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**London** is the capital city of [England](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FEngland) and the [United Kingdom](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FUnited_Kingdom), the largest [metropolitan area](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FMetropolitan_area) in the United Kingdom. London is a leading [global city](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FGlobal_city), with strengths in the arts, education, entertainment, fashion, finance, media, professional services, tourism and transport.It is the world's leading [financial centre](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FFinancial_centre). London has been described as a world cultural capital. It is the world's most-visited city measured by international arrivals. Also, it is one of the largest cities in Europe. London has an official population more than 8 million.The total area of London is more than 1 million square kilometers.

**Moscow**is the [capital city](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FCapital_city) of [Russia](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FRussia). The city is a major political, economic, cultural and scientific center in Russia and in Europe. Moscow has the largest community of billionaires in the world. It's also the largest city in Russia with a population of 11,503,501. The total area of Moscow is more than 1 million square kilometers.

Trafalgar Square is a public space and tourist attraction in [central London](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FCentral_London). Trafalgar Square is the geographical centre of London. It was named in the memory of Admiral Nelson’s victory. The tall Nelson’s Column stands in the middle of the square. There are a number of statues and sculptures in the square. Opposite the Nelson’s monument is the National Gallery, which contains the finest art collections in the world. Moreover the square is used for political [demonstrations](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FDemonstration_%2528people%2529) and Public Holidays, such as the celebration of New Year's Eve.

The centre of Moscow is Red Square, which is the most popular sight for tourists. The square separates the [Kremlin](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FMoscow_Kremlin), the official residence of the President of Russia. Red Square is often considered as the central square of Moscow and all of Russia. It is the place for parades, demonstrations and meetings.

 The River Thames flows through [southern England](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FSouthern_England). With a total length of 215 miles (346 km), the Thames is the longest river in England and the [second longest](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FLongest_rivers_of_the_United_Kingdom) in the United Kingdom. London is situated on the river Thames. In London there are many sightseeing tours in tourist boats, past the more famous riverside attractions such as the [Houses of Parliament](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FHouses_of_Parliament), the [Tower of London](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FTower_of_London) and London Eye. Since time of 2012 Summer Olympics Air Line aerial cable system over Thames is on operation.

The Moskva River is a river that flows through [Moscow](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FMoscow_Oblast). The length of the river is 503 km. You can admire the spectacular view of Moscow and some attractions on boats.

St Paul's Cathedral is a Church of England [cathedral](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FCathedral). The cathedral is one of the most famous and most recognizable sights of London. In terms of area, St Paul's is the [second largest church building](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FList_of_largest_church_buildings_in_the_world) in the [United Kingdom](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FUnited_Kingdom). It is Sir Christopher Wren’s creation. It contains a lot of paintings, sculptures. Furthermore, St Paul's is home to tombs of famous British figures including Christopher Wren who was the first person interred there. Visitors can discover the cathedral’s history, architecture and daily life of a busy working church.

Saint Basil's Cathedral is a Russian Orthodox church erected on Red Square in Moscow. The building is shaped as a flame of a bonfire rising into the sky. Today, St. Basil’s Cathedral is the state historical museum. It is one of the famous attractions of Russia. Also, it is the symbol of Moscow and Russian Federation.

Soho is a part of the [West End of London](http://www.metod-kopilka.ru/go.html?href=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FWest_End_of_London). Since the early 1980s, the area has undergone considerable transformation. Now it is a fashionable district of upmarket restaurants and media offices. Soho is a small, multicultural area of central London; a home to industry, commerce, culture and entertainment, as well as a residential area for both rich and poor. It has become a meeting place for all kinds of people from all over the world.

Much of Moscow’s energy is now centered in Arbat. It is a public place with many pavement cafes. On Arbat you can listen to street musicians (buckers) and ask a street artist to paint your portrait.

 It's impossible to imagine London without pubs. They are very popular in England. A visitor might ask for a pint of bitter and just relax. Nowadays the capital of Russia offers many of its wide variety of restaurants and pavement cafes. There are a lot of reasonably priced pavement cafes and extremely expensive restaurants.