

London is the capital city of England and the United Kingdom. Located on the River Thames. London has been a major settlement for two millennia. London is a leading global city, with strengths in the arts, commerce, education, entertainment, fashion, finance, healthcare, media, professional services, research and development, tourism and transport all contributing to its prominence. In 2012, London became the first city to host the modern Summer Olympic Games three times.

London had an official population of 8,174,100. London has a diverse range of peoples and cultures, and more than 300 languages are spoken within its boundaries.

London contains four World Heritage Sites: the Tower of London, Kew Gardens, Palace of Westminster, Westminster Abbey and St. Margaret Church.

Other famous landmarks include: Buckingham Palace, the London Eye, Tower Bridge, Trafalgar Square. London is home to numerous museums, galleries, libraries, sporting events and other cultural institutions.

The London Underground is the oldest underground railway network in the world.

