

The iconic arch at Wembley Stadium is approximately

133 metres high.

Over a million people celebrate the Notting Hill Carnival, Europe's biggest annual street party.

288 athletes are taking part in the Volleyball competition held at Earls Court.

THE THAMES IS 215 MILES LONG. IT'S 34 Olympic competition venues.

25,000 million passenger journeys are made daily on London Underground through 275 stations and over 408km of railway.

black cabs operate on London's roads.

Hyde Park, the venue for Triathlon and Marathon Swimming, has more than

40,000 trees in its 350-acre grounds.

4 Archery medal events.

775 rooms in Buckingham Palace.

THE LONGEST RIVER ENTIRELY IN ENGLAND AND 5561 METRES

There are 32 post boxes in London's eight postal districts.

32 high, the London Eye is Europe's tallest Ferris wheel, and can carry 800 passengers per revolution in its 32 capsules.

50 theatres in London's West End.

169 feet.

45,000 objects on display.

THE SECOND LONGEST IN THE UK. IT'S FED BY 47

10,500 Athletics medal events.

At 35 Olympic athletes.

35 METRES

39 Olympic disciplines.

The Copper Box has more than

300 square metres of external copper cladding, most of which is recycled.

At 11.3 metres high, the dome of St Paul's Cathedral is one of the largest in the world.

With over 5 XXXX Olympiad.

5 million visitors a year. Tate Modern is one of the world's most popular modern-art galleries.

302 Olympic medal events.

The 500-acre

Olympic Park is located across four London boroughs.

The Crown Jewels in the Tower of London are made up of 23,578 precious gems.

20 TRIBUTARIES.

CONTAINS OVER 46

8,000 London buses.

14 MILLION

The Olympic Stadium was built using

2,000 tonnes of steel, making it 75 per cent lighter than other stadiums in terms of steel use.

Aquatics gold medals.

46

OVER 18

Greenwich Park dates back to 1433 and is London's oldest Royal Park.

183 acres

The Velodrome's

360-degree glass wall gives spectators a panoramic view across the Olympic Park.

The Aquatics Centre's spectacular wave-like roof weighs

2800 tonnes

AND HAS 45 NON-TIDAL

80 ISLANDS

OVER 18

Olympic medal events are being held at the North Greenwich Arena.

183

International visitors per year.

DEGREE Olympic sports.

2800 tonnes

AND HAS 45 NON-TIDAL

80 ISLANDS

OVER 18

OVER 18

Set in 183 acres

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International visitors per year.

2 Olympic sports.

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2012
TO THE LONDON 2012 WELCOME

Aquatics Centre
Buckingham Palace
Copper Box
Downing Street
Earls Court
Fleet Street
Greenwich Park
Houses of Parliament
Imperial War Museum
Jubilee Line
Kensington Palace
Lord's Cricket Ground
Museum of London
National Gallery
Olympic Village
Piccadilly Circus
Queen Elizabeth Hall
Royal Artillery Barracks
St Paul's Cathedral
Trafalgar Square
Underground
Velodrome
Westminster Abbey
W (ExCeL)
Young Vic Theatre
Z SL London Zoo

You might think the Olympic Games are all about being number one. But that's only a small fraction of the story. As soon as London was announced as host of the Games of the XXX Olympiad on 6 July 2005, the clock began counting down to the greatest show on Earth — and an astonishing panoply of facts and figures immediately came into play. Here are just a few headline numbers to crunch on, as years of preparation finally come to a head.

10,500

On 27 July 2012, London will become the first-ever city to organise the Olympic Games three times. The Opening Ceremony, staged by artistic director Danny Boyle and with music by Underworld, will be watched by many millions around the world. Then, some 10,500 athletes from more than 200 different nations will line up to contest a total of 302 gold medal events. The margin between victory and defeat will be measured in both milliseconds and millimetres, and the digits 2012 will be etched in their memories for ever.

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One of the joys of the modern Olympic Games is the dazzling diversity of events — from the popular to the little known. The official programme for London 2012 is made up of 26 very different sports with a total of 39 disciplines. Alphabetically speaking, these run from Archery to Wrestling, embracing everything from Canoeing and Cycling to Table Tennis and Taekwondo along the way.

200

By far the largest single category is Athletics, which comprises 47 gold medal opportunities, and will feature 2000 elite athletes running, walking, jumping and throwing for glory. On the Olympic Stadium track, distances covered range variously from 100 metres to 10,000 metres; shots, discuses, javelins and hammers will hurtle through the air; jumps will be long, high or triple.

100

Out on the gold-paved streets of London, meanwhile, the longest Athletics event of them all is the elbow-pumping men's 50km Race Walk, closely followed by the highly anticipated women's and men's Marathons, which come to their strength-sapping climaxes in the Mall on 5 and 12 August respectively.

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Before the numerous athletes arrive, the stage needs to be set. And it's taken years of meticulous planning and hardcore construction work to get there. Olympic competitors will be showing their mettle in 34 varied venues across the UK, from Triathlon in Hyde Park, to Football in the City of Coventry Stadium, to Sailing off the coast of Weymouth.

80,000

The main focus, however, will be the impressive new Olympic Park, spread out over 500 acres of once-derelict land in East London. This is home to eight permanent and temporary venues, including the Zaha Hadid-designed Aquatics Centre, with its spectacular undulating wave roof, and the ultra-eco Velodrome. The jewel in the crown is the main 80,000-capacity Olympic Stadium. Surrounded by waterways on three sides, it's the most sustainable ever built, fashioned from recycled low-carbon concrete and just 10,000 tonnes of steel, far less than its predecessors.

10,000

Of course, sport won't be the only thing London has to offer in 2012. Home to around 7.8 million people, and reckoned to be over 2000 years old, it's a fascinating city with a curiosity around every corner. Four UNESCO heritage sites are right on the doorstep: the Tower of London; Westminster Abbey, the Palace of Westminster and St Margaret's Church; Maritime Greenwich; and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. There are over 240 museums and galleries, 100 or more West End and fringe theatres, and countless music venues to choose from. Take in spectacular city views from the 135-metre-high London Eye, or visit the 16,802 creatures at London Zoo, the world's oldest scientific zoo.

7.8

Catalyst for a host of projects and performances inspired by London 2012, a Cultural Olympiad has been in full swing since 2008. During that time, over 16 million people across the UK have taken part in events or come along to watch. The programme comes to a crescendo with the ambitious London 2012 Festival, featuring over 1000 nationwide events ranging from pop to film, fashion to theatre, circus to carnival, opera to digital innovation.

2012

1 Olympic Stadium
2 Wrestling disciplines
3 types of Fencing weapon
4 Archery medal events
5 Olympic rings
6 players in a Volleyball team
7 events in women's Heptathlon
8 Taekwondo medal events
9 Football matches at St James's Park, Newcastle
10 events in men's Decathlon
14 days' competition in Olympic Sailing
16 days of Olympic finals
18 medal events in all Cycling disciplines
24 Beach Volleyball teams
26.2 miles Marathon distance
40 minutes in a Basketball game
44 Olympic medal events at the Aquatics Centre
47 Olympic medal events in Athletics
48 Cycling BMX competitors
50 Equestrian Dressage riders
128 Olympic archers
286 male and female Olympic boxers
386 Olympic judoka
550 acres at Hadleigh Farm in Essex
700 rooms in the Olympic Stadium
950 Olympic Swimming competitors

IT WAS BUILT IN 1886
CONSTRUCTION OF TOWER BRIDGE
STARTED IN 1886
USING 432 WORKERS
PAID FOR TOURIST ATTRACTION IN THE UK
THE LONDON EYE IS THE MOST POPULAR
MILLION PEOPLE VISITED BY OVER 3.5
THE OLYMPIC STADIUM IS HOSTING 42 EVENTS
TATE MODERN ART GALLERY HAS 34,500 SQUARE METRES
A TOTAL INTERNAL FLOOR AREA OF 34,500
Olympic medal events at the Aquatics Centre

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WELCOME TO THE LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES

ARCHERY ATHLETICS BADMINTON BASKETBALL BOXING CANOEING CYCLING DIVING EQUESTRIAN FENCING FOOTBALL GYMNASTICS HANDBALL HOCKEY JUDO KAYAKING RUGBY SEvens SAILING SHOOTING SWIMMING TABLE TENNIS TENNIS TRIATHLON WEIGHTLIFTING WRESTLING

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