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London, the capital of the United Kingdom, is a vibrant crossroads of history, culture, and innovation. With iconic landmarks like Big Ben and the Tower of London, along with an ever-evolving art and culinary scene, the city blends tradition with modernity, captivating millions of visitors each year

Big Ben, one of London's most recognizable symbols, is not actually the name of the entire tower but rather the enormous bell inside it. The tower, officially named Elizabeth Tower since 2012 in honor of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee, was completed in 1859 and is part of the Palace of Westminster. Inside, in addition to the 13.7-ton bell, lies one of the world's most precise clock mechanisms, powered by pendulums. Big Ben chimes the hours with its famous toll, a symbol of British resilience during World War II.

To admire London in all its beauty, one cannot miss riding the London Eye. The London Eye, a majestic Ferris wheel on the Thames, is one of London's most iconic attractions. Standing 135 meters tall with a circumference of 424 meters, it offers breathtaking views of the city. Its 32 capsules, each with seating for 25 people, allow visitors to take in the capital's major landmarks, including Big Ben, St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Palace of Westminster. Each rotation lasts about 30 minutes, providing a unique perspective of London, both day and night, and attracting millions of visitors every year.

Tower Bridge is another iconic London landmark, particularly striking at night. Built between 1886 and 1894, Tower Bridge spans 244 meters across the Thames. Originally designed to accommodate river traffic, it now functions both as a working road bridge and a tourist attraction. Its walkways offer panoramic views and an exhibition on the bridge's history.

Many people visiting London for the first time are unaware of the existence of navigable canals and their distinctive houseboats. London's navigable canals, such as Regent's Canal and Little Venice, offer a charming alternative to typical urban routes. Originally built for freight transport in the 19th century, they are now used for boat trips and scenic walks.

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Along the canals, colorful houseboats add a distinctive and lively touch to the landscape, providing both unique residences and cozy floating cafes, creating a delightful and relaxed atmosphere. From its majestic landmarks to the hidden gems of its canals and vibrant neighborhoods, the city offers unforgettable experiences. Visiting London means immersing yourself in a dynamic metropolis that captivates and inspires at every corner.

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