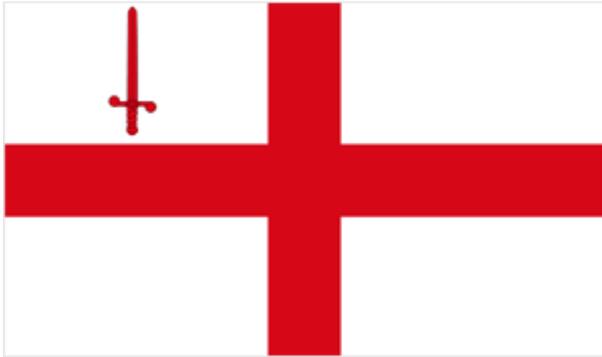


LONDON



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FLAG OF THE CITY OF LONDON



The flag of the City of London is based on the flag of England, having a centred red St George's Cross on a white background with a red sword in the upper left quarter.

The sword is believed to represent the sword that beheaded Saint Paul who is the patron saint of the city.

TUDOR LONDON

London became the capital of what it would be a large empire.



**William Shakespeare,
1564 - 1616.**

It is worldwide known the Tudor king **Henry VIII**, who **separated from the Roman Church** and began Anglicanism.

At this time **William Shakespeare** lived (1564-1616). He was an English poet and playwright and is regarded as the greatest writer in the English Language. He wrote famous plays as Hamlet, King Lear and Macbeth.

THE STATUE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES



It stands near the site of the fictional detective's home at 221B Street.

It was unveiled on 23rd September 1999.

The statue is outside Baker Street tube station.



POPULAR SPORTS



CRICKET

London has two Test cricket grounds: Lord's and The Oval.

- Lord's is widely referred to as the "Home of Cricket" and is home to the world's oldest sporting museum.
- The Oval became the first ground in England to host international Test cricket in September 1880.

Cricket is very well organised and established within London and is the second most popular sport after football.

TENNIS

The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, home of the Wimbledon Championships, is in Wimbledon in south London.

London is also home to Queen's Club, a prestigious sports club that hosts the annual Queen's Club Championships.

There is also the National Tennis Centre recently opened by the Queen in Roehampton.

TOP TOURIST ATTRACIONS

THE LONDON EYE



It's a big, modern panoramic wheel on the banks of the River Thames, near Big Ben.

It's 135 metres tall and you can see nearly all of London from it.

TOWER BRIDGE



It's a symbol of London.
It's a bridge for traffic and pedestrians over the River Thames.

It's over 100 years old. The towers are 43 metres high and there is a museum inside them.

The bridge opens when big ships go along the river.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE



When the Queen is in London, she lives there and you can see her flag flying on the roof.

It's a beautiful, big palace with enormous gardens at the back.

There are always crowds of people outside the palace watching *The Changing of the Guard*.

You can visit only a part of Buckingham Palace.

OXFORD STREET



Oxford Street is a long street full of shops.

In fact you can find all the new fashions.

It's so exciting because it's full of young people from all over the world.

TRAFALGAR SQUARE



Trafalgar Square commemorates Admiral Nelson's victory in the Battle of Trafalgar against Napoleon in 1805. Nelson's Column is the centre of the square.

THE TOWER OF LONDON



The Tower of London is a historic castle located on the north bank of the River Thames in central London .

It was founded towards the end of 1066 as part of the Norman conquest of England. The white tower was built by William the conqueror in 1078.

The castle was used as a prison from 1100 until 1952.

BIG BEN



Big Ben is the nickname of a bell that rings in the clock tower at the northern end of House of Parliament in Westminster.

It was called Clock Tower, but in 2012 was called Elisabeth Tower.

As a tribute to the queen most people call the tower “big Ben”, because it is very large.