



London sightseeing

This is **London**, the capital city of England and the United Kingdom.



The big wheel you can see is the **London Eye**. It's 135 meters high with 32 glass capsules. The wheel was opened in March 2000 to mark the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the new millennium.



Opposite the big wheel you can find the **Big Ben**, the famous clock tower, and the Palace of Westminster, also known as the **Houses of Parliament**. This is where the government meets.



One of the best things about London is its parks. In **Regent's Park** you have the largest grass area for sports in Central London. You can relax, walk and run in the park, but you can't cycle; only the police can do that!



This is the Trafalgar Square with the National Art Museum in the background. Nelson's column is a monument to Admiral Nelson who died at the battle of Trafalgar in 1815.



You can also visit the **British Museum** in Great Russel Street or **Saint Paul's Cathedral**.



Another feature of London is the changing of the guard, which takes place inside the grounds of **Buckingham Palace** everyday at 11 o'clock and lasts about 40 minutes.



You can take a boat along the Thames. This is **Tower Bridge**, it opens up for big boats and all the car traffic has to stop for about 15 minutes. You can also walk along the top bridge that joins the two towers.

Time certainly flies when you're travelling around London.....

TASK 1 – Are the following sentences **TRUE** or **FALSE**?

- 1) London is the capital of the United Kingdom.
- 2) The London Eye has got 135 glass capsules.
- 3) The government meets in the Big Ben.
- 4) In Regent's Park you can walk, run and cycle..
- 5) The changing of the guard last about 40 minutes.
- 6) The Tower Bridge opens up and cars stop

TASK 2 – Fill in the gaps with the sights:

Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, Regent's Park, Big Ben, London Eye, Buckingham Palace, Saint Paul's Cathedral

- 1) The famous clock
.....
- 2) The changing of the guard takes place there
.....
- 3) A famous church
.....
- 4) You can relax, walk or run there
.....
- 5) When it opens up, the traffic stops
.....
- 6) You can see Nelson's Column there
.....
- 7) It is 135 meters high
.....

TASK 3 – HOMEWORK (optional)

Choose one of London's famous sights and make a **poster** about it, with photos, drawings and information!!!