

# The London Eye



The London Eye is a huge Ferris wheel in London. It is also known as the Millennium Wheel because it was built to celebrate the year 2000. It was opened on February 1st, 2000. It is 135 meters tall and when it was built, it was the tallest Ferris wheel in the world. It is very popular with tourists. In fact, it is the most popular paid tourist attraction in London. More than 3.5 million people take a ride on it every year.

If you take a ride on the London Eye, you will be able to see a lot of London. From the top you can see about 40 kilometers away. If it is a sunny day, you can see Windsor Castle. A ride on the London Eye lasts about 30 minutes. It also doesn't stop when you get on and off. Don't worry though because it doesn't go very fast! There are 32 capsules to ride in, and in total, about 800 people can take a ride at the same time. It might not be as old or historic as other places in London, but it has already become an important London attraction.

1. Why was the London Eye built?
  - a) to celebrate the year 1999
  - b) to celebrate the year 2000
  - c) to celebrate the year 2001
2. How many people visit the London Eye each year?
  - a) More than 3.5 million
  - b) More than 4.5 million
  - c) More than 5.5 million
3. From the top you can see about 25 kilometers away.
  - a) True
  - b) False
4. A ride on the London Eye lasts about 30 seconds.
  - a) True
  - b) False

Answers: 1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b)

