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London is anticipating a thrilling year in 2012. Yes, the Olympics are coming to Britain's largest city, and hundreds of thousands of tourists will hit town to watch the world's premier sporting tournament at many of London's finest sporting arenas. The excitement is already on the increase, even though it's still more than a year away.

The brand new Olympic Stadium is located in Stratford in the east of the city, and will hold 80,000 spectators during the event. To optimise spectator comfort, the stadium includes modern features and innovations, and will host the main athletics events along with the opening and closing ceremonies.

The high-tech London Velodrome is just one of the surrounding venues that make up the Olympic Zone hosting many of the other events that are not suited to the main stadium. Away from the city, the road cycling will be taking place at Brands Hatch and the sailing events will be held at Weymouth in Dorset. With catering facilities for over 5,000 athletes and beds for over 15,000, the Olympic Village is in place for the participants.

With a focus on transportation infrastructure, other vital improvements to facilities for the Olympics are falling into place. Whilst there will be plenty of [accommodation for the London Olympics](#) available, the sheer numbers expected to arrive will make booking early an imperative. Huge numbers of visitors were also welcomed in London in 2011 as the Royal Wedding saw massive amounts of interest from all corners of the globe.

The British Olympic athletes are planning for a good haul of gold medals with the vocal support they will receive on home soil. After a very strong showing at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Britain's athletes will be confident of a repeat on home soil, with a number of sports having been targeted with extra investment in the last four years.

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