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The capital of the UK

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City of London (UK)

London is the capital of Great Britain and one of the largest cities in **Europe**, which is the world center of culture, music, education, fashion, politics, finance and trade. It is a bright and noisy metropolis with a dynamic life and a wonderful cosmopolitan atmosphere. **London** is one of the oldest cities in **Europe**, which has an amazing concentration of various attractions, historical and cultural monuments: luxurious palaces, historical buildings, towers, bridges, ancient churches, attractions and world-class museums. London was founded during the Roman Empire and throughout its rich history has been one of the most important cities in Europe. All the riches of the **United Kingdom** flocked here, so its capital has magnificent sights of various historical eras.

History capital UK

London is one of the most multifaceted cities in the world, which has absorbed not only the traditions of Britain, but also the cultures of many nationalities And peoples. This is a place of amazing diversity that can be discovered and



explored endlessly. **London** was founded by the Romans in 43 AD. A Roman settlement was built on the north bank of the Thames and was named Londinium. In 61 AD, Londinium was burned during the uprising of the Britons. In the 3rd century AD, the city became the capital of Upper Britain. At the beginning of the 5th century, the Romans left Britain, and Londinium was abandoned.

Position on the map

London is located on the flat territory of the London Basin. The highest point above sea level is Westerham Heights (245 m) in the extreme southeast of the city. London covers an area of about 1580 km².

London is located on the prime meridian, which is also often called Greenwich (after the name of the Greenwich Observatory, which is taken as a reference point of longitude). Around London, on an area of 554.7 thousand hectares (for 2011), there is a "green belt" created after the Second World War in order to prevent further sprawl of the city. The concept of "coordinates of the city" is conditional.

Traditionally, it is believed that the nominal center of London is located at the intersection of Eleanor Cross and Charing Cross. This place is located near Trafalgar Square.

Attractions

Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace is an iconic historical building that is a symbol of the British monarchy. The palace was built in 1837 and has been the official London residence of the British royal family since the reign of Queen Victoria. The most remarkable feature of this place is the changing of the guard of honor, which takes place in any weather at exactly 11:30.



Attractions

Tower

The Tower is one of the most famous historical monuments of Great Britain, included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. This mighty fortress was founded by William the Conqueror in the 11th century and is a witness to the rich history of London. This place has tried on many roles throughout its existence: from a gloomy prison to a palace, from a royal treasury to a menagerie. Now the Tower is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the United Kingdom and includes wonderful historical expositions.



Evidence

1. London has a well-developed public transport system. The most popular means of transportation in the city is the metro and buses. Interestingly, buses are faster and more efficient for short distances. Otherwise, it is better to use the subway. The metro consists of 11 lines and is divided into 9 zones. Zone 1 - Central London. Zones 6 and 9 are suburbs. The cost of one trip in Zone 1 is £4.90. With Visitor Oyster or Oyster cards - £2.40.
2. The most tasteless food, according to Londoners themselves, is in various steakhouses of the West End and in the vicinity of railway stations. If a cafe or restaurant has bright, flashy signs, polyglot waiters and menus in different languages, it is better to look for another place.

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