

London's parks



London is one of the most green and beautiful cities. London parks are a part of traditional tourists route. A specific of London parks is that they are united and turn to each other as boulevards in Moscow. St James Park, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, Green Park, Regents park.... There's really a great number of parks in London, so I will tell you only about some of them.

St James Park



is located in the heart of London on the area of 23 hectares and is formed on the site of the royal hunting grounds. It is named in memory of the once stood here almshouse named St. Jacob (James). This park appeared instead of a swamp, which was drained.



Charles II made the park opened for everybody, and he himself was a frequent visitor of the park. Now the park is usually used as a place for royal picnics.





Hyde Park



is one of
the Royal
Parks of
London,
united
together in
a single
large
green area
in the
center of
the city.





The history of the park began in 1536 when Henry VIII took away large lands from Westminster Abbey to use them for hunting.

In 1730, the park got an artificial pond shaped like a snake, and named the Serpentine.





In 1970 a famous Serpentine Gallery appeared in the park, so that people could get acquainted with the art of XX-XXI centuries.

In the northeastern part of the park is the famous
Speakers Corner.



Since 1872, when Britain passed a law allowing all who wish to assemble and orate on any topic, including discussion of the royals, this corner was never empty.



Green Park



is located between London's Hyde Park and St. James Park. It has no any water – no lakes or rivers. The whole area of the park - the overgrown meadows.



Greenwich Park



is an old hunting park in Greenwich and one of the largest green areas in the south-east London. It offers beautiful views of the River Thames, and the Isle of Dogs in London.

The park is opened at 6 am, so you can have morning your train there.



There's situated a beautiful rosary.



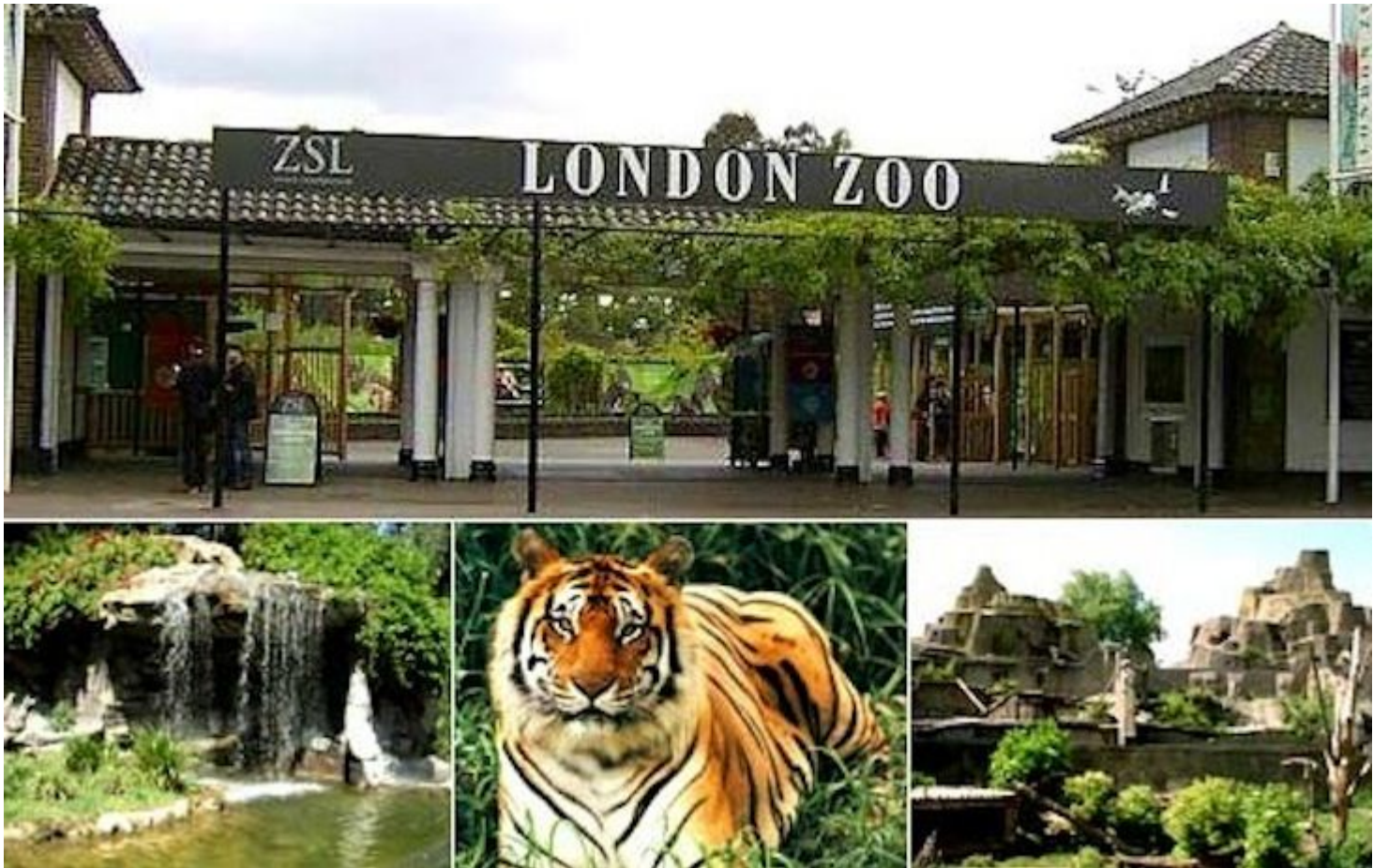
And you can meet a dear here.



Regents park



is famous for London Zoo which is situated here.



Here are organized music open-air festivals.

