

Westminster

Westminster is the political center of London. It is that part of London where there are a lot of offices and political buildings.



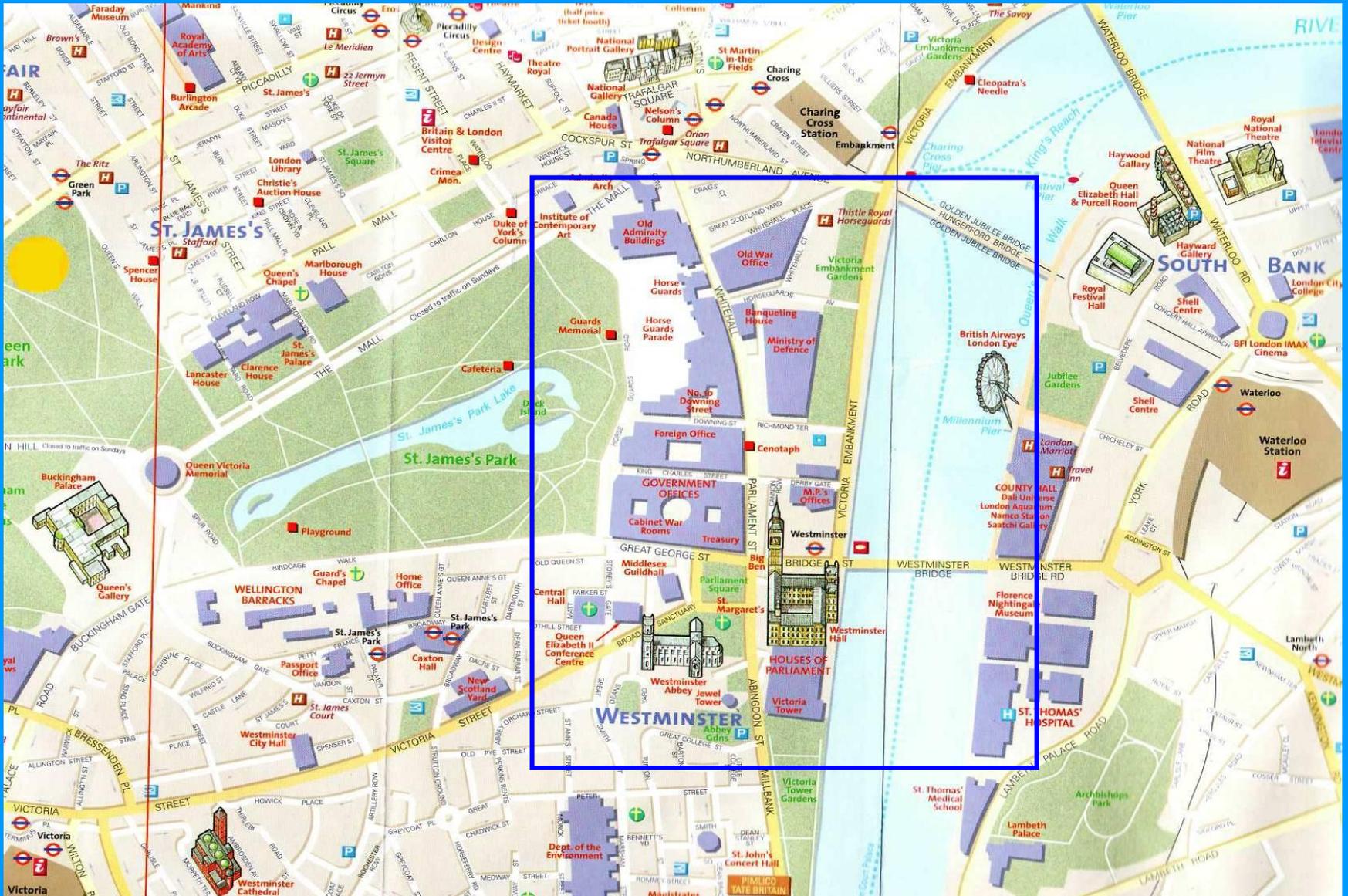
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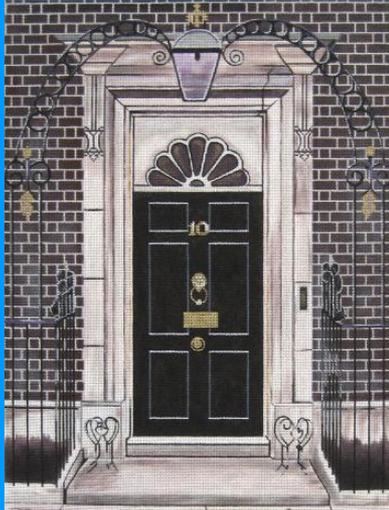
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If you go down Whitehall from Trafalgar Square on the right you will see a small street where the British Prime Minister lives. He lives at number 10 Downing Street.



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Westminster Abbey



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Westminster Abbey is on the other side of Parliament Square. It's a symbol of England. Westminster Abbey is very old – more than nine hundred years old. The coronation of all British kings and queens takes place in it. Many English kings and queens are buried here.

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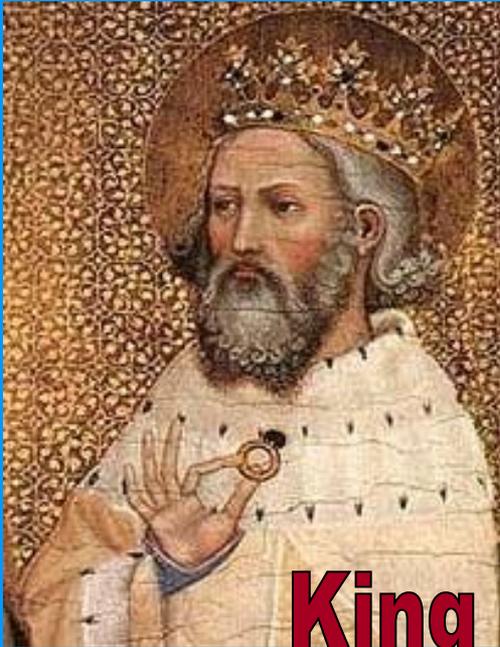


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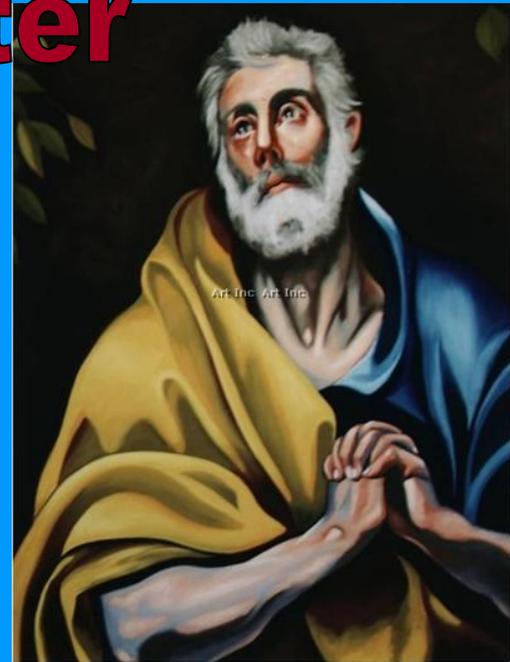


The legend says that Westminster Abbey was founded (было основано) by St Peter himself. We know that Westminster Abbey was built by King Edward in 1065.



King Edward

St Peter

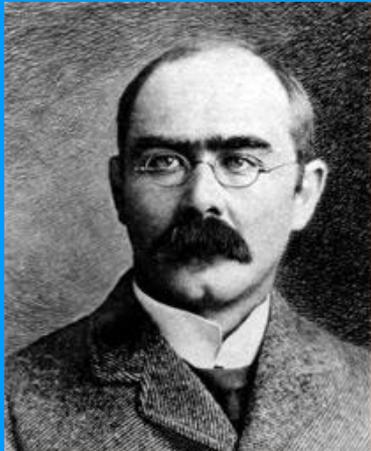


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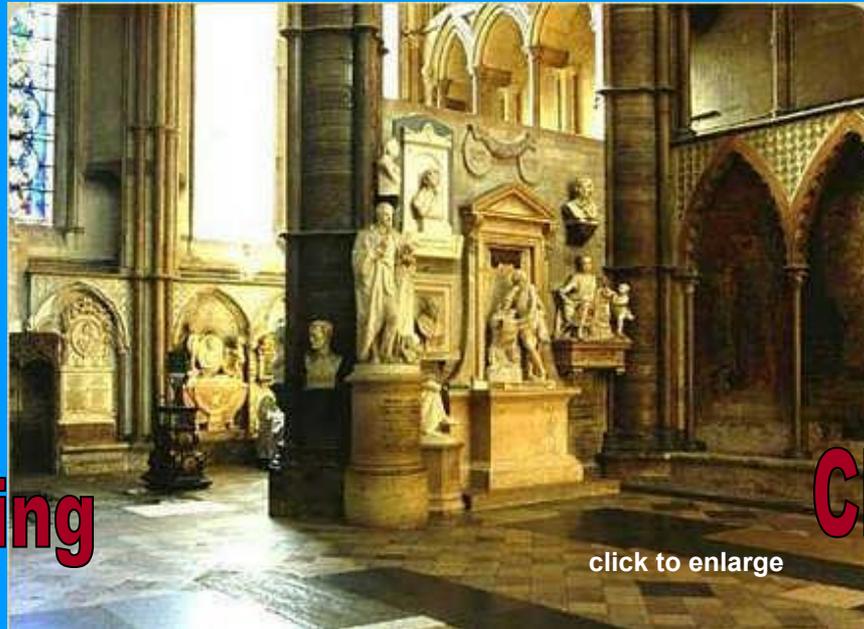
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Some English famous people are buried in Westminster Abbey. There is Poet's Corner in the Abbey. Many great writers are buried there. For example, Charles Dickens and Rudyard Kipling.



Rudyard Kipling



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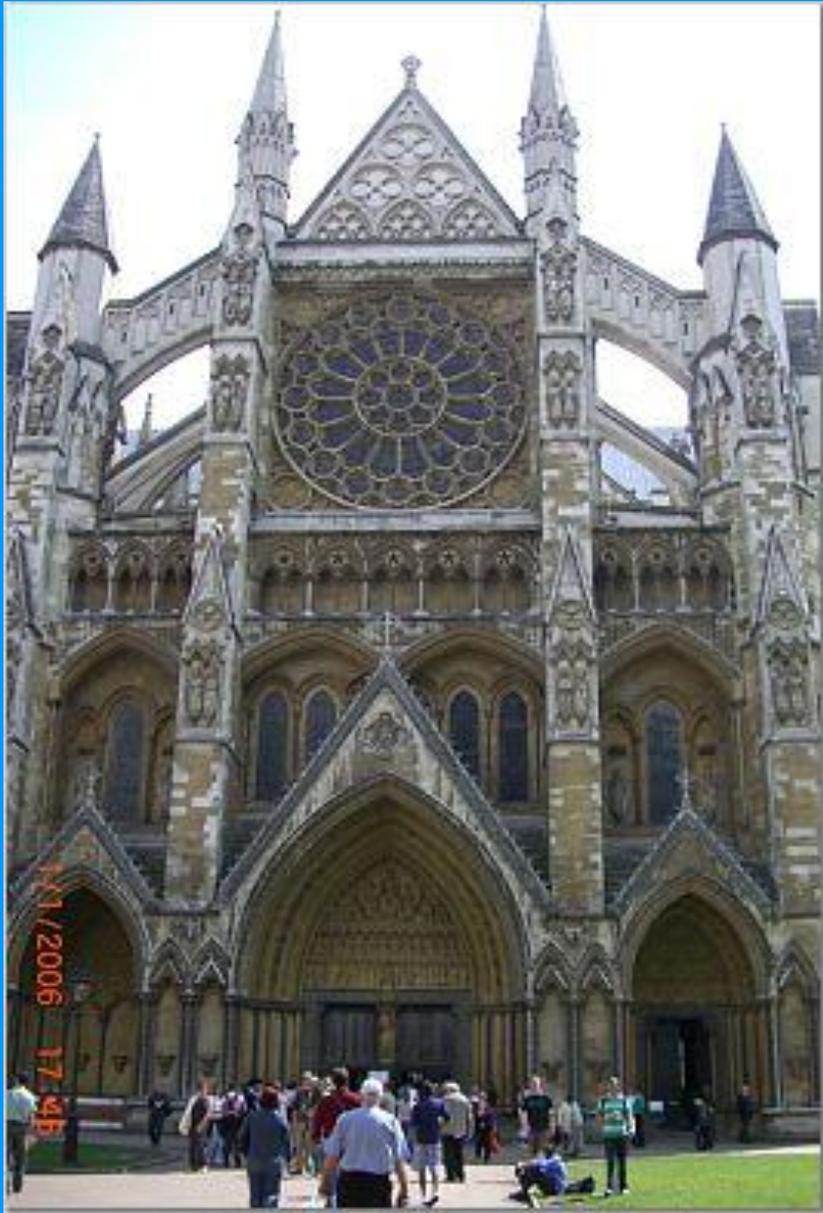


Charles Dickens

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The Abbey with its two tall towers are really wonderful.

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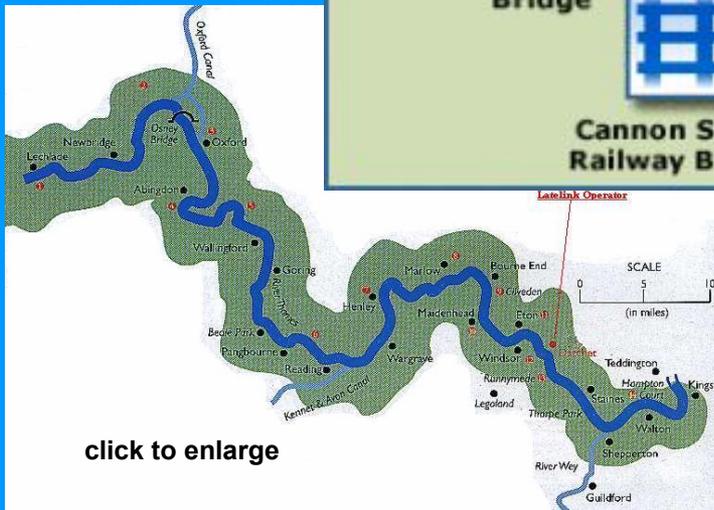
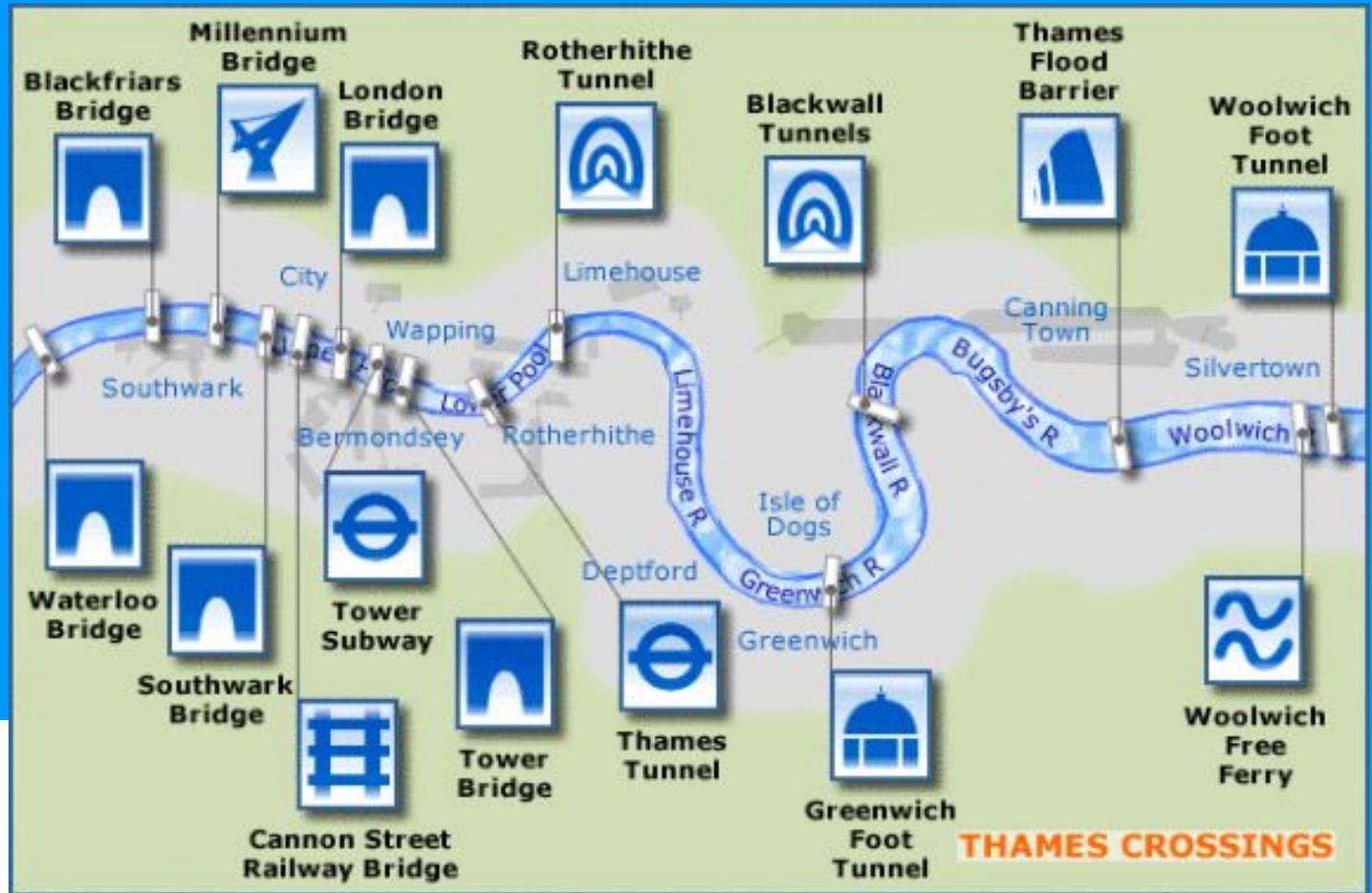
The river Thames is the second largest river in Great Britain. Its 346 kilometers long. The Thames has always been the part of London's history. In Roman times Londinium was a small town with the river Thames in the middle. Nowadays London is a large city but the Thames is still in its center. There are more than twenty bridges over the Thames.

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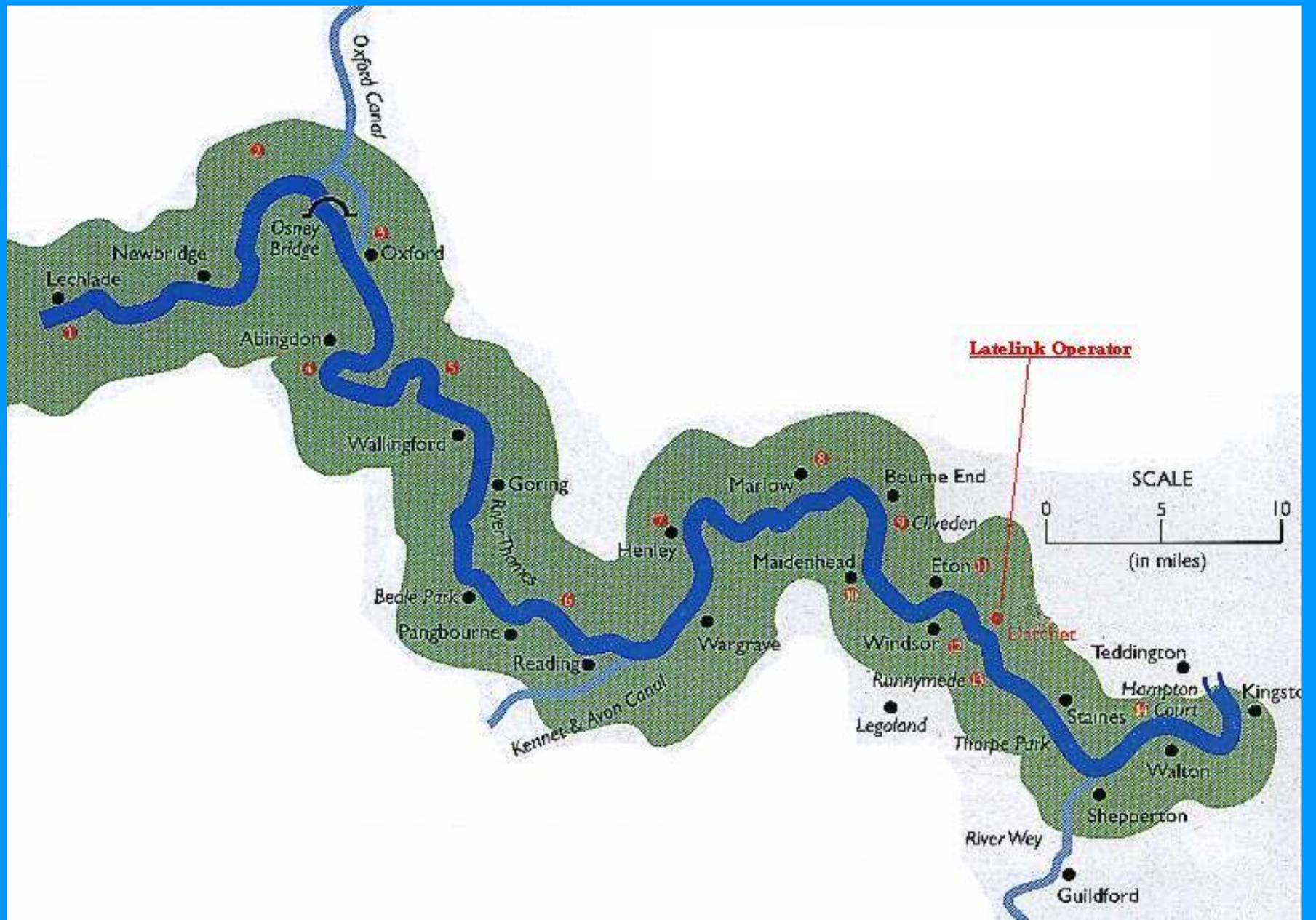
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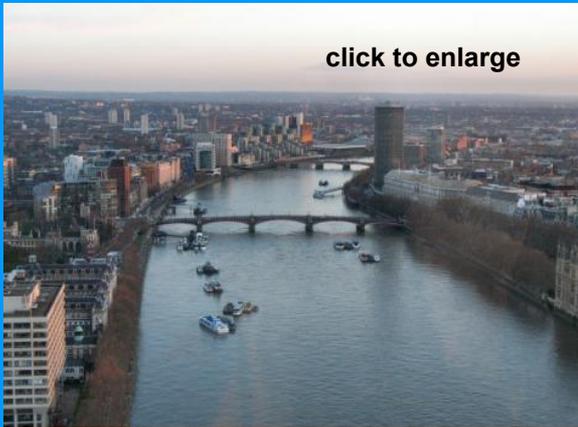
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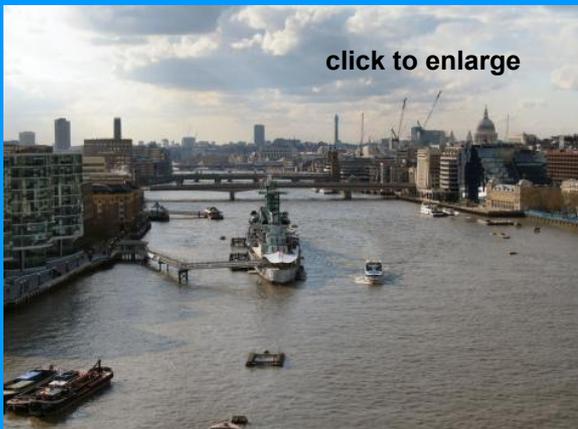
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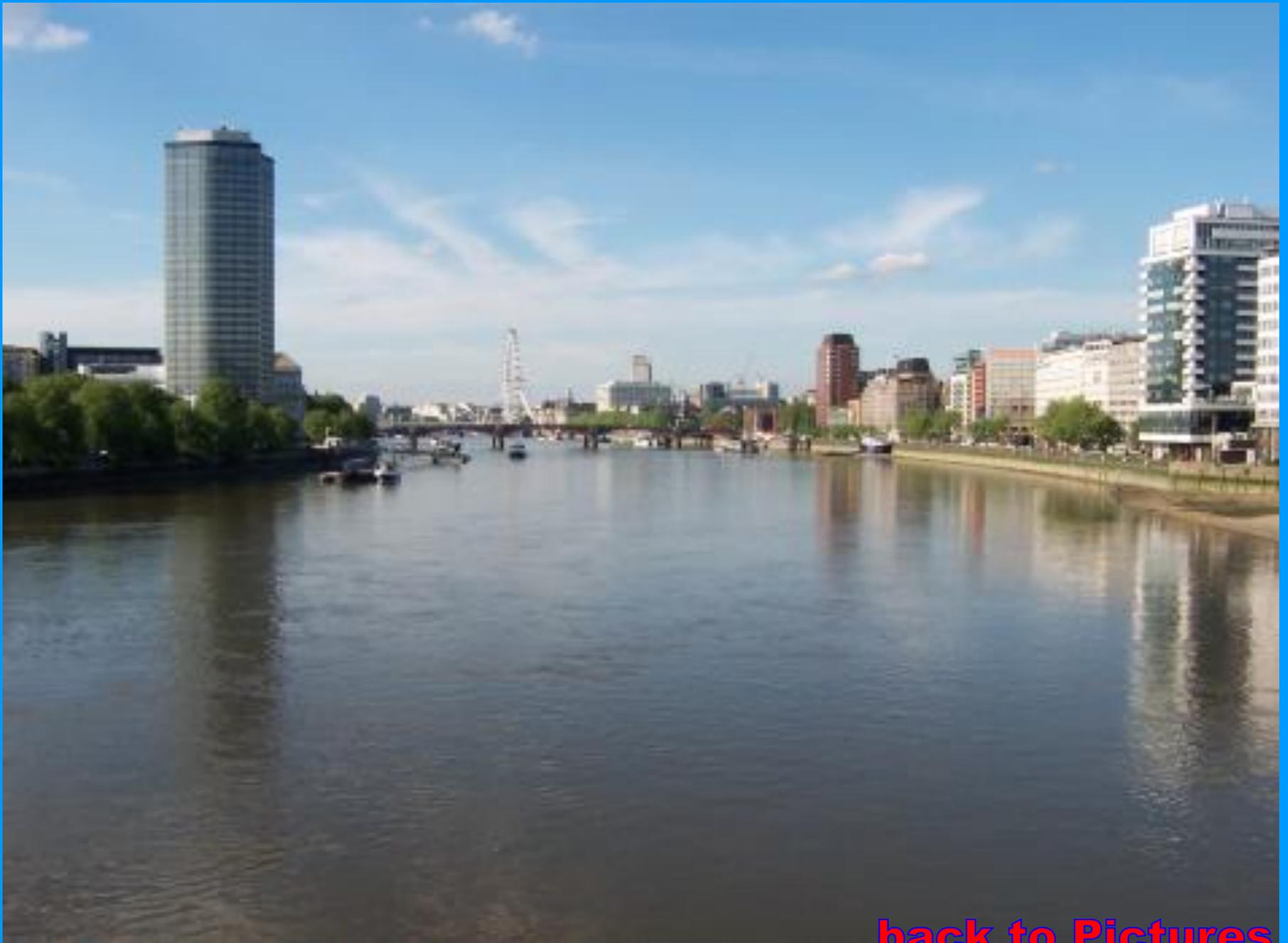


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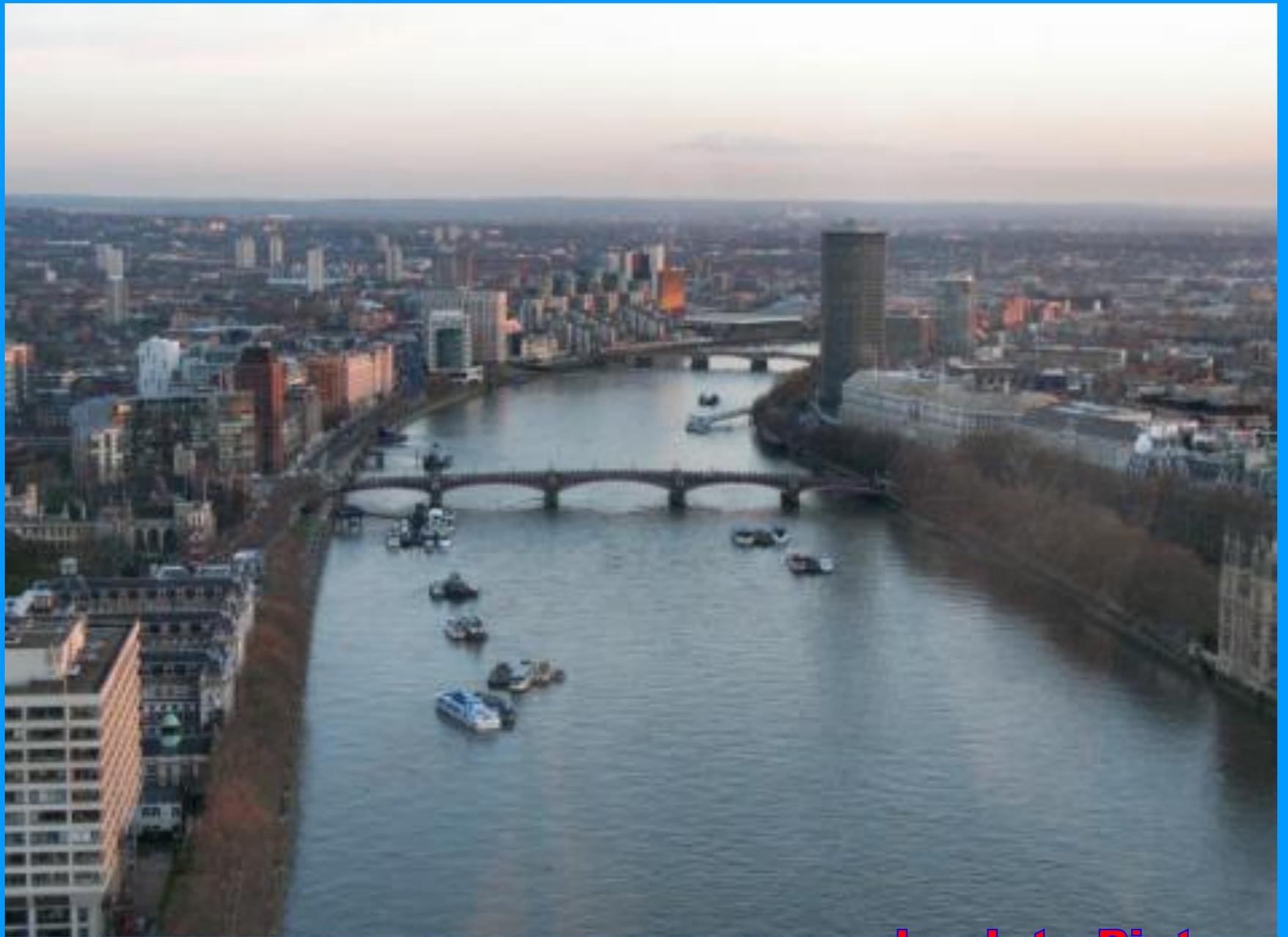
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Buckingham Palace



The Queen of England Elizabeth the Second lives in Buckingham Palace. It is a wonderful building with a monument in front of it. It is the Queen Victoria Memorial.



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Central Balcony



You can see the Queen and the Royal family on the Central Balcony on very important days – weddings, coronations, Queen's official birthday.



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Royal Garden



There is the Royal Garden around the Palace with lots of trees and flowerbeds. You can find a lake with pink flamingos in it.

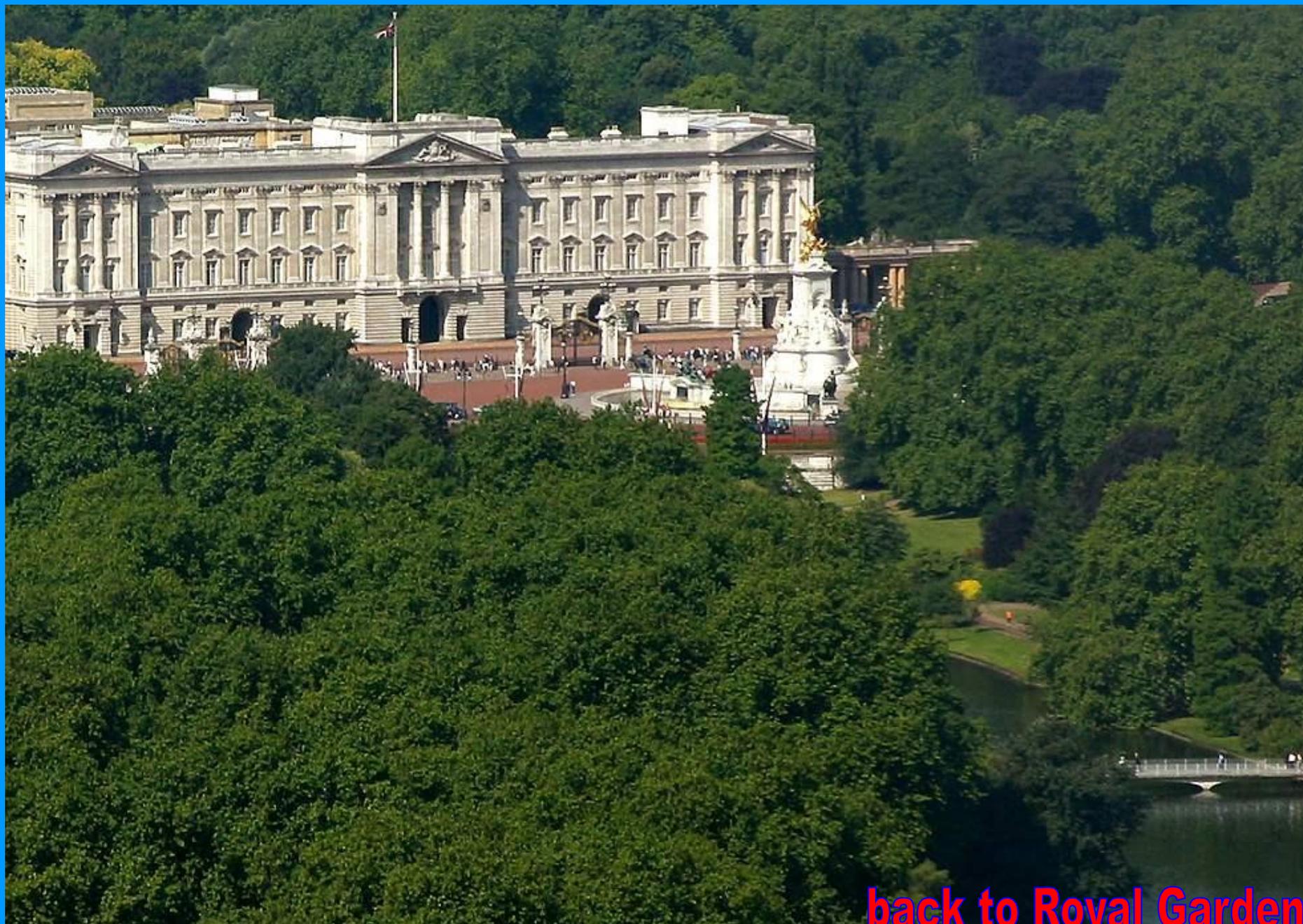


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Garden Parties



Every summer the Queen invites thousands of guests to her Garden Party.

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Queen's Gallery



There is the Queen's Gallery in Buckingham Palace. You can see pictures, portraits of the members of the Royal family and the royal furniture.



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Rooms



There are six hundred rooms in the Palace.



The Grand Ballroom



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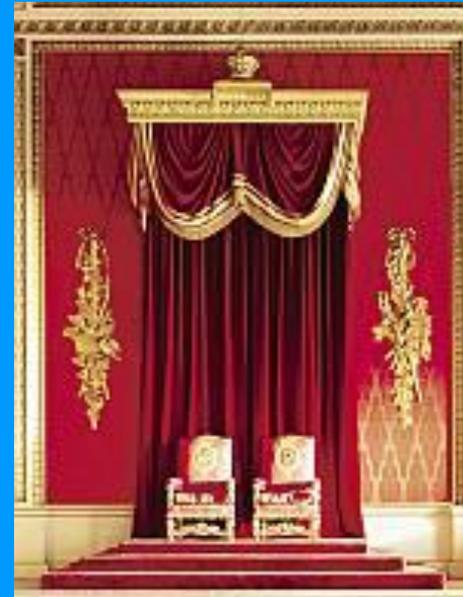
The Music Room



The Throne Room



The White Drawing Room



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The Grand Stairs

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Changing the Guard



The Guard Change takes place (happens) at 11:30 every day.

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Houses of Parliament



The Houses of Parliament is on the left of Parliament Square. It is a long grey building with towers. The country's leaders speak in the Houses of Parliament. They are the voice of the British people.



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Big Ben



People often think that Big Ben is a tower. It's not right. Big Ben is the name of the clock and the bell of the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament. You can hear the sound of Big Ben every hour in London. The clock and the bell got their names after Sir Benjamin Hall. He was a tall man, whose nickname was Big Ben.



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Parliament Square



Parliament Square is rather big. Whitehall leads to it. On the right of the square there is Westminster Abbey, on the left of it you can see the Houses of Parliament.



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Whitehall

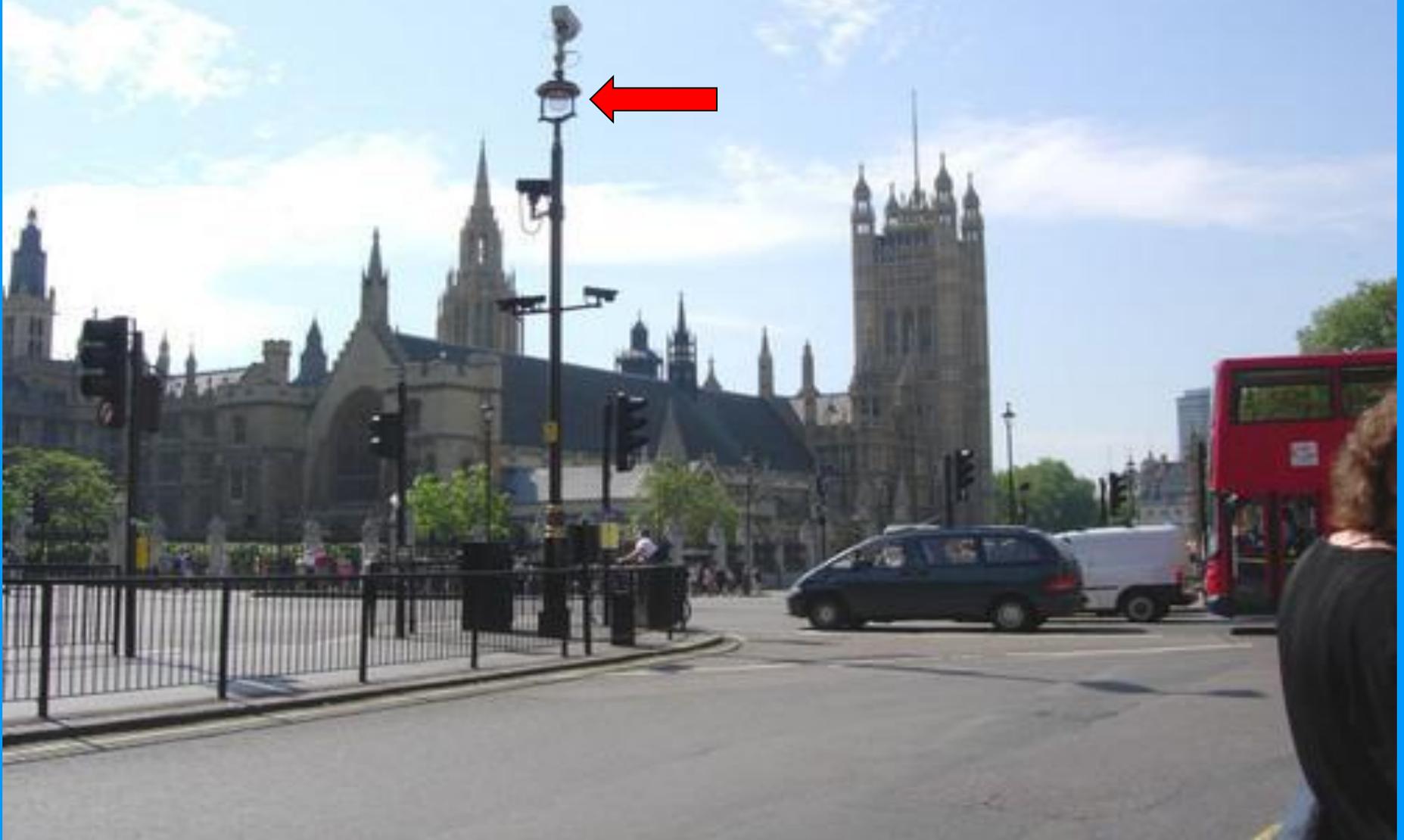


Whitehall is a wide street leading from Trafalgar Square to Parliament Square.



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The end of Whitehall. This is the site of the first traffic lights in the world.



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