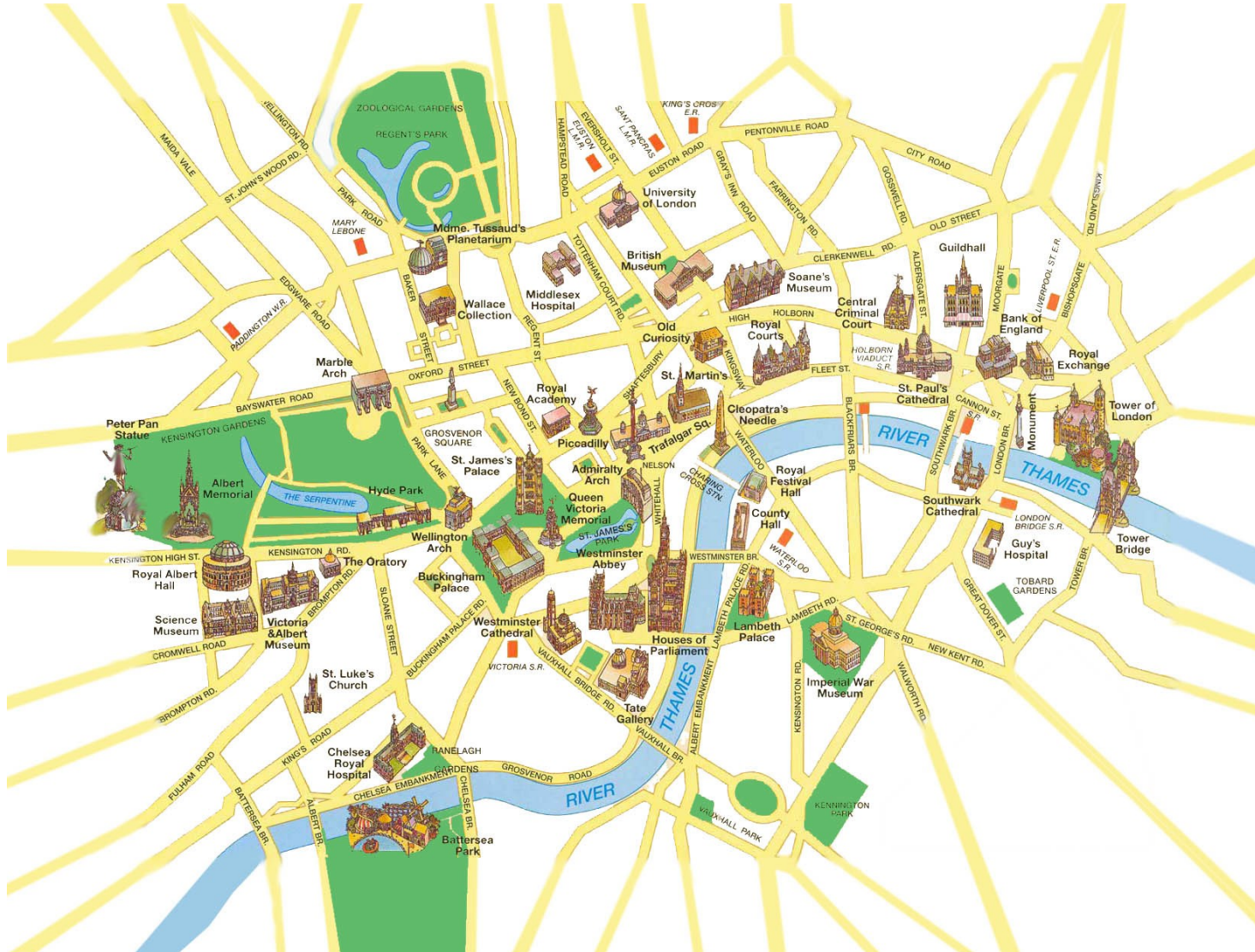


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- A. Big Ben
- B. The Clock Tower
- C. Tower Bridge

The Clock Tower

It indicates the time to Londoners. The melody of its bells is world-famous. People usually call this tower "Big Ben" but it is in fact the name of the bell inside.

BIG BEN



Big Ben first rang in 1859.

It took thirteen years to build it.

The Clock Tower is 98.5 metres high

The hour hand is 2.7 metres (9 ft) long and the minute hand is 4.3 metres (14 ft) long

Big Ben is the most popular clock in the world.
It weighs thirteen tons.



Origin of the name: A certain **Sir Benjamin Hall** was responsible for hanging* (accrocher) the bell. He was a very big man and people called him: “ **Big Benjamin**”. So he gave his name to the bell.



A. The Houses of Parliament

B. The National Gallery

C. The Tower of London

The Houses of Parliament

Its real name is "**Westminster Palace**". It was rebuilt in the nineteenth century.

It is the meeting place of the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

It was inaugurated on December 31st, 1999 and opened on March 2000.

It cost £70,000,000.

It carries around 10,000 visitors everyday. Over 3,500,000 people see London from the London Eye every year.

London Eye is the world's tallest observation Ferris wheel: 135 metres tall.



London Eye

- A. The Monument
- B. The « Gherkin »
- C. London eye



The wheel carries 32 passenger capsules.

25 passengers can enter a capsule.

One revolution takes 30 minutes.