



London is the capital and most populous city of England and the United Kingdom.



- Greater London encompasses a total area of 1,583 square kilometres (611 sq mi), an area which had a population of 8.674 million in 2015. Modern London stands on the [Thames](#), its primary geographical feature, a [navigable](#) river which crosses the city from the south-west to the east.



- London has a temperate oceanic climate, similar to all of southern Britain. Summers are generally warm and sometimes hot. Winters are generally cool and damp with little temperature variation.



- London is one of the leading tourist destinations in the world and in 2015 was ranked as the most visited city in the world with over 65 million visits.



- London's buildings are too diverse to be characterised by any particular architectural style, partly because of their varying ages.



- **Trafalgar Square** is a public square in the [City of Westminster](#), [Central London](#), The site of Trafalgar Square had been a significant landmark since the 13th century and originally contained the [King's Mews](#).



The **National Gallery** is an [art museum](#) in [Trafalgar Square](#) in the [City of Westminster](#), in [Central London](#). Founded in 1824, it houses a collection of over 2,300 paintings dating from the mid-13th century to 1900.