind the Houses of Parliament.

