

# Sights in London

If you go to London, I am sure you will want to see all of the famous sights:



- Big Ben, the clock tower which is a cultural icon of the United Kingdom,

- Tower Bridge, which allows 40,000 people to cross the River Thames every day,



- The London Eye, Europe's tallest Ferris wheel and the highest public viewing point in London,

- The Tower of London, Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress, which houses all the royal regalia,



The Crown Jewels, including jewellery, plates, crowns, sceptres, and swords.

But how about seeing some other places too? Here are three amazing places you should see on your visit to London.





### 1. Churchill War Rooms

Do you want to know where the leaders of Britain worked during the Second World War? No, they didn't work in the Parliament every day – they controlled the situation in and outside the country from this underground centre located not far from the Parliament. The Churchill War Rooms were built just before the war started in 1939, so the government and Chiefs of the armed forces could use the underground headquarters immediately. There, they had huge maps (in the Map Room) on which they marked where fighting took place. Winston Churchill made his strategic decisions from that room, and he sometimes slept there too. However, as soon as the war ended in 1945, The Churchill War Rooms were closed and haven't been used by the government since then. The Rooms were open to the public in 1984. Later, they were redecorated, expanded and re-opened to visitors again in 2003.

**Decide which statement is true.**

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| A War Rooms are close to the Houses of Parliament.                     | True | False |
| B Winston Churchill spent many nights underground.                     | True | False |
| C Everyone could visit the War Rooms thirty years after the war ended. | True | False |



## 2. Thorpe Park

If you are tired of museums, sights and history, then why not spend a day at Thorpe Park, Britain's biggest and most famous amusement park. Thorpe Park is located on an island, near London, and has a water-based theme. The park's slogan is an island like no other. There is a large number of big roller coasters and thrill rides for you to enjoy. But be careful, many of the roller coasters go down into the water! Some of them even move backwards and in the dark, and other ones 'throw you in the air. There are also roller coasters which, like drop towers, take you high up above the ground and let you fall down with great speed. In 2016, a scary ghost train was added to the park. If you want to stay overnight, there is the Thorpe Shark Hotel. The entrance to the hotel looks like a shark's open mouth and the interior is all about the sea too.

**Decide which statement is true.**

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|---|------|-------|
| A It's one of the biggest and most famous parks in Britain. | True | False |
| B On some rollercoasters you can ride under water           | True | False |
| C You can spend a night in the hotel there.                 | True | False |





### 3. The London Dungeon

If you have a couple of hours to spare, visit the London Dungeon. It's a must. But be careful. It's really dark in there, and be prepared for a long walk. During the tour, you will see the fascinating past of London. This is not just another boring museum. What makes this place amazing is the fantastic re-enactments of the most important events of London's history. Do you want to know more about Guy Fawkes? Or Jack the Ripper? Do you want to experience what it was like to live through the Great Fire of London and see if YOU could survive it! The London Dungeon is a fun way to spend some time and also a good interactive educational experience too!

**Decide which statement is true.**

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|---|------|-------|
| A You go on foot when in The London Dungeon             | True | False |
| B You can enjoy a modern exhibition in the museum,      | True | False |
| C You can learn about some of London's disasters there. | True | False |