

LANGUAGE LEVEL: **B1 INTERMEDIATE**

HISTORY IN PICTURES LONDON IN YOUR POCKET

La tecnología más actual se pone al servicio del turismo. El museo de Londres lanza una aplicación de móvil que permite visitar la ciudad desde dos puntos de vista: el de su pasado y el de su presente.

Smartphone applications are transforming the tourism experience.



The latest development is called Streetmuseum, or 'the museum in your pocket'. It can be downloaded on any iPhone or Android tablet and it enables you to explore the streets of London, both past and present.

Streetmuseum unites 200 images from the Museum of London collection with actual locations across the capital. It uses the smartphone's geo-tagging facility, as you walk the streets of London, satellite technology will give the phone's 'geoposition'. The phone will produce an image of that place in the past and you can compare this with what you see there today. So far the app has been downloaded by over 150,000 people around the world.

SKYLINE

The collection shows how much the London skyline has changed in recent decades. Until 1962, St Paul's Cathedral (which was completed in 1710 and is 110 metres

high) was London's tallest building. Today that honour goes to One Canada Square, the Canary Wharf Tower

in the Docklands. It is 230 metres high, but it will soon be overtaken by the 87-storey* tower Shard* London Bridge, which will be 310 metres high. Designed by the Italian architect Renzo Piano, it should be completed next year.

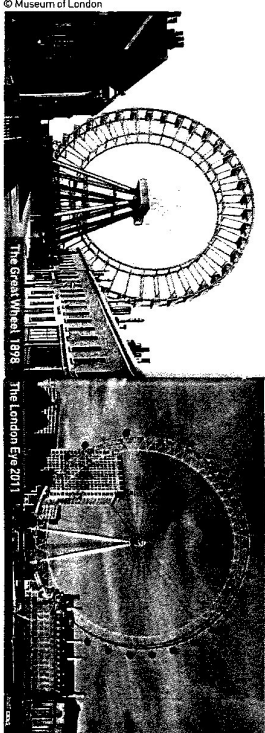
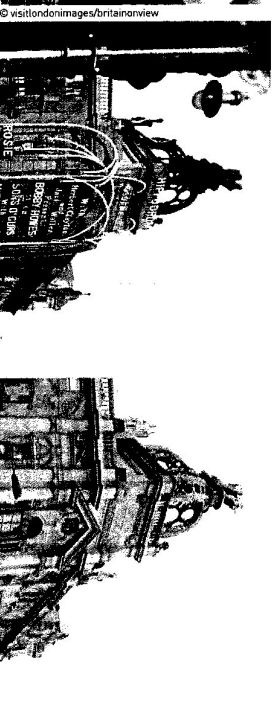
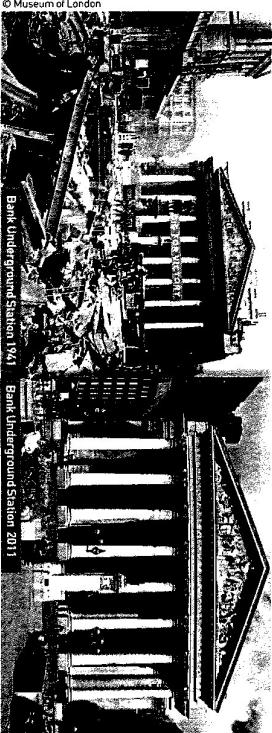
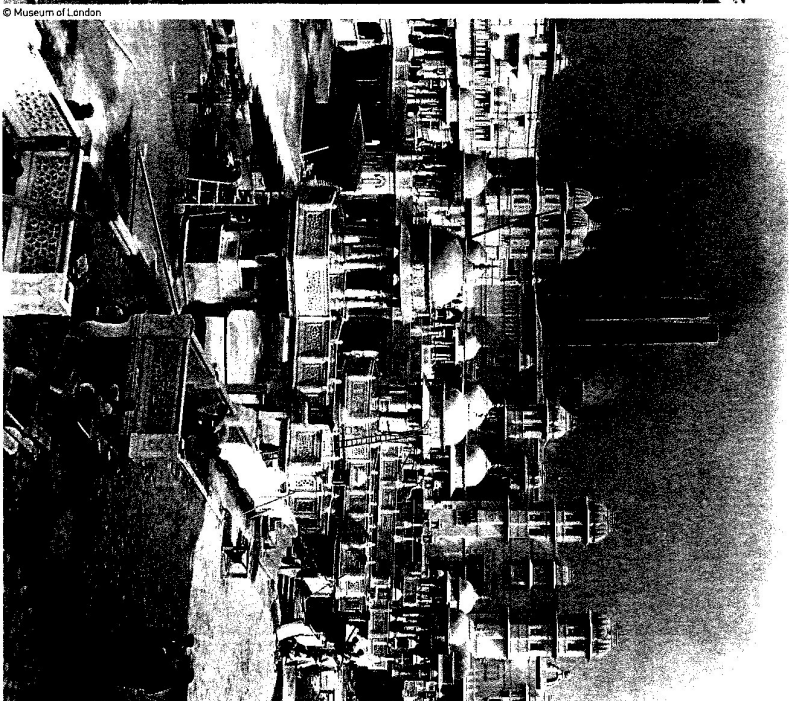
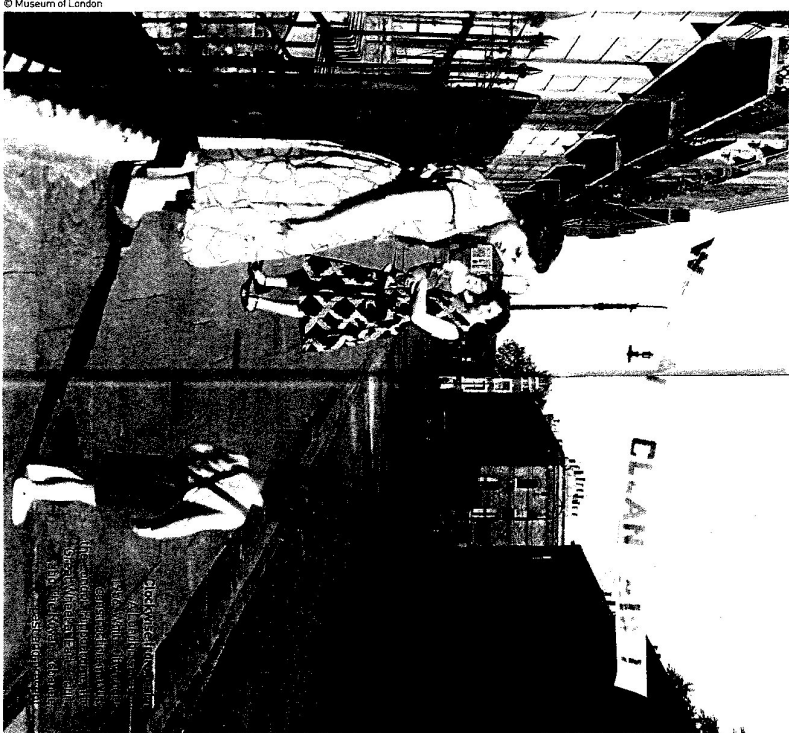
ALL CHANGE

St Paul's Cathedral survived the 'Blitz' bombing of the Second World War, but much of London was badly damaged. East London and the Docklands were destroyed. Many buildings were destroyed and they have since been replaced by tower blocks.

Of course, many historic buildings remain unchanged. The Royal Exchange escaped the damage of a bomb which fell on the nearby Bank underground station in 1941. Other

GLOSSARY

1 FACILITY: aplicación
2 STOREY: planta
3 SHARD: casco, fragmento



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