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# DISCOVERING LONDON: OLD & NEW

First Edition

This visit to **London** was organized by [English Training](#) of Lissone, Italy.

We took 8 accountants from northern Italy to the heart of the financial and legal district of London, showing them the REAL City of London and how it has become, and remains a leading international city.

Accompanied by our expert guide Phil Cookson, the day started with a walk from Blackfriars to the Temple area, near the Royal Courts of Justice, leading onto;

[Middle Temple](#) one of the four Inns of Court, which is full of barristers chambers, to see first-hand how barristers, even in the centre of busy London, have carved out an apparent intellectual 'safe haven' – which comes as a shock to those working in more hectic conditions.



We then walked to [Temple Church](#), one of the oldest in London and which is the 'lawyers' church' (it was the church of the Knights Templar and was featured in the movie "The Da Vinci Code.")



Walking through the city, we then reached the Bank of England, the central bank of the UK and Northern Ireland. Here, the gold vaults hold **around 400,000** bars of gold, worth over **£100** billion. That makes the Bank of England the second largest keeper of gold in the world (the New York Federal Reserve tops the list).



After lunch in a traditional pub, and keeping in with the 'new' part of the tour, we then walked across London Bridge for a visit to;

[The Shard](#), the tallest building in the UK, which offers spectacular views across the whole of London.



In the evening we went for a fantastic meal in Covent Garden, the Salisbury Pub.

Saturday morning, we met for a guided tour of;

The Palace of Westminster, which is the meeting place of the [House of Commons](#) and the House of Lords, the two houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, commonly known as the Houses of Parliament.



Here, we were taken on a 90-minute tour through the Commons Chamber and the Lords Chamber, following in the footsteps of the Queen at the State Opening through Westminster Hall which is almost 1000 years old.



# FEEDBACK

Here is some feedback from people who experienced Discovering London:

*"A unique and unrepeatable experience, the one spent in London thanks to English Training! Professional and personal growth have been mixed in these two intensive days, in which we tasted the wonderful melting pot that distinguishes the city! Thanks also to our new fantastic travel-friends!"*

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*"I've stayed several times in London but this time with English Training's organization, it was wonderful.*

*We visited the "old London", the lawyers zone which was very pretty and quiet, and the "new London" the Shard (that dizziness!!)*

*Thanks for the great experience and great English !!"*

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