



A long 'balloon view' of London in 1845

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[Panorama of the River Thames in 1845.]

London, William Little, 1845. Coloured wood engraving. 300 x 2400mm.

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An elevated 'rolling prospect' of London, following the Thames from Vauxhall Bridge east to the Isle of Dogs, Greenwich and the East India Docks. Points of interest include the mass of shipping filling the river and the East and West India Docks; Nelson's Column, only erected three years before; the short-lived Hungerford Suspension Bridge (1845-1862, when it was removed and the chain used on the Clifton Suspension Bridge over the Avon); and Buckingham Palace, completed 1837, still with the Marble Arch as the gateway, which was re-erected in Hyde Park 1851.

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