# London Architectural Icons

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## Old and new landmarks of London

### The Tower of London

The Tower of London is one of the oldest structures in London dating back to the year 1080 when the oldest original sections of the castle were built by William the Conqueror. The Tower of London has a long history with the Royal family and being a prison. The Tower of London also houses the crown jewels which are for the use by Queens and Kings during their coronations.

The very beginnings of London originate at this historic landmark which holds over 900 years worth of history in London from the past to the present day.

### Westminster Abbey

Westminster Abbey, another famous architectural landmark in London which is also one of the oldest standing structures in the city. The very original building was first constructed in 1065 by William the Conqueror as a church and most of the building was rebuilt and extended in 1225 by Henry III. More rebuilding and structures were added onto Westminster Abbey in 1376 under Richard II rule. Between the year 1722 and 1745 the western towers were then added onto the building.

Westminster Abbey has a long history with the royal family since it's establishment, every royal coronation since has been held in the building while the most recent coronation was Queen Elizabeth's II which took place on June 2nd 1953. Since 1953 Queen Elizabeth has been serving as the Queen of England for 67 years.

### The London Eye

The London Eye is the 4th largest observation wheel in the world. Located in central London along the Thames river the London Eye has become one of the most recognizable landmarks in London.

The London eye can also be viewed as the beginning of the new age of architecture and ideas in 21st century London.

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