

# Ten Must-See Sights in London by Karen Roach

London is a city with a wealth of historical and cultural attractions. From iconic landmarks to hidden gems, there's something for everyone in this vibrant metropolis. In this article, we'll take a look at ten of the must-see sights in London that you won't want to miss.



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## 1. Big Ben

No trip to London would be complete without a visit to Big Ben, one of the most iconic landmarks in the world. This colossal clock tower is part of the Palace of Westminster and is a symbol of British democracy. You can take a tour of the tower and climb to the top for breathtaking views of London.



## 2. Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace is the official residence of the British monarch. This grand palace is open to the public during the summer months, and visitors can take a tour of the State Rooms and the Royal Mews. You can also watch the Changing of the Guard ceremony, which takes place outside the palace every day at 11am.



Buckingham Palace, the official residence of the British monarch

### **3. Tower of London**

The Tower of London is a historic fortress that has been used as a royal palace, a prison, and a treasury over the centuries. Today, the Tower of London is a popular tourist attraction, and visitors can explore its many towers and dungeons. You can also see the Crown Jewels, which are kept in the Tower under heavy guard.



#### **4. Trafalgar Square**

Trafalgar Square is a public square in London that commemorates the Battle of Trafalgar, a British naval victory over the French and Spanish in 1805. The square is dominated by Nelson's Column, a monument to Admiral Horatio Nelson, who died at the Battle of Trafalgar. Trafalgar Square is a popular gathering place for tourists and locals alike.



Trafalgar Square, a public square in London

## 5. London Eye

The London Eye is a giant Ferris wheel that offers stunning views of London. The wheel is located on the South Bank of the River Thames, and it takes about 30 minutes to complete one rotation. You can book a ticket to ride the London Eye in advance, or you can just turn up on the day.



## **6. Westminster Abbey**

Westminster Abbey is a historic church that has been the coronation church for British monarchs for over 900 years. The abbey is also the burial place of many famous people, including kings, queens, and poets. You can take a tour of Westminster Abbey and explore its many chapels and tombs.



Westminster Abbey, a historic church in London

## **7. Hyde Park**

Hyde Park is one of London's largest and most popular parks. The park is a great place to relax, have a picnic, or go for a walk. You can also visit the Serpentine Gallery, which hosts contemporary art exhibitions.



## **8. British Museum**

The British Museum is one of the world's largest and most comprehensive museums. The museum houses a vast collection of artifacts from around the world, including the Rosetta Stone, the Elgin Marbles, and the Hoa Hakananai'a. You can spend hours exploring the British Museum, and it's a great place to learn about different cultures and civilizations.



The British Museum, one of the world's largest and most comprehensive museums

## **9. National Gallery**

The National Gallery is home to one of the world's finest collections of paintings. The gallery houses works by some of the greatest artists in history, including Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Rembrandt. You can spend hours wandering through the National Gallery, and it's a great place to appreciate the beauty of art.



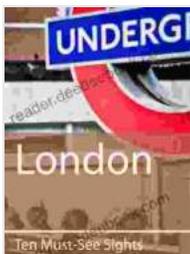
## 10. Tate Modern

Tate Modern is a modern art museum that houses works by some of the most important artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. The museum is located in a former power station, and it's a great place to see how modern art has evolved over the years.



Tate Modern, a modern art museum in London

These are just a few of the many must-see sights in London. With its rich history and vibrant culture, London is a city that has something to offer everyone. Whether you're interested in architecture, art, history, or just



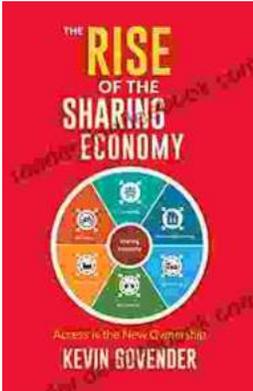
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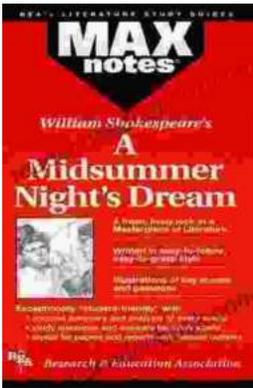
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