

3.6 Sightseeing

Vocabulary

Landmarks & attractions

- 1 a) Listen and say. Which of these attractions can a tourist visit in your town/city?

- aquarium • art gallery • amusement park
- zoo • palace • museum • public gardens
- library • castle • town hall • monument
- bridge

- b) Listen to three people talking about their visit. Which place in Ex. 1a did each person visit? Which words helped you decide?

Carol

Doug

Patty

Reading

- 2 a) Look at the map and the pictures. What do you know about these places? Where are they? What can someone see there?

- Listen and read to find out.

- b) Read the text and then write the names of the attractions of the words in bold.

- 1 There's a very big bell **there**. _____
- 2 Royalty used to live **there**. _____
- 3 You can enjoy stunning views of London from **there**. _____
- 4 You can see the Crown Jewels **there**. _____
- 5 It hosts famous works of art. _____
- 6 There's a glass tunnel in **it**. _____

- c) Choose the correct word.

- 1 London is well known for its new **additions/attractions**.
- 2 The **collection/selection** includes a lot of new paintings.
- 3 Just **relax/marvel** and enjoy the journey.
- 4 You can see amazing sights from the **pier/viewpoint**.
- 5 Jodie loves old things. She always wants to see **historical landmarks/modern art**.

London

City Sights Cruise

London has some world famous sights and attractions. Join us on one of our sightseeing cruises and relax as we travel along the river past historical landmarks, such as Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London. Marvel at new additions to the city, like the London Eye. On this wonderful cruise, see the city from a different perspective.

The London Eye

Westminster – Start the tour at Westminster Pier next to the Houses of Parliament. Its most famous tower is the Clock Tower, where you can see the famous bell Big Ben and listen to the huge 13-ton bell strike on the hour.

The London Eye – The London Eye is an observation wheel. You can see spectacular views of the city, including Buckingham Palace where the Queen lives.

London Aquarium – The aquarium is an impressive building where you can see Europe's largest collection of marine life. You can walk through the glass ocean tunnel and admire green turtles. At the end of the tunnel you can view amazing sharks.

Check these words

attraction, historical landmark, marvel, new addition, perspective, spectacular view, marine life, renovated, power station, date from

- 3 **THINK** Complete the sentence.

I'd like to visit _____ because _____.



Tate Modern – This is an art gallery that opened in 2000. Tate Modern is a renovated power station. It is one of four Tate Galleries in the UK where you can find international modern art.

Tower of London – The Tower has been home to kings and queens, prisoners, and even a collection of wild animals. It is also the place where you can see the English Crown Jewels.

Tower Bridge – This impressive bridge opens to allow boats to pass under it. You can visit the engine rooms and see how the bridge works or admire London from the high level walkways in the Tower Bridge exhibition. It is one of the newest bridges on the Thames, dating from 1894, and it is where we end our tour.

Grammar

Where (relative adverb)

- 4 a) Read the box. Find examples in the text.

We use **where** (= **in which**) to refer to places.

*This is the hotel **where/in which** we stayed last year.*

- b) Join the sentences using *where/in which*.

- Coco's is a café. We often have coffee there.
- This is the restaurant. My parents met here.
- New York is the city. I grew up there.
- Here's the gallery. My brother works here.
- Tate Modern is an art gallery. You can see a lot of paintings there.

Listening

- 5 Listen to two people talking about the Tate Modern art gallery. Complete the gaps.

Tate Modern

Open 1) _____ days a week

Sunday – 2) _____ : 10 am – 4 pm

Friday & Saturday: 10 am – 3) _____

Entrance 4) _____ (except for special exhibitions)

Current 5) _____ of Gauguin's work.

Everyday English

Making plans

- 6 Use the language in the box and the places in the brochure in Ex. 2a to act out exchanges, as in the example.

Asking	Responding
- Where would you like to go? - What would you like to do/see? - Is there anything special you want to see/do?	- I'd like to ... - I want to ... - Could we ...? - Nothing/Nowhere in particular. - I don't mind.

A: Is there anything special you want to do today?

B: Could we go to the Tower of London?

A: Sure, why not?

B: I also want to go to ... etc.

Writing

- 7 **ICT** Collect information about a city in your country to prepare a sightseeing brochure like the one in Ex. 2a. Write a short description of each place. Write:

- what the place is
- what it is famous for
- what you can see and do there