

# English Famous Sights



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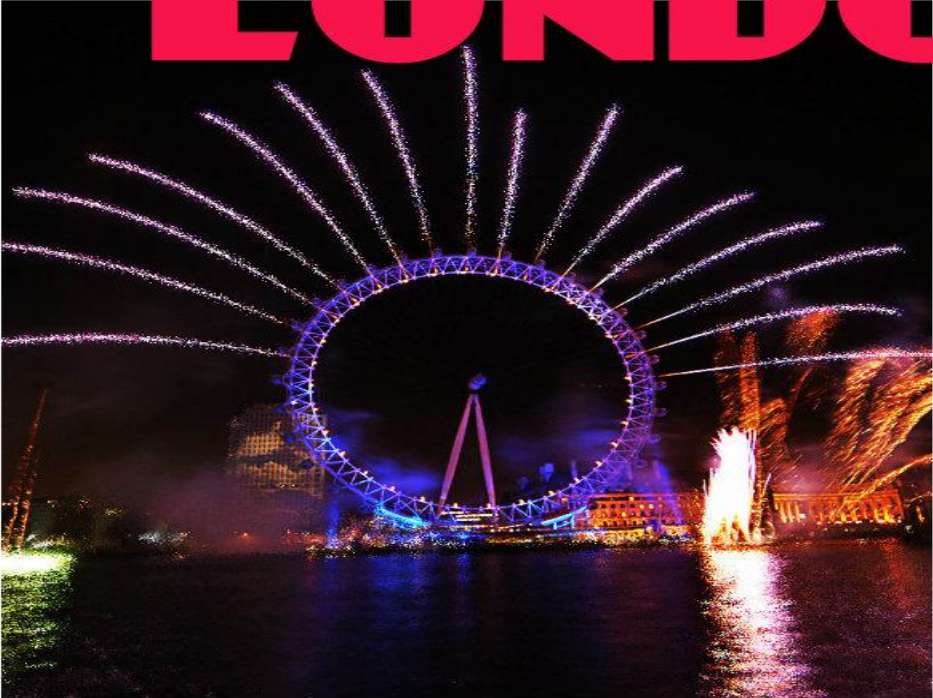
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# LONDON EYE



# The London Eye

- **The London Eye** is a giant [Ferris wheel](#) situated on the banks of the [River Thames](#) in [London](#).
- **The London Eye**, or Millennium Wheel, was officially called the British Airways London Eye and then the Merlin Entertainments London Eye.



# 360° view over London



You can see Buckingham Palace , St. Paul's Cathedral, the Houses of Parliament and other sights from it.

**The entire structure is 135 m tall and the wheel has a diameter of 120 m**



# History

The London Eye was designed by **architects** husband-and-wife **Julia Barfield and David Marks**.

The couple got the support of British Airways, who sponsored the project.



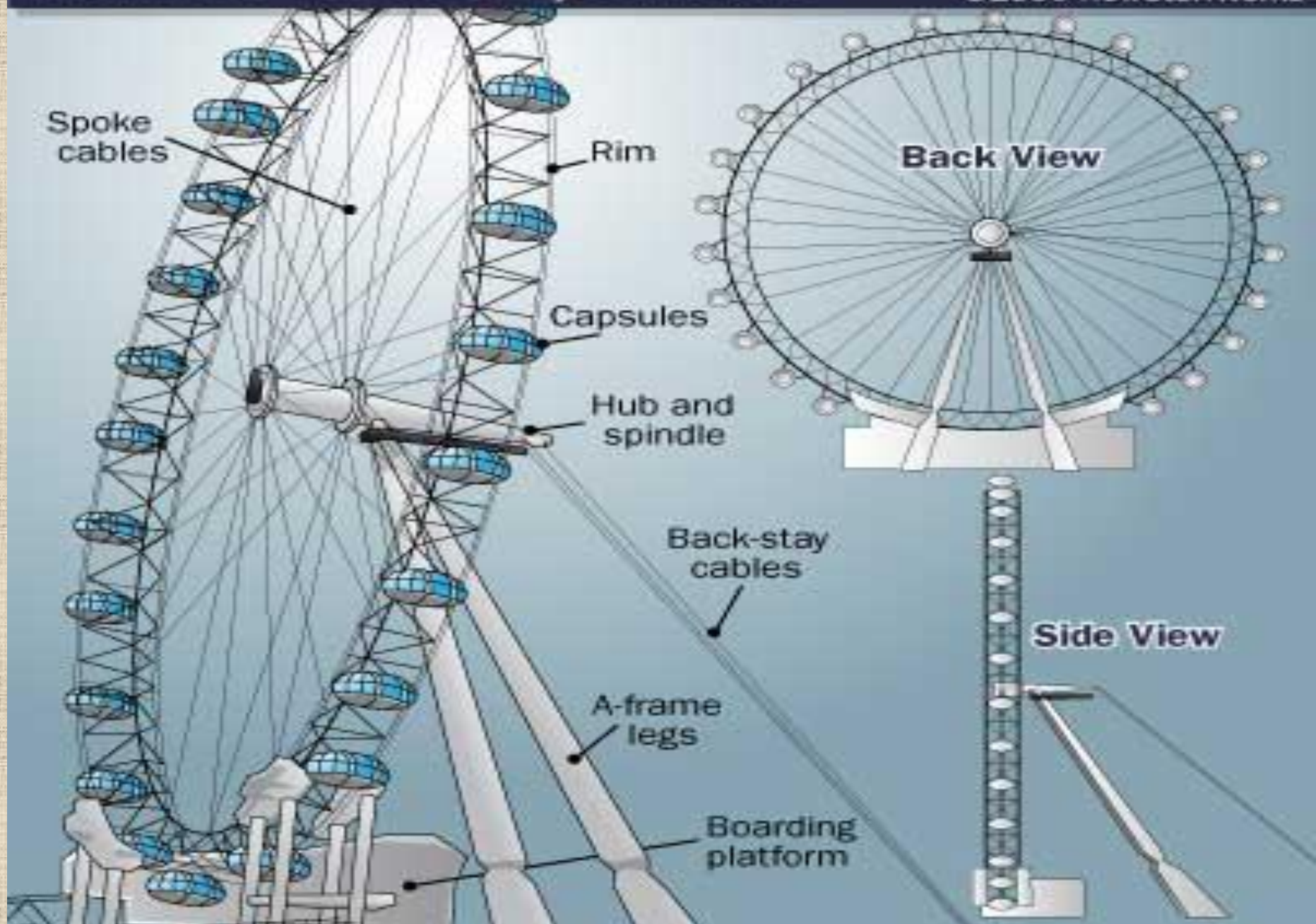
# Opening

The London Eye was formally opened by the then Prime Minister, Tony Blair, on December 31, 1999, although it was not opened to the public until March 9, 2000 because of the technical problems.



# How The London Eye Works

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# Construction



Its steel design forms an "A" shape.

The construction resembles a huge spoked bicycle wheel.





**Number of cabins: 32**

**Number of people: 25**

**Duration: 30 minutes**

# INTERESTING FACTS

The London Eye hosts many major events.

Such as every year the London Eye is part of London's new year celebration and used by small businesses for the conferences.



## London 2012: Olympic Torch reaches new heights on London Eye



Breathtaking: brave torch bearer Amelia smiles for the camera as she stands on top of a capsule on the London Eye

## London Eye hosted its 5,000th marriage proposal

Since the attraction opened in 2000, there have been 5,000 proposals that are known of, 512 weddings, 22 civil partnerships and about 1.5 million glasses of Champagne consumed.



# Weddings on the London Eye



## Celebrities draw inspiration from the visit of the London Eye

Supermodel  
**Kate Moss** has  
been on the  
London Eye **25**  
**times** – the  
record for a UK  
celebrity



## In addition: list of the largest Ferris wheels

1. Singapore Flyer (165 m, 28 capsules)
2. Star of Nanchang (160 m, 60 capsules, China)
3. **LONDON EYE (UK)** (135 m, 32 capsules)

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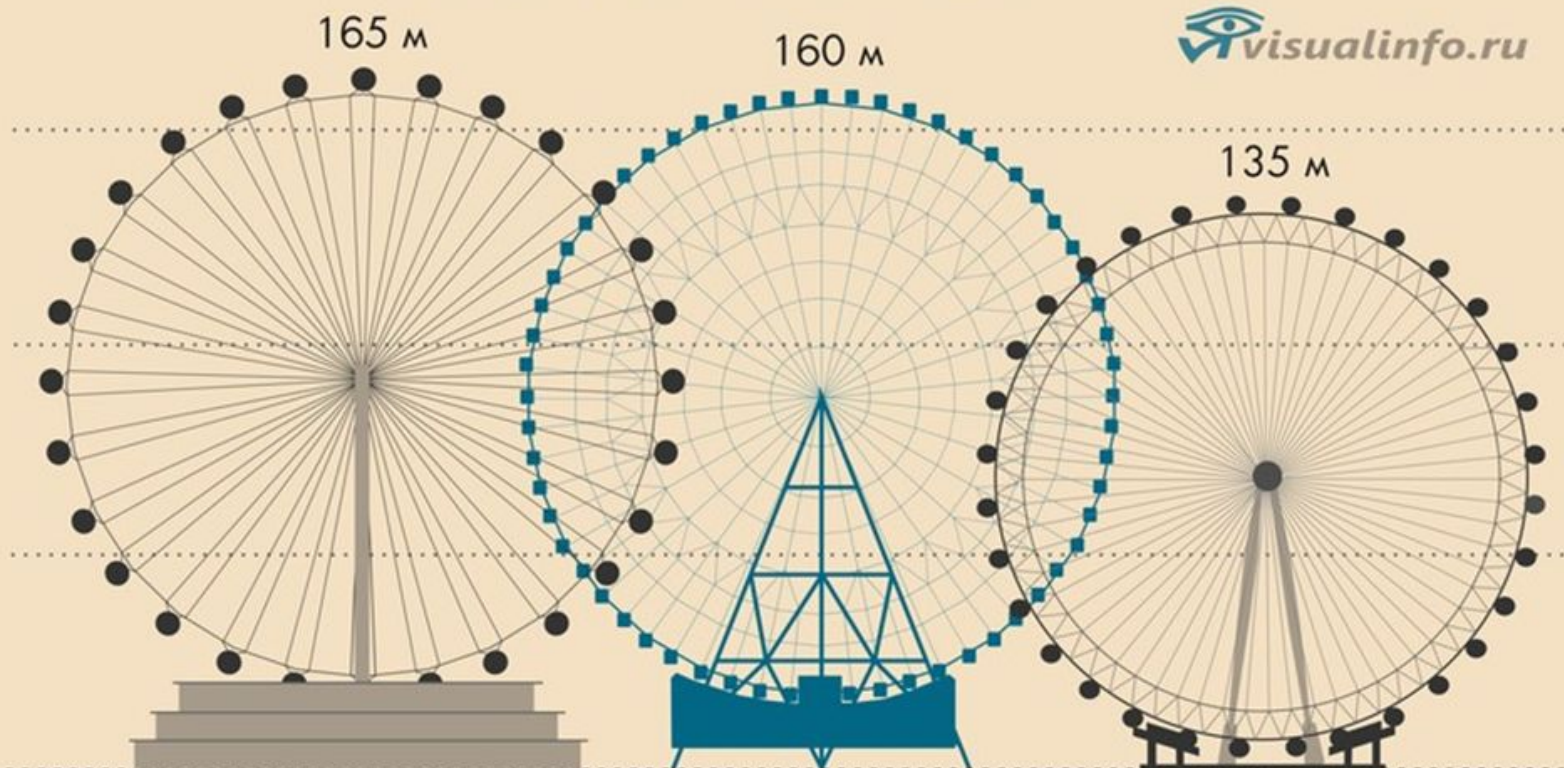


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**Singapore Flyer**  
(Сингапур)

**Star of Nanchang**  
(Китай)

**London Eye**  
(Англия)

Год открытия:	2008 г
Время оборота:	35 мин
Кол-во кабин:	28
Вместимость кабины:	28 чел

Год открытия:	2006 г
Время оборота:	30 мин
Кол-во кабин:	60
Вместимость кабины:	8 чел

Год открытия:	2000 г
Время оборота:	30 мин
Кол-во кабин:	32
Вместимость кабины:	25 чел

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**Thank you!**

# *Resources:*

- web.ru/anglijskij-jazyk/london-eye.html
- london\_eye.pptx
- <http://www.myshared.ru>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London Eye](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London_Eye)
- <http://yandex.ru/images/search>