

My Favourite Historical site - Tower of London

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Centuries of bloody history around a medieval castle, home to the Crown Jewels and the iconic Beefeaters.

William the Conqueror built this amazing stone tower at the centre of his London fortress in the 1070s and it was the most secure castle in the land.

My favourite part of the Towers' history is the Tudor era., The castle was used less and less as a royal residence and more as a prison. It saw heavy use by Henry VIII as such during that period, serving as a prison for Sir Thomas More, Ann Boleyn, and Anne Askey. Some of the last people to be tortured there were the members of the Gunpowder Plot, which included Guy Fawkes. The last person to be executed there Josef Jakobs, a German spy who was executed in August 1941, and the last prisoner was "Deputy to the Fuhrer" Rudolph Hess.

Another famous use for it is as a keeper for the Crown Jewels, which include the crowns of the Sovereigns, the Princes of Wales, rings, swords, spurs, bracelets, robes, and sceptres. All of these are on show and are incredible to view.

Take a tour with one of the Beefeaters, who will explain the history and show you the famous ravens who guard the castle too. They are really entertaining and do bring history to life.

The Tower of London is fascinating.. so take a virtual tour and enjoy..

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