

The Tower of London



The Tower Origin

The Tower of London was built short time after the Battle of Hastings in 1066. It served as a castle, a prison, an armoury, a treasury, an observatory, a menagerie and now finally a museum.



Bloody History

Even kings and queens were imprisoned in the Tower. Some were executed and some were murdered.



Queen Anne Boleyn, the second wife of Henry VIII was beheaded in the Tower as well as his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.



People often see Ann's ghost walking around the Tower with her head under her arm.



The Crown Jewels

The Crown Jewels of the Queen are kept in the Tower of London.



They are silver and golden, decorated with sapphires, rubies, emeralds, pearls and diamonds.



The Ravens at the Tower

The ravens appeared at the Tower in the 17th century and the legend says that if they leave or die the country will fall.



England tries to save these birds during the bird flu infection in Europe. Since the end of February 2006, seven ravens live in the Old Brick Tower.



They have special de luxe cages and a team of people take care of them. Every day they have to fresh meat and biscuits dipped in blood. They get one rabbit every week served whole and they love hard-boiled eggs from time to time.



The luxury life is only for the best behaved ravens. When they die, they are buried in a special cemetery of the Tower of London and their names are recorded on the roll of honor.

