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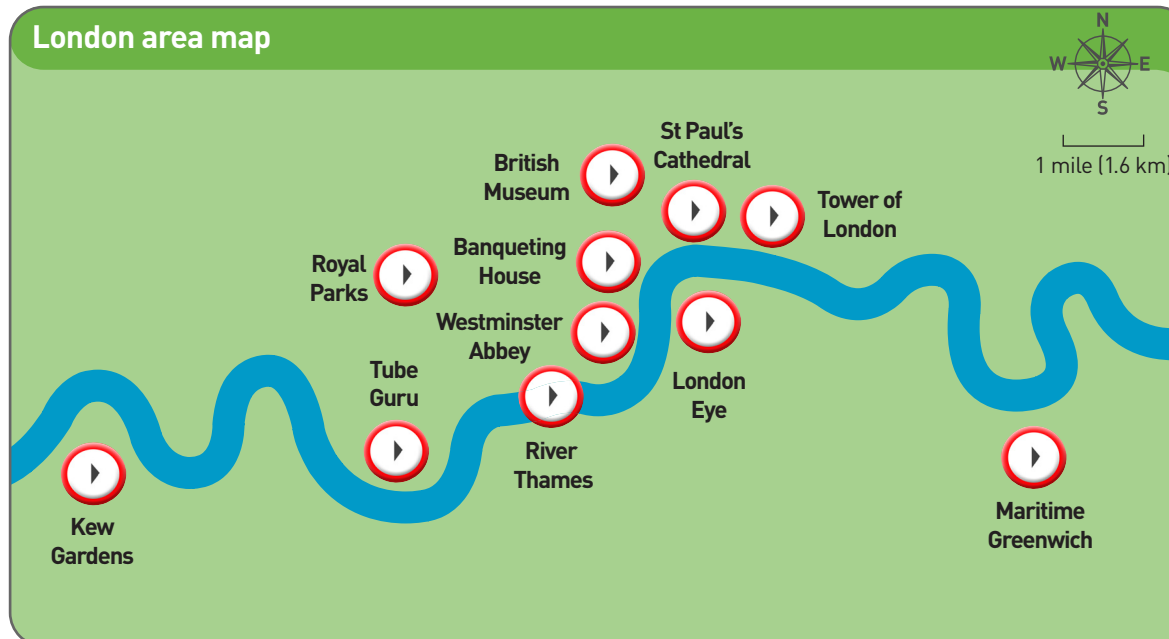
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Entrance prices & opening times

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London area map



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Where to Way2Go

Banqueting House & Whitehall

The Banqueting House was the very first building in England to use Renaissance architecture. Originally part of Whitehall Palace – the Sovereign’s London home, it is now all that remains of the enormous riverside complex. With a spectacular ceiling painted by Rubens, it staged extravagant theatre and was the site of King Charles I’s execution.

Whitehall, London, SW1A 2ER
24 hour information line:
+44 (0)844 482 7777
hrp.org.uk/banquetinghouse

The British Museum

How did a “collection of curiosities” become the world’s leading museum of mankind? The British Museum houses over 13 million objects spanning 2 million years and documents the story of human culture. And how objects such as the Rosetta Stone and Parthenon Sculptures ended up in the museum can be as enlightening as the objects themselves.

Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG
Information line: +44 (0)20 7323 8299 for general information about the museum.
Box office: +44 (0)20 7323 8181 for exhibition and event ticket booking.
britishmuseum.org

Kew Gardens

Once a back garden for three generations of the Royal family, the 300 acre World Heritage Site is now a global leader in botanic research and conservation. Among the breathtaking scenery are several iconic buildings such as the Palm House and Pagoda, as well as the most intimate of Royal homes, Kew Palace.

Kew Green, Kew, Richmond,
Surrey, TW9 3AB
24 hour information line:
+44 (0)20 8332 5655
kew.org

The London Eye

Instantly adopted as a 21st Century icon for the city, the London Eye might so easily have never been built at all! With views of up to 40 kilometers stretching beyond the city itself, London’s most popular visitor attraction fulfils a simple idea – lifting people to a great height – in a most elegant and enjoyable way.

Riverside Building, County Hall,
Westminster Bridge Road,
London, SE1 7PB
Information and bookings:
+44 (0)870 5000 600
(9am - 5pm seven days a week)
londoneye.com

Maritime Greenwich

How did a modest observatory become the centre of the world? Greenwich time and the Greenwich Meridian were crucial to Britain’s maritime power. Set in Royal parkland the World Heritage Site has a collection of historic sites connected with the sea including the Royal Observatory, the National Maritime Museum and the ship ‘Cutty Sark’.

National Maritime Museum – Romney
Road, Greenwich, London, SE10 9NF
Recorded information line:
+44 (0)20 8312 6565
nmm.ac.uk

Old Royal Naval College - Cutty Sark
Gardens, Greenwich, London, SE10 9LW
Information line: +44 (0)20 8269 4747
oldroyalnavalcollege.org/

The River Thames

Two thousand years ago, the Romans decided to build a bridge across the Thames as far downstream as they could. With that, London was born. Today, London Bridge still stands on the same spot and the vast city around it came about thanks to its “High Street” – the river, which made London a successful centre of global commerce.

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The Royal Parks

London is lucky to boast large expanses of green open space, right in the heart of the city. For this, we must thank Henry VIII who acquired the land for the Crown. Thanks to the Sovereign’s grace and favour, the public has free access to the parks, each with its own character, history and offering a wide range of amenities and activities.

General enquiries: +44 (0)20 7298 2000
royalparks.org.uk

St Paul’s Cathedral

Thanks to its architect Sir Christopher Wren, the first Anglican Cathedral has a feature from Catholic Rome – a dome. But St Paul’s has towered over the city for much longer than Wren’s church, being founded when Christianity arrived over 1400 years ago. The mediaeval St Paul’s was even bigger and was once the world’s tallest building.

St Paul’s Churchyard,
London, EC4M 8AD
General enquiry line:
+44 (0)20 7236 4128 / (0)20 7246 8350
stpauls.co.uk

The Tower of London

To some it was an opulent palace, to others it meant a gruesome fate. Nowhere else are such extremes of magnificence and misery. But as well as Royal Palace and state prison, the Tower stored the army’s weapons and gunpowder, minted the nation’s coinage, had a menagerie including elephants and tigers, and today houses the priceless Crown Jewels.

Tower Hill, London, EC3N 4AB
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hrp.org.uk/toweroflondon

Tube Guru

Considering it is the world’s first underground railway, the Tube can be thought of as a working museum. And an indispensable one at that. Many of the 3 million passengers paying for admission every day are unaware that in January 1863, a steam train puffed its way along the Metropolitan Line. It was the first of many pioneering achievements.

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Westminster Abbey

A thousand years ago, Westminster was a desolate, marshy island. But chosen as the site of a Royal palace and church, the scene was set for greatness. The Abbey has hosted every Coronation since 1066 and is the final resting-place of many including Kings, Queens, heroes, poets and the Unknown Warrior.

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westminster-abbey.org