When London was settled on the banks of the Thames River in the 1300s, it was on the North Bank that the city began to take shape. Today, the Thames splits the city, with a majority of the attractions lying on the South Bank, but some of the most historic are found to the north.

**The Tower of London**

The construction of the Tower of London began in 1078 as a vision of William the Conqueror. It is made of white Caen limestone, giving the outside a light appearance, garnering it the nickname White Tower. Not only does the Tower of London house the British Crown Jewels, but it has also served as a prison to countless historical figures: Sir Walter Raleigh, Edward V, Richard Duke of York, Catherine Howard and King Henry VI are among them.  
  
The Tower of London   
Tower Bridge Road at St. Katharine's Way  
London EC3N 4AB  
United Kingdom  
hrp.org.uk

**London Bridge**

This historical landmark is literally falling down. The original was completed in 1209, but the environment and time create lots of wear and tear on any structure, so the London Bridge is actually replaced every 100 to 150 years--but a version is always standing.   
  
London Bridge  
King William Street at Upper Thames Street  
London, United Kingdom  
oldlondonbridge.com

**Other Notable Attractions**

The Sherlock Holmes Museum, Church Street Market, Regents Park, the Royal Parks, Madame Tussauds and the Showroom Gallery are other notable attractions on the North Bank. To plan your own tour of London, check out www.londontourist.org.

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