WELCOME TO LONDON!

A TOUR OF ONE OF EUROPE'S LIVELIEST CITIES





The Houses of Parliament: the seat of the Government of the United Kingdom



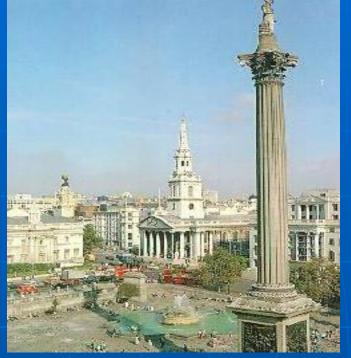
...and Big Ben (on the right):

was named after Benjamin Hall who was in charge of its construction

The London Eye: opened in March 2000

Trafalgar Square and the statue of Admiral Nelson who won the Battle of Trafalgar against Napoleon Bonaparte





Royal Horseguards:

they are not allowed to smile !! How serious they are !!! They are soldiers of the British Army and protect the Royalty

The Mall... On the way to Buckingham Palace, the Royal Residence, past Saint James's Park







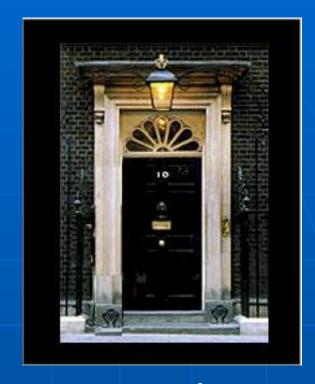


Piccadilly Circus, with its world-famous wall ads

A popular symbol



A double-decker



10, Downing
Street: the
residence of
the British
Prime Minister



The Tower of London:
was built as a fortress
by William the
Conqueror in the 11th
century, then used to be
a prison, and is now a
touristic place where
you can see the Crown
Jewels



BEEFEATERS: they are the guards and guides of the Tower of London. Up to the 1800s, they used to be paid part of their salary

Two famous London museums



The British Museum, famous for its vast collections of word art (ancient Egypt, Greece, China, ...)



The National Gallery: houses one of the greatest collections of European paintings





Abbey: the traditional place of Coronation and burial site of British monarchs

Saint Paul's Cathedral: designed by architect Sir Christopher Wren

Tower Bridge: it was originally the only bridge crossing over the Thames, and is a bascule bridge

