



# LONDON



# BIG BEN

Big Ben is the name given to the huge bell in the clock at the top of the Houses of Parliament. The clock has 4 faces on the Elizabeth Tower and is 55 metres high. Each clock face is 7 metres in diameter. The bell weighs 13.8 tonnes and is 2.2 metres tall. The clock has been ticking above London for over 150 years.





# TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge was built between 1886 and 1894. It is 224 metres long and consists of a road, walkways and 2 towers. The bridge connects the north and south side of London over the River Thames. Each tower is 65 metres high and the walkways are 40 metres above the river. Over 40 000 people use the bridge each day. The central part of the bridge can be raised up in order to allow ships to travel along the river although 24 hours notice is needed to raise the bridge. This is done around 1 000 times each year.





# THE LONDON EYE

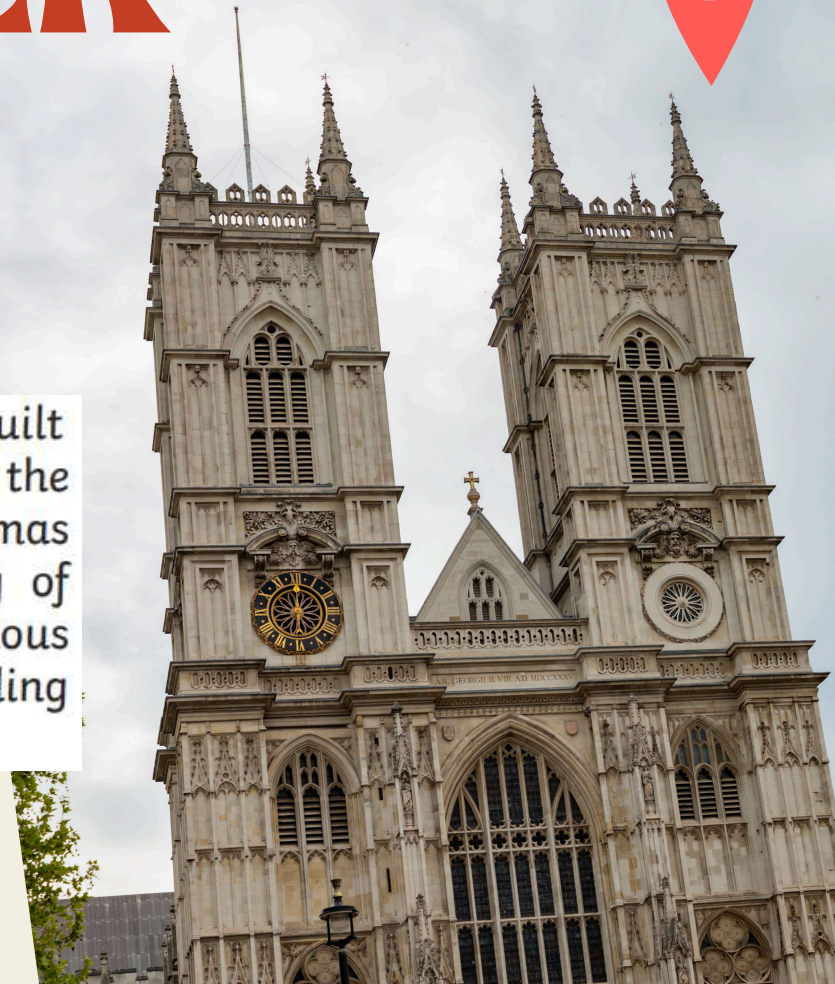


The London Eye is a huge Ferris wheel built on the banks of the River Thames. At the top of the wheel, views of over 35 miles can be seen. It takes 30 minutes to complete one full circle and because it moves so slowly, it doesn't need to stop to let people on or off. It took 7 years to make opening on 31st December 1999 and can carry 25 people in each capsule.

# WESTMINSTER ABBEY

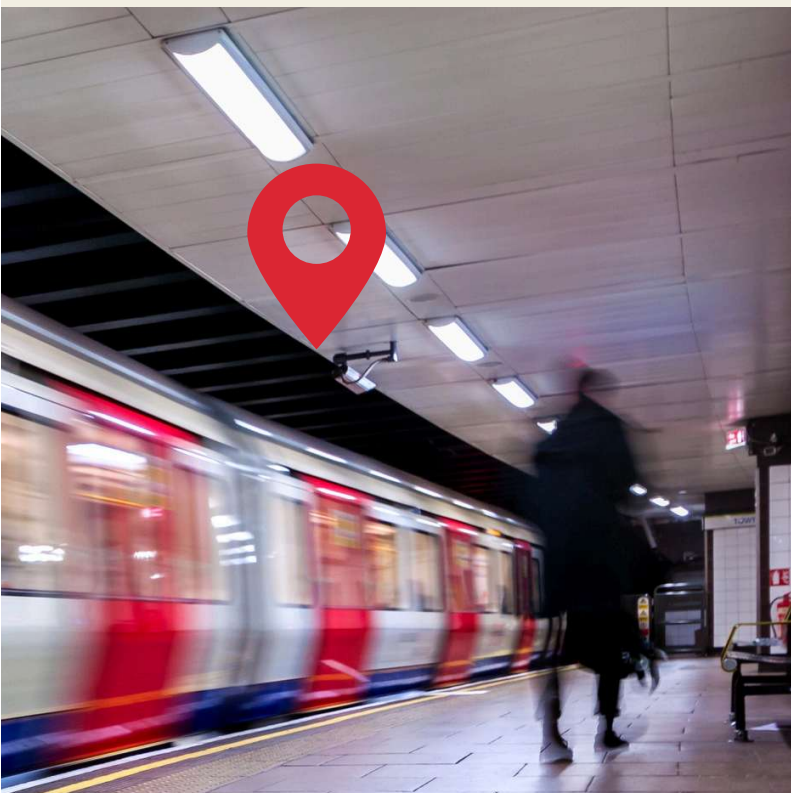


Westminster Abbey is a large Church in central London. It was built between 1245 and 1272. Over 3 000 famous people are buried in the abbey including Charles Dickens (author of Oliver Twist and A Christmas Carol) and Charles Darwin (Scientist best known for his theory of evolution). The abbey is used to crown British monarchs on the famous Coronation Chair and is also used to host many royal weddings including the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton in 2011.



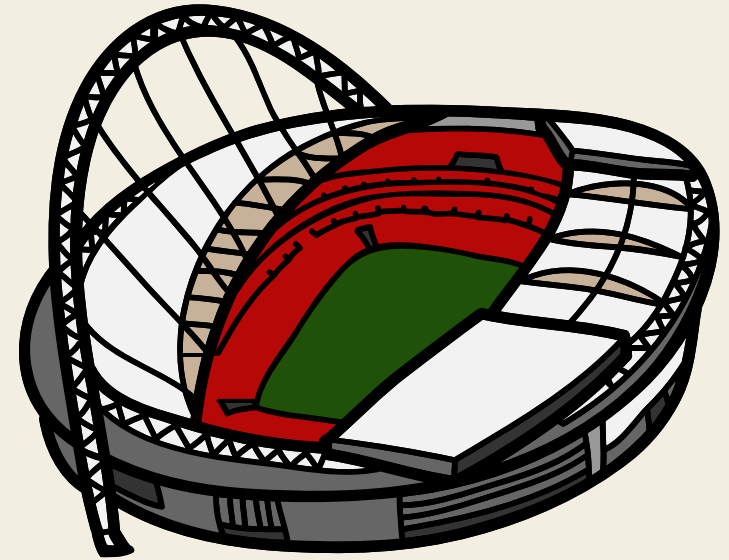


# LONDON UNDERGROUND



This is the oldest and largest railway network in the world. When it first opened, the carriages were wooden and pulled by steam trains. There are 250 miles of track and 287 stations. Even though it is called the underground, around half of the tracks are above ground. Around 5 million people use the underground each day. It is also known as 'The Tube'.

# WEMBLEY STADIUM



Wembley Stadium is a football stadium in north London which first opened in 1923. It was completely rebuilt in 2003 costing nearly £800 million. The stadium can hold 90 000 people and hosts, as well as the FA Cup Finals, American football, rugby and music concerts. The famous arch above the stadium is 440 ft high and has beacons to warn low flying planes that it's there. In the stadium there are over 2 500 toilets, 98 kitchens and 40 miles of seats.