

A large Union Jack flag is shown waving in the wind against a clear blue sky. The flag's red, white, and blue stripes and cross are prominent. The text "United Kingdom – facts and curiosities" is overlaid in the center in a bold, orange font with a black outline.

United Kingdom – facts and curiosities

Surface



UNITED
KINGDOM

- 244 820 km²
- Inland waters 1,3%



Population

A large, dense crowd of people walking in a city street, illustrating high population density. The people are mostly seen from behind or in profile, moving in the same direction. The background shows a city street with buildings and a pedestrian crossing sign.

. Population 66 796 800

. 270 persons/km²

Religion



- Anglicanism (37.9%)
- Other Protestants (10.0%)
- Catholicism (8.7%)
- Other Christians (3.2%)
- Islam (5.1%)
- Other religions (3.5%)
- Non-members (29.7%)
- Unknown (1.7%)

Authority

.State type: royal parliamentary monarchy

.Head of State: Queen Elizabeth II

.Heir to the throne: Prince Charles

.Prime Minister: Boris Johnson



The background of the slide is a dense collage of various international banknotes. Visible currencies include the US Dollar (100, 50, 20, 10), the Euro (500, 100, 20, 10), and the British Pound Sterling (50, 20, 10). The notes are scattered and overlapping, creating a textured, financial-themed background.

Economy

GDP (2019)

- total - 2,829 billion USD
- per person - 42,310 USD

Currency

- 1 pound sterling = 100 pence (£, GBP)

. Establishment

Other facts

Act of Union of 1800

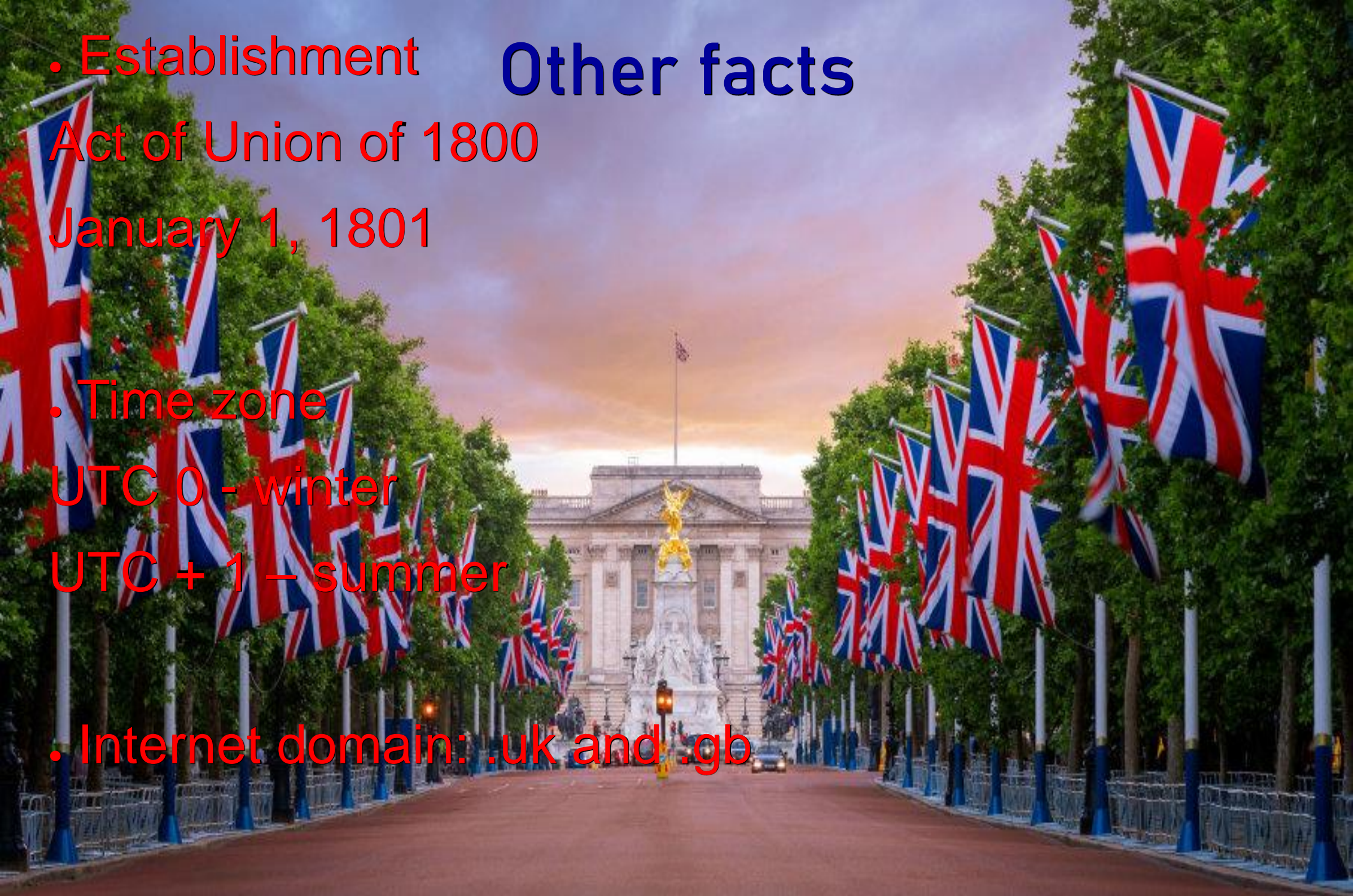
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. Time zone

UTC 0 - winter

UTC + 1 – summer

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Attractions

Buckingham Palace



We start with the greatest symbol of the British monarchy. Tourists coming to Great Britain cannot imagine a visit to London without visiting Buckingham Palace. The Buckingham Palace Representation Rooms are open from August 2 to September 28. Apart from them, you can also see the Royal Mews (royal stables with royal vehicles, from carriages to Rolls-Royce) and Queen's Gallery (royal gallery, presenting selected paintings from the queen's collection).

Panoramic of London

The panoramic view from the top of the Shard or the London Eye is the favorite attraction for many young tourists. The Shard skyscraper has 72 floors, and its height is 309.6 m. After completion of works in 2012, it became the tallest completed skyscraper in Europe. The building was designed by the famous Italian architect Renzo Piano, winner of the 1998 Pritzker Prize. The London Eye, on the other hand, is 135 meters high. This Ferris wheel was built in 2000 to celebrate the beginning of the new millennium in London.

Visiting the Highlands

The picturesque Scottish Highlands is adored not only by British monarchs, but also by other nationalities. French tourists considered "nature observation in the Scottish mountains" to be the most "dreamed-up" activity. The Highlands region was shown, among others in the movie about the adventures of agent 007 - "Skyfall", in which James Bond returns to his homeland and finally deals with his antagonist.

Shopping on Oxford Street

Interestingly, for many tourists visiting the capital of Great Britain, one of the most interesting attractions is shopping on Oxford Street. For 21 percent of women participating in the VisitBritain study, it is even a "dream job". Oxford Street is a former Roman road, it is the main shopping street of London. Initially, crowds flocked here to watch the convicts being taken there, and thus a natural clientele for shopkeepers was created. The first department stores were built here, incl. Selfridges. Fabric merchants Marks and Spencer and many other tycoons opened their largest store in Oxford.

Lake District

Kolejną aktywnością wysoko cenioną przez zagranicznych turystów jest Lake District, czyli Kraina Jezior w północno-zachodniej Anglii w hrabstwie Kumbria. Kraina obfitująca w jeziora stanowiła inspirację dla artystów, szczególnie w dobie romantyzmu. To z nią związani są poeci William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge oraz Robert Southey (zwani angielskimi poetami jezior), pisarka Beatrix Potter (autorka m.in. "Piotrusia Królika", "Kaczki Tekli Kałużyńskiej"), a także pejzażysta John Constable, który nazwał ją "najpiękniejszym w świecie krajobrazem".

Big Ben



Big Ben, often mistakenly equated with the Clock Tower at the Palace of Westminster, is a bell. It is so big that it weighs as little as a small elephant. Big Ben, or actually the Clock Tower of the Palace of Westminster - thanks to Big Ben - was included in the TOP5 of the world selfie ranking. What does it mean? More or less, taking a selfie in front of Big Ben is a must-see on a London trip.

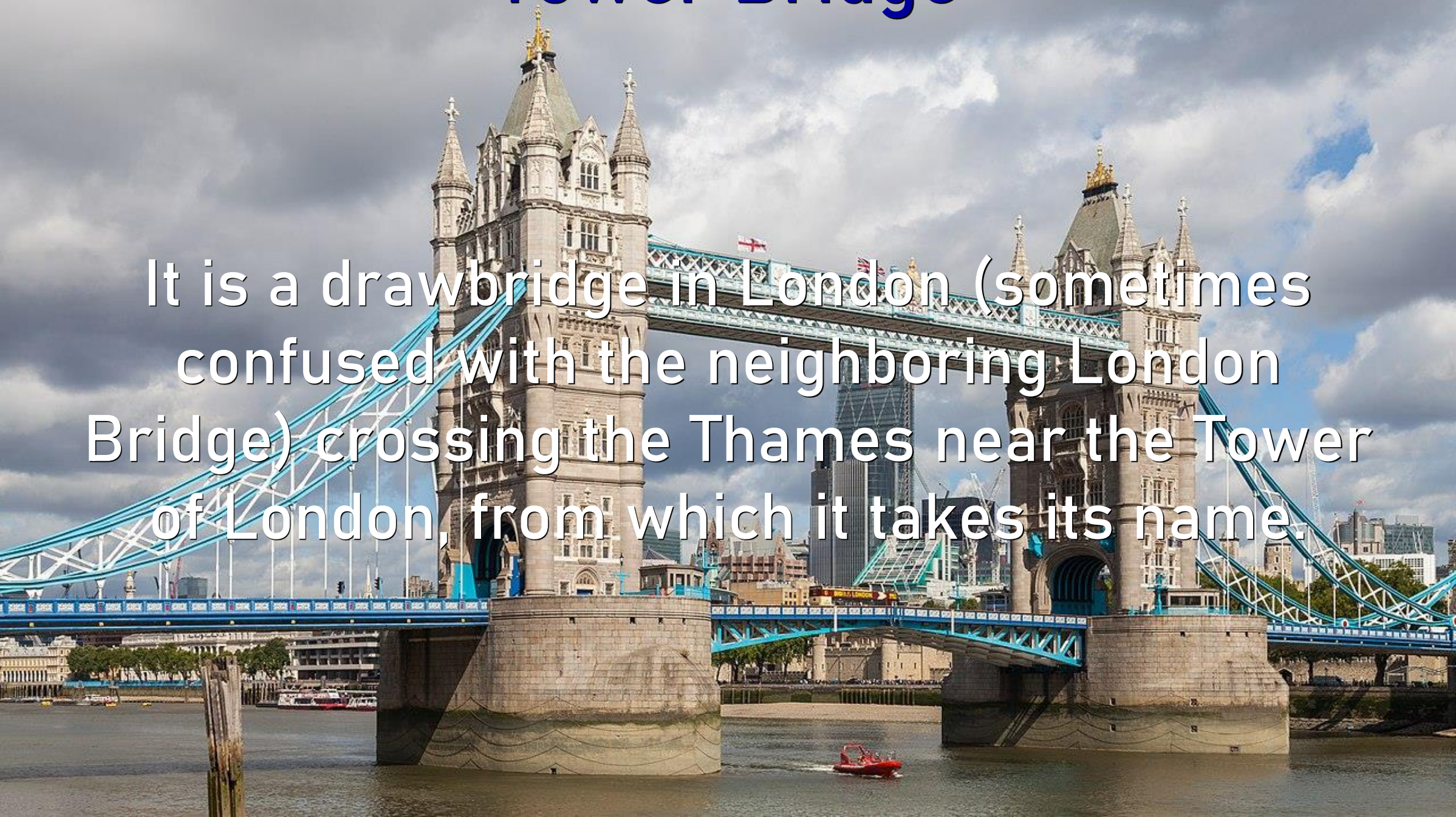
London Eye

The image shows the London Eye, a massive Ferris wheel, set against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The wheel's structure is a complex lattice of white metal, with several dark-colored passenger capsules visible at various points along its circumference. In the foreground, the dark water of the River Thames is visible, with a red and white boat moving across it. The background features a mix of modern and classical architecture, including a prominent white building with a classical facade and a tall, thin tower. The overall scene is a clear, sunny day in London.

The largest observation wheel in the world spins so slowly that it takes 30 minutes to complete a full rotation. This is certainly enough to enjoy the London skyline. The attraction is one of the crowded ones, so be patient when going to the London Eye.

Tower Bridge

It is a drawbridge in London (sometimes confused with the neighboring London Bridge) crossing the Thames near the Tower of London, from which it takes its name.



Hyde Park



While in London, it is impossible not to visit at least one of the city's parks. There are so many of them that it is impossible to count them. Therefore, we propose a trip to the most popular one for all interested parties. Hyde Park is 150 hectares of urban greenery located in the very center of London. This is where the Speakers Corner and the fountain commemorating Princess Diana are located.

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A heart-shaped graphic with the Union Jack flag pattern, featuring red, white, and blue colors. The heart is centered on the page.

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