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London Travel Guide

"From Bucket lists to boarding passes!"

Before You Go

Best times: Spring and autumn are mild; summer is lively but crowded; winter is festive but chilly.

Money: The United Kingdom uses the British Pound (£). Contactless card payment is the standard everywhere.

Transport: Use an Oyster card or contactless payment for the Tube, buses, and trains.

Reservations: Book major attractions like the Tower of London or West End shows well in advance.

First-Timer Must-Sees

Tower of London: Explore history and see the Crown Jewels.

British Museum: A massive, world-class collection—pick a few galleries to focus on.

Buckingham Palace: Catch the Changing of the Guard (check schedules).

South Bank: Walk along the Thames for views of the London Eye, Tate Modern, and Shakespeare's Globe.

Westminster: See Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, and Westminster Abbey.

Getting Around

The Tube: The fastest way to travel across London. Keep right on escalators!

Buses: Take a red double-decker bus for a scenic, affordable way to see the city.

Walking: Central London areas like Covent Garden and Soho are best explored on foot.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

Underestimating distance: London is huge—check a map before assuming two locations are "near" each other.

Tube Etiquette: Always stand on the right of the escalator and have your payment ready at the gates.

Ignoring the rain: Always carry a light umbrella or waterproof jacket, even if it looks sunny.

| Food & Culture

Try: Fish and chips, afternoon tea, a Sunday roast, and diverse international cuisine.

Dining: Pub food is often great value; look for "gastropubs" for higher-quality meals.

Tipping: A 12.5% service charge is often added to restaurant bills; check before adding more.

Practical note: Attraction hours, transit fares, and entry rules can change—verify details before your trip.