

# Westminster Abbey

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It seems to me that there is no person in the world who has not dreamed of seeing London with his own eyes. So, I have also dreamed about it since my childhood. One day when I was twelve years old my dream came true. My brother and me managed to see London and enjoy this magnificent city.



In fact, London is a great city and I was impressed by many its sights. One of them, Westminster Abbey, fascinated me by its size and grandeur. It's the historic, the governmental part of London, located to the west of the Palace of Westminster.



Westminster Abby is an attractive construction. It is interesting for visitors not only with its architectural glory but also with its rich history and cultural importance.



Westminster abbey has more historic associations than any other building in Britain. Nearly all English kings and queens have been crowned here.



Actually , a lot of British monarchs were buried in Westminster Abbey. Besides, many outstanding statesmen, scientists, writers, poets, and painters are also buried here: Newton, Darwin, Chaucer, Dickens, Tennyson, Kipling , and others.



The history of Westminster Abbey dates back to the Middle Ages or even the earlier times. Its founder, Edward the Confessor, was made a saint after his death and he is buried in a special chapel dedicated to him.



The present building appeared during the reign of Henry III. He decided to rebuild the abbey in the Gothic style. The building was later expanded: the Chapel of Henry VII was added between 1503 and 1512, while the two West Front Towers date from 1745.

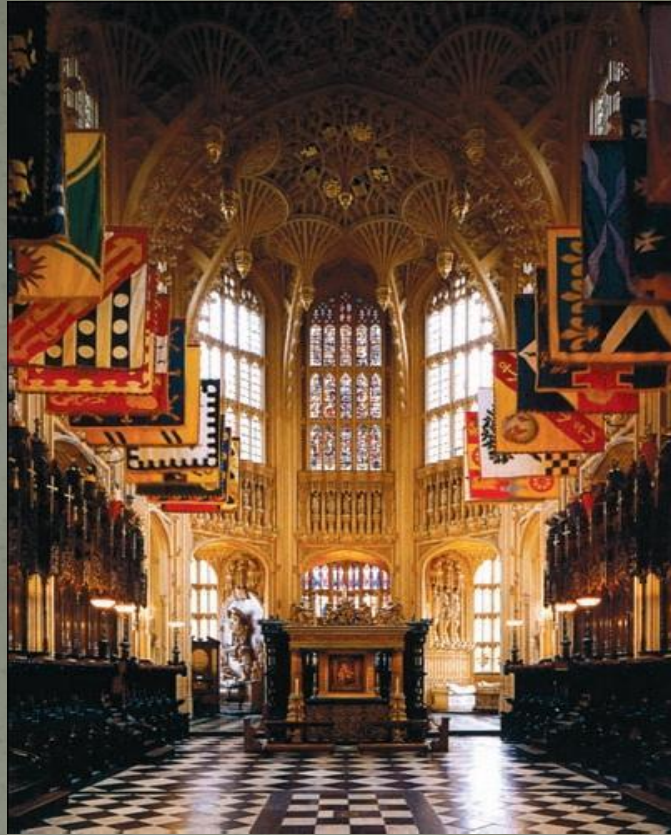




The Abbey is packed with tablets, statues, and inscriptions commemorating kings, queens, knights, writers, actors, musicians, scientists and statesmen, though not all of them are buried in the Abbey.



The Abbey is also home to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It's believed that there are around 3300 people buried in the Church and Cloisters .



So, millions of visitors a year arrive in London to see the sights of this striking city. Westminster Abbey is considered to be the greatest place for visiting. I am sure that Westminster Abbey is worth seeing, admiring, and discussing. We should commemorate numerous great men whose names are connected with this historical place.



Westminster Abbey has been included to the list of World Heritage Sites (UNESCO) since 1987. In my opinion, this world famous place is one of London's must - see sights.



Of course, I will never forget Westminster Abbey. I tried to do my best to recommend everyone to visit this place, admire its paintings, sculptures, and stained glass windows. Besides, we should pay respects to British monarchs and people who will be remembered by many generations because of their priceless contribution to our life, knowledge, education, and progress.