Famous British houses

The UK is famous for its castles and historic houses. They are popular tourist attractions. Here are two very famous British houses:

10, Downing Street

10, Downing Street is the address of the British Prime Minister. Its nickname is ‘Number 10’ and its black front door is famous all over the world! The house is about 275 years old and it’s in the centre of London, near Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament.

It’s a very big house. There are about 100 rooms! There’s a private apartment on the third floor – the Prime Minister and his family live here. There’s also a big kitchen in the basement. On the other floors there are offices and official rooms for the British Government. The house isn’t open to visitors.
The Shakespeare Centre and House

Stratford-upon-Avon is a town in the centre of England. It is famous because it’s the birthplace of William Shakespeare. His house is a popular tourist attraction and it is open all year. It’s next to the Shakespeare Centre, a museum about Shakespeare and his family.

The house is about 450 years old and it’s very beautiful. It isn’t very big. There are six rooms in the house. The kitchen is downstairs and the bedrooms are upstairs. In one of the bedrooms there’s a special window with the signatures of some famous visitors from the past. For example, there are the signatures of two famous English writers, Charles Dickens and Sir Walter Scott, on the window. There’s also a book with the signatures of the famous poets Byron, Tennyson and Keats in it.