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### **West End Tour**

*The London Eye:* See London with a birds eye view

*Houses of Parliament:* Find out what happened to Oliver Cromwell's head

*Big Ben:* Why did the clock cause a problem?

*Westminster Abbey:* Over 1000 years of history. What happened at the coronation of William the Conqueror?

*Westminster Cathedral:* Yes there is a cathedral as well!

*Horse Guards:* Find out the significance of the black dot on the clock tower

*St James Park:* What happened to the Chinese Pavilion?

*Buckingham Palace:* See the changing of the guard; plus why was the famous architect removed from controlling the extension to the palace?

*St James's Palace:* Yes there is another palace!

*Piccadilly Circus:* Find out how it was named

*Leicester Square:* The picture house centre of London

*Covent Garden:* The first Piazza in London and its history

*Trafalgar Square:* Find out what happened before Nelson was placed on the top of his column.

*Downing Street:* Home of the Prime Minister

### **City of London Tour**

*St Paul's Cathedral:* Find out why the Architect Sir Christopher Wren kept the building works covered from prying eyes

*Mansion House:* Interesting home of the Lord Mayor

*Bank of England:* Find out why ink pots were turned into bullets

*Lloyds of London:* Why do they call the trading areas boxes?

*Tower of London:* Over 900 years of history. Find out about a very unusual execution with wine. Who stole the crown jewels? Why are the guards called Beefeaters?

*Tower Bridge:* The most famous bridge in London and why did drowned bodies arrive at the bridge?

*HMS Belfast:* The last remaining cruiser from the Second World War

*London Bridge:* Find out why the previous one was transported to Arizona USA

*The Monument:* Why was the Monument built in this position?

*Shakespeare's Globe:* Fascinating history on early English theatre

*The Tate Modern:* Inside an old power station

*Millennium Bridge:* Why did it have to be closed?

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