The Tower of London FastFacts

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London
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.

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Before you Way2Go

The Tower of London
Tower HIll
London
EC3N 4AB

24-hour information line:
+44 (0)844 482 7777
hrp.org.uk/toweroflondon

Getting there

Nearest Tube station: Tower Hill
Nearest railway stations:
Fenchurch Street, London Bridge
Nearest Docklands Light Railway station – Tower Gateway

To plan your journey

Why not use the Transport for London website: tfl.gov.uk or call the 24 hour TFL Travel Information Line on: +44 (0)20 7222 1234.

Oyster Cards are available at most Tube and railway stations as well as some newsagents – just look for the blue Oyster sign. They can also be purchased before you arrive, through the Visit London website: visitlondon.com/travel/oyster

Entrance prices & opening times

For latest information please refer to the Tower of London website or call their 24 hour information line.

Combine your visit with the Ceremony of the Keys

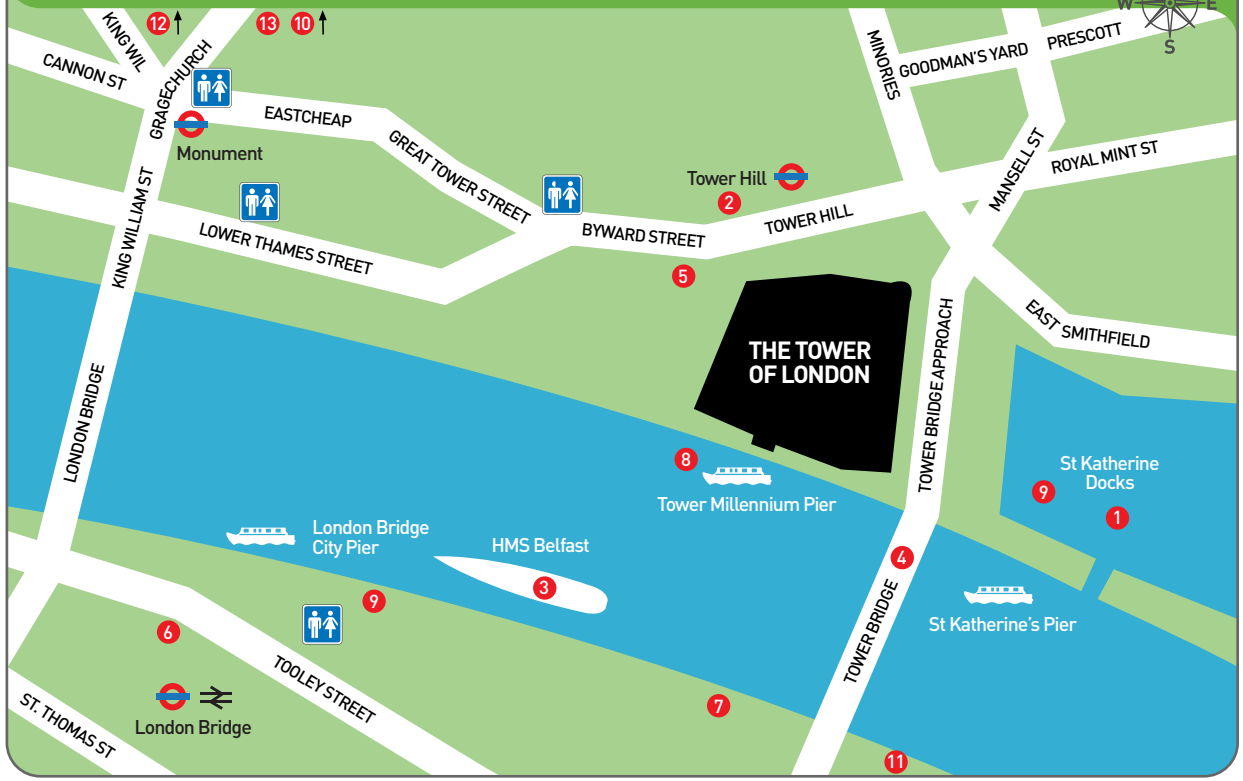
The traditional locking up of the Tower of London has taken place every night for at least 700 years. To witness this historic ritual, you need to apply in writing at least two months in advance. Telephone: +44 (0)20 3166 6278 or visit: hrp.org.uk/toweroflondon/whatson/ceremonyofthekeys

Need2Go?

Toilets with ramped access are situated behind the Waterloo Barracks. There are also toilets in Water Lane and beside the Beauchamp Tower.

Area map

51°30'28.87"N 0°4'33.84"W



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After you Way2Go

1 Stroll around St Katharine Docks
Formerly housing valuable cargos such as spices and wine, the warehouses around the marina now contain bars and restaurants.

St Katherine Docks, London, E1W 1TW
skdocks.co.uk/index.html

2 See where public executions took place
A plaque in Trinity Square Gardens marks the site of the scaffold. Nearby is the Tower Hill Memorial, commemorating members of the Merchant Navy who died during both World Wars.

Trinity Square, London, EC3 N4DH (adjacent to the Tower of London)

3 Visit HMS Belfast
The Second World War cruiser HMS Belfast is now a floating museum

Morgan's Lane, Tooley Street, London, SE1 2JH
Telephone enquiries:
+44 (0)20 7940 6300
hmsbelfast.iwm.org.uk

4 Tower Bridge Exhibition
Standing over the River Thames since 1894, Tower Bridge is one of the most recognisable bridges in the world. Learn about the bridge's history and visit the Victorian engine room.

Tower Bridge Exhibition,
Tower Bridge, London, SE1 2UP
General information:
+44 (0)20 7403 3761
towerbridge.org.uk/towerbridge

5 All Hallows by the Tower
The church was founded in the 7th century and has an exhibition including a Roman pavement in situ. There are free organ recitals on Thursday lunchtimes

All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street, London, EC3R 5BJ
Tel: +44 (0)20 7481 2928
allhallowsbythetower.org.uk

6 Need more gore?
A 15 minute walk away, the London Dungeon will provide it in abundance!

28-34 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2SZ
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7403 7221
thedungeons.com

7 Walk along the riverside
The best route is on the opposite (south) side of the river. Cross Tower Bridge and turn right (where you can take a great picture of the Tower). There are numerous attractions including events at the Scoop (an outdoor amphitheatre), shopping and eating at Hay's Galleria (a historic wharf where tea clippers once docked), Southwark Cathedral, Borough Market...

8 Take a boat trip
Boats leave from Tower Pier just outside the Tower's entrance. Take one to Greenwich and you go under Tower Bridge! See tfl.gov.uk for details

9 Hungry?
There's a wide choice of restaurants and cafés at St Katherine Docks and Hay's Galleria.

10 Dennis Severs' House
The word 'unique' is over-used but can be rightly applied here. Neither museum nor gallery - and although without music the experience has been compared with the greatest opera. The house gives the most vivid encounter with 18th century London life. Not suitable for children.

18 Folgate Street, Spitalfields, London, E1 6BX
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7247 4013
dennisseversshouse.co.uk

11 The Design Museum
A stylish museum housed in a former Thames-side warehouse, focusing on modern and contemporary design.

28 Shad Thames, London, SE1 2YD
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7403 6933
designmuseum.org

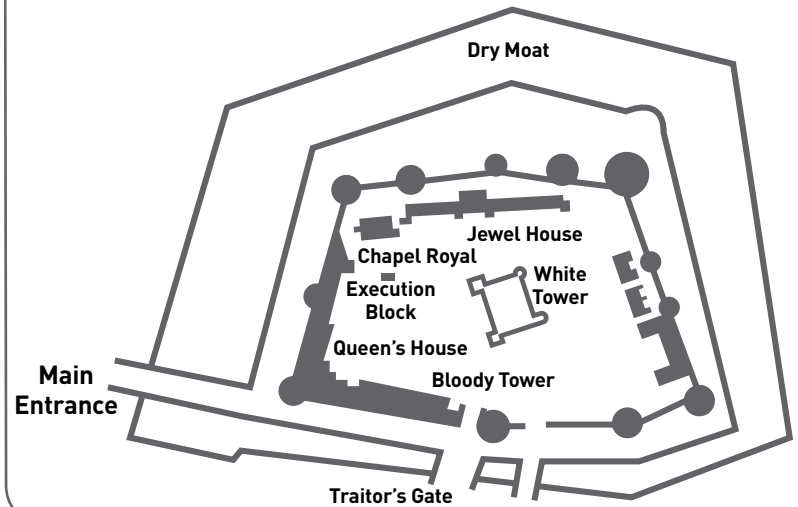
12 Luxury Shopping in the City
The Royal Exchange is home to some of the finest brands in the world, housed inside London's spectacular 19th century Stock Exchange building.

Bank, City of London, EC3V 3LR
theroyalexchange.com

13 Leadenhall Market
A covered market with shops, cafés and restaurants in a building that is itself a tourist attraction.

Gracechurch Street, London, EC3 3AP
leadenhallmarket.co.uk

Inside the Tower of London



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