

# **London. Places of Interest in London.**

# Introduction

London is the capital city of England and of the United Kingdom. It is the most populous region, urban zone and metropolitan area in the United Kingdom. Standing on the River Thames, London has been a major settlement for two millennia, its history going back to its founding by the Romans, who named it *Londinium*. London's ancient core, the City of London, largely retains its 1.12-square-mile (2.9 km<sup>2</sup>) mediaeval boundaries and in 2011 had a resident population of 7,375, making it the smallest city in England.

# Places of Interest

The best starting point for all the excursions is well known Trafalgar square with Nelson's Column in the center. The square was named to commemorate the victory of British vice-admiral Nelson at the battle of Trafalgar in 1805 and the Column



One of the most amazing places of interest is the Houses of Parliament on the north bank of the river Thames. It also has another name – the Palace of Westminster – as in the past here lived kings and queens. This ensemble is a remarkable example of Gothic architecture: the buildings seem to be directed high into the air and of course are worth seeing. And here you will find the famous Clock Tower, called “Big Ben”.





**The next stop is Westminster Abbey. It is a big church and a national shrine, a place, where English kings and queens are crowned and famous people are buried. It's well known for its' Poets' Corner with memorials to English poets and writers who were buried here.**



**Westminster Abbey**

**Everybody has heard about Saint Paul's Cathedral. It is the largest Protestant Church in England and a remarkable architectural masterpiece. It contains the unique Whispering Gallery where you can hear the whisper of the**



**Saint Paul's Cathedral**

You should also see the majestic Tower of London, which has an abundant history. It was one of the first and most impressive castles built after the Norman invasion of England in the 11th century. It has been used as a royal palace, an ~~its a museum, a warehouse and, finally, a Crown state prison~~ and first precious stones of the English nation and a great collection of armour. No doubt that in London there are many other sights – Tate Gallery, City, Hyde Park and many others.



Tower of London



Hyde Park



**Thanks For Attention**