

## "Best Religious Sites in London"

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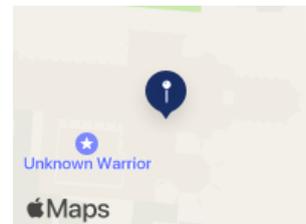


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### Abbazia di Westminster

"Il santuario nazionale britannico"

Ad ovest del Palazzo di Westminster, questo sorprendente esempio della prima architettura gotica inglese affascina con i suoi 700 anni di storia e il suo stretto legame con i reali inglesi. Costruita inizialmente da re Edoardo il Confessore tra il 1042 e il 1052 come Abbazia di San Pietro, la chiesa doveva servire come luogo di sepoltura reale per lui e per tutti gli eredi regali che seguirono. La chiesa, originariamente romanica, divenne velocemente anche il luogo dove si svolgevano incoronazioni e matrimoni reali, diventando così uno degli edifici religiosi più significativi per i monarchi britannici. Mentre l'abbazia mantenne lo status di cattedrale per diversi anni nel XVI secolo, fu presto designata con il titolo di "royal peculiar" ovvero una chiesa direttamente governata dalla corona. L'abbazia, con le sue maestose torrette d'avorio che si ergono verso il cielo, i drammatici contrafforti che fiancheggiano la facciata meridionale e la navata in stile normanno che si trova tra le due torri, è oggi uno dei monumenti reali più straordinari di Londra.



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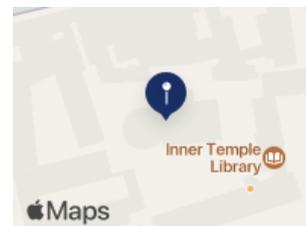


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### The Temple Church

"Explore The Mysterious Knights Temple"

Since being catapulted into the public thought in Dan Brown's international bestseller, *The Da Vinci Code*, the medieval Knights Templars have been the target of much speculation from historians and conspiracy theorists alike. Who were the Knights Templars? What was their connection to Christ? Were they a secret society assigned to protect the secrets of the universe? Whatever the reasons for their founding, a visit to the Temple Church, just off London's Fleet Street, will bring you closer to the mystery, and perhaps even the truth! Built by the Knights Templars in the 12th Century, this church serves the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple, and also hosts regular prayer services and events. Visiting times change each week; check the website for specific hours.



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### Cattedrale di San Paolo

"Il capolavoro di Christopher Wren"

Costruito originariamente nel 694, ma distrutto dal grande incendio del 1666, il bellissimo edificio che sorge oggi è stato disegnato da Christopher Wren e completato nel 1710. St Paul è stato lo scenario di numerose grandi occasioni tra cui i funerali di Sir Winston Churchill nel 1965, e il matrimonio fra il Principe Carlo e Lady Diana Spencer nel 1981. Ci sono numerosi tesori da vedere a St. Paul, una visita è imprescindibile. In ogni modo, la Whispering Gallery merita una menzione speciale. Un unico bisbiglio contro la parete nera circolare può essere ascoltato a 42 metri di distanza dalla parte opposta.



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📍 St. Paul's Churchyard, Londra

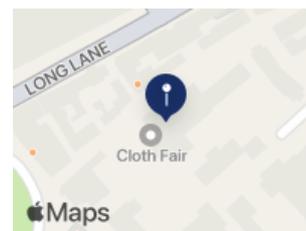


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## St. Bartholomew the Great

### "A Divine Vision"

St Bartholomew the Great is a church that is known for the beautiful paintings and stained glass windows that add to the beauty of its interiors. The first Prior of the church, Rahere's tomb lies within the church. It is said that Rahere established the church after he saw a vision of Saint Bartholomew who asked him to build the church where it stands today. You can admire the artwork within the church while sitting silently in prayer. There is the Cloister Cafe which serves coffee, tea, beer and wines in the church premises, especially for post-wedding celebrations etc.



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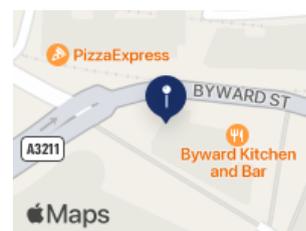


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## All Hallows by the Tower

### "7Th Century Church"

With a history dating circa to the 7th-century, All Hallows by the Tower is the oldest of its kind in London and was established by the Abbey of Barking. The sanctuary is near to the Tower of London and has Saxon influences in its interior architecture. It also features the Crypt Museum with Saxon and Roman artifacts along with other historic registers. The church was severely damaged in the World War II with only the walls and tower intact. It was rebuilt immediately after the war to its present structure. Don't miss this place if you love history or religious sites.



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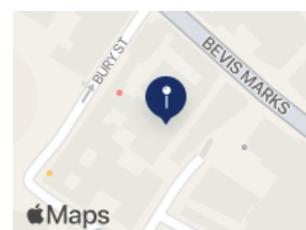


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## Bevis Marks Synagogue

### "Oldest British Synagogue"

Opened in 1701, after many Jewish people were invited into England during the 1600s, Bevis Marks Synagogue is one of England's oldest. Still retaining many of its original interior furnishings, many say it is awe-inspiring and breath taking. Noted, as being difficult to find in London's winding financial district, Bevis Marks Synagogue is history, religion and tradition rolled into one. Do check out the website for service timings.



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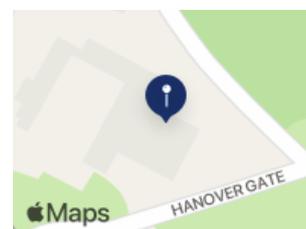


by Michael Francis McCarthy

## The London Central Mosque

### "Golden Dome"

The London Central Mosque is located in the Regent's Park, and was built over 50 years ago. Architecturally, the building is stunning, with a golden dome, marble floors and intricate mosaics. However, the mosque is not merely a showpiece; practically, it can accommodate over 4,500 people for prayer meetings, which are held several times every day. The Islamic Cultural Centre is next to the mosque. This provides London's Muslim community with a reference library and concert hall, as well as a place for meetings, and educational outings for children. The Centre is also licensed to conduct wedding ceremonies.



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