



LONDON

A nighttime photograph of the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben in London. The buildings are illuminated with warm yellow lights, and their reflection is visible in the dark water of the River Thames. The sky is a deep blue, and a small crescent moon is visible. The word "LONDON" is overlaid in large, white, serif capital letters across the lower half of the image.

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- **London** is the capital and most populous city of England and the United Kingdom, as well as the most populous municipality in the European Union. Standing on the River Thames in the south east of the island of Great Britain, London has been a major settlement for two millennia. It was founded by the Romans, who named it Londinium. London's ancient core, the City of London, largely retains its 1.12-square-mile (2.9 km<sup>2</sup>) medieval boundaries.



- London is a leading global city in the arts, commerce, education, entertainment, fashion, finance, healthcare, media, professional services, research and development, tourism, and transportation. It is one of the world's leading financial centres and has the fifth- or sixth-largest metropolitan area GDP in the world.





An aerial photograph of the London skyline at dusk. The Shard, a tall, pointed skyscraper, stands prominently in the background. In the foreground, the London Eye, a large circular Ferris wheel, is visible on the left. The River Thames flows through the center, with several boats and a bridge in the distance. The sky is a mix of blue and orange from the setting sun.

London consists of four parts  
which differ from one another:

- the City
- Westminster area (or the City of Westminster)
- the West End
- the East End



BIG BEN



**Big Ben** is the nickname for the Great Bell of the clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London and is usually extended to refer to both the clock and the clock tower as well. The tower is officially known as **Elizabeth Tower**.

A British cultural icon, the tower is one of the most prominent symbols of the United Kingdom and is often in the establishing shot of films set in London





WESTMINSTER ABBEY





**Westminster Abbey**, formally titled the **Collegiate Church of St Peter at Westminster**, is a large, mainly Gothic abbey church in the [City of Westminster](#), London, just to the west of the [Palace of Westminster](#). It is one of the United Kingdom's most notable religious buildings and the traditional place of coronation and burial site for English and, later, British monarch



# PALACE OF WESTMINSTER





The **Palace of Westminster** is the meeting place of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, the two houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom.



# BUCKINGHAM PALACE



**Buckingham Palace** is the London residence and administrative headquarters of the reigning monarch of the United Kingdom. Located in the City of Westminster, the palace is often at the centre of state occasions and royal hospitality. It has been a focal point for the British people at times of national rejoicing and mourn



**Madame Tussauds** is a wax museum in London with smaller museums in a number of other major cities. It was founded by wax sculptor Marie Tussaud. It used to be known as "Madame Tussaud's"; the apostrophe is no longer used. Madame Tussauds is a major tourist attraction in London, displaying waxworks of famous people.







