# Welcome to the Tower Audio Tour

# The Tower of London

## Overview

Discover 1000 years of Tower history and find out more about the different audio tours.

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### Narrator:

Welcome to the Tower of London – secure fortress, royal palace, and infamous prison.

This 1000-year-old castle was founded by William of Normandy, better known as William the Conqueror, who invaded England in 1066 to seize the throne. From here, Kings and Queens have demonstrated their power, shaped society, and influenced our world. And of course, it’s home to the world-famous Crown Jewels.

Before we begin, please find a comfortable place to stand, along the pavement to the right of the building where you picked up your guide.

Your audio guide is very easy to use. You can choose from a number of different tours, all focusing on different aspects of the Tower, its life and history. You can explore the Medieval Palace, find out more about the Crown Jewels, or what it’s like to live here as one of the Tower’s famous Yeoman Warders. Or you can find out more about the Tower’s beginnings and hear about its darker side, and those who suffered imprisonment and death here. Simply choose the “Audio Tours” option from your main menu and select a tour. You’ll be able to read a short description and see the length of each tour on your screen before you start. Your map will show you where each tour begins, and your screen will display an image to make sure you're in the right place. You can take them in any order.

While you're here, across the cobbled road, a small lane opposite the Beefeater shop leads to a special exhibition – The Tower’s Mint: Coins & Kings. This tells the story of the five hundred years that England’s coins were made here at the Tower. Do take time to visit the exhibition before you leave the Tower.

We hope you enjoy your visit.

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