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Explore a different side of London as we shine a spotlight on the best of London's outer neighbourhoods, from the green landscapes and historic buildings of Greenwich in the south, to the vibrant nightlife and the trendy atmosphere of Shoreditch in east London. Discover the alternative vibe and lively music scene of Camden Town in the north, and the quiet tranquillity of the riverside village of Richmond in the west.

South London's edgy spots include the throb and hum of Brixton Village with its ever changing food stands and 'blink and its gone' pop up shops, to under the radar Croydon, home to the newest Boxpark pop-up mall and eye catching street art from emerging artists. Look north to cool Islington and historic Clerkenwell, and enjoy afternoon tea in the conservatory of the Barbican Centre with over 2,000 species of tropical plants and trees. You can also explore underground tunnels at the newly opened Postal Museum on the edge of the foodie paradise of Exmouth Market. If the buzz of north and south get too much, head east, to a slower pace of life in Walthamstow, where you can explore the William Morris Gallery and the green and tranquil spaces of Walthamstow Wetlands, a brand new urban wetland reserve.

# Greenwich

## Things to see and do

Greenwich is one of the most historically rich areas of London. It boasts attractions including the Royal Observatory and Prime Meridian Line, Greenwich Park, and Greenwich Market. A walk up on top of the hill of the park provides a stunning view that captures in the whole city; taking in landmarks from Canary Wharf to the Shard. Maritime Greenwich is an UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the area is home to London's naval history, where you will find the Cutty Sark tea clipper ship, as well as the National Maritime Museum, the Queen's House and the Old Royal Naval College famed for its beautiful painted hall. Greenwich also has a vibrant modern side, with the O2 that often sees the world's biggest and best musicians and performers take to the stage. Thrill seekers will enjoy Up at the O2, a unique urban climbing experience on the roof of the famous arena.

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## Food and drink

Greenwich visitors are spoiled for choice with a range of food and drink venues. From charming historic pubs to al fresco dining and luxury restaurants, the Greenwich food and drink scene couldn't be livelier.

## How to get here

### 🚢 ...by River Boat

Riverboats sail regularly from Westminster, Embankment, London Bridge City, Canary Wharf, St Katherine Docks, and Tower piers. Providers include City Cruises, Thames River Services, and MBNA Thames Clippers.

### 🚆 ...by Rail

It takes only ten minutes to get to Greenwich with Southeastern railways, departing regularly from London Bridge station. Trains also depart from Cannon Street Station.

### 🚇 ...by Tube

Take the Jubilee line to North Greenwich Underground, located next to The O2. Alternatively, take the Docklands Light Railway from Bank station, and exit at Greenwich station or Cutty Sark.



# Shoreditch

## Things to see and do

For a taster of trendy and quirky London, take a trip east and find a host of exciting things to do in Shoreditch, often seen as a hub for fashionable hipsters and young creatives. Swing by Boxpark to shop in East London's pop-up mall, where you'll find gourmet cake shops alongside quirky fashion boutiques and contemporary art and design galleries. Wander down Shoreditch High Street to absorb the colourful art on a street art tour. Discover a hidden gem amidst the urban jungle with a trip to the Geffrye Museum, dedicated to the history of British homes and interiors, and step back in time as you study beautifully furnished rooms through different iconic eras of history.

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## Food and drink

Plenty of food and drink options will keep you energised for exploring this vibrant area of town; peruse the restaurants and bars off Shoreditch High Street, and try the likes of Bounce and the Queen of Hoxton for the best value beers and cocktails. Some of the most authentic foods can be found in the area, such as the original beigel shops on brick lane famed for delicious salt beef fillings.

## How to get here

### 🚆 ...by Overground train

Shoreditch High Street has its own overground station, allowing easy access to the overground network that covers the city.

### 🚂 ...by Rail

Shoreditch is a few minutes' walk from London Liverpool Street station, one of the city's largest terminal stations with national rail train services out to East Anglia as well as direct services to Stansted airport.

### 🚇 ...by Tube

London Liverpool Street is also serviced by the Central line, Circle line, Hammersmith & City, and Metropolitan lines on the tube network.



# Camden

## Things to see and do

Lively Camden has an abundance of things to do to while away the afternoons and evenings. Visitors flock here to shop for bargains in Camden's famous markets, where you'll find a myriad of stalls selling vintage clothes, antiques, and more. Spend some time gazing at the pretty canal from Camden Lock and take a boat to picturesque Little Venice, or see animals and creatures from around the globe by visiting ZSL London Zoo. Take a stroll in picture-pretty Regent's Park, home to the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, where you can see plays under the stars during the summer months. Enjoy a picnic atop Primrose Hill, which gives fabulous views over the capital. At night, check out Camden's many pubs, bars and nightclubs as the area comes alive with music.

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## Food and drink

Camden is perhaps best known for its street food, cuisine from around the world can be sampled at the famous street food stalls in Camden market, from aromatic noodle dishes to giant pizza slices, from Middle Eastern falafel wraps to traditional English pork chops.

## How to get here

### 🚇 ...by Tube

Camden Town station is on the northern line, only a very short journey on the northern line into the centre to stations including Leicester Square, Tottenham Court Road and London Bridge.

### 🚆 ...by Rail

Camden Town station is only two short stops from Kings Cross on the northern line. Kings Cross is one of London's largest railway stations with national rail services as well as international rail services from Europe with Eurostar.



# Richmond

## Things to see and do

The south west London suburb of Richmond is known for its beautiful green spaces and a variety of fine restaurants, shops, and cafes. First and foremost is the beautiful Richmond Park, where you can take a bike for a scenic cycle route, or stroll around on foot to see free-roaming wild deer in what is the largest of London's Royal Parks. In the centre you will find boutique shops and cobbled streets aplenty, as well as a regular farmers market. The area also boasts some impressive historic buildings, such as the National Trust's Ham House and Gardens, and Strawberry Hill House, a beautiful gothic castle. One stop away on the tube is Kew Gardens, a botanical paradise filled with tropical plants and flowers.

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## Food and drink

Richmond's riverside location means you can enjoy dinner with a view at a restaurant overlooking the river, or enjoy a drink at a cosy pub such as the White Cross with its large riverside terrace. Richmond has restaurants for any occasion, you'll find lots of familiar chains including upmarket restaurants such as Gaucho steak restaurant, to family-friendly favourites. Cocktail bars and pubs give plenty of opportunity to enjoy drinks into the evening.

## How to get here

### 🚇 ...by Tube

The Borough is served by the District Line of the London Underground Service to Richmond and Kew Gardens.

### 🚆 ...by Overground train

Richmond and Kew Gardens also connect to North London and East London via the London Overground Train line.

### 🚉 ...by Rail

Richmond station can be reached directly in 20 minutes from Waterloo allowing good connections to the city, the West End, as well as the south-east coast.



# Lambeth & Brixton

## Things to see and do

Doing the Lambeth walk in the south of London is easy with so much to offer. With its diverse communities, lush green spaces in the city and host to a slew of London's extraordinary array of cultural offerings, you could spend days here and never run out of things to do. From dusk till dawn, it's all here: wandering around Brixton Village where traders selling spinach and socks jostle cheek by jowl next to stands selling hand-raised pies and the capital's best burgers. The newly refurbished Garden Museum tells the history of the garden and is located in the ancient church of St Mary's, just off Lambeth Bridge, a mere 10 minute stroll from Big Ben. The Imperial War Museum is set within a huge green space with a beautiful café, free exhibitions to visit and an incredible permanent art collection. Battersea Power Station, the iconic Grade II\* listed building and the surrounding area, is being brought back to life with a unique blend of restaurants, shops, parks and cultural spaces. You can access it by river, foot, bus or overground.

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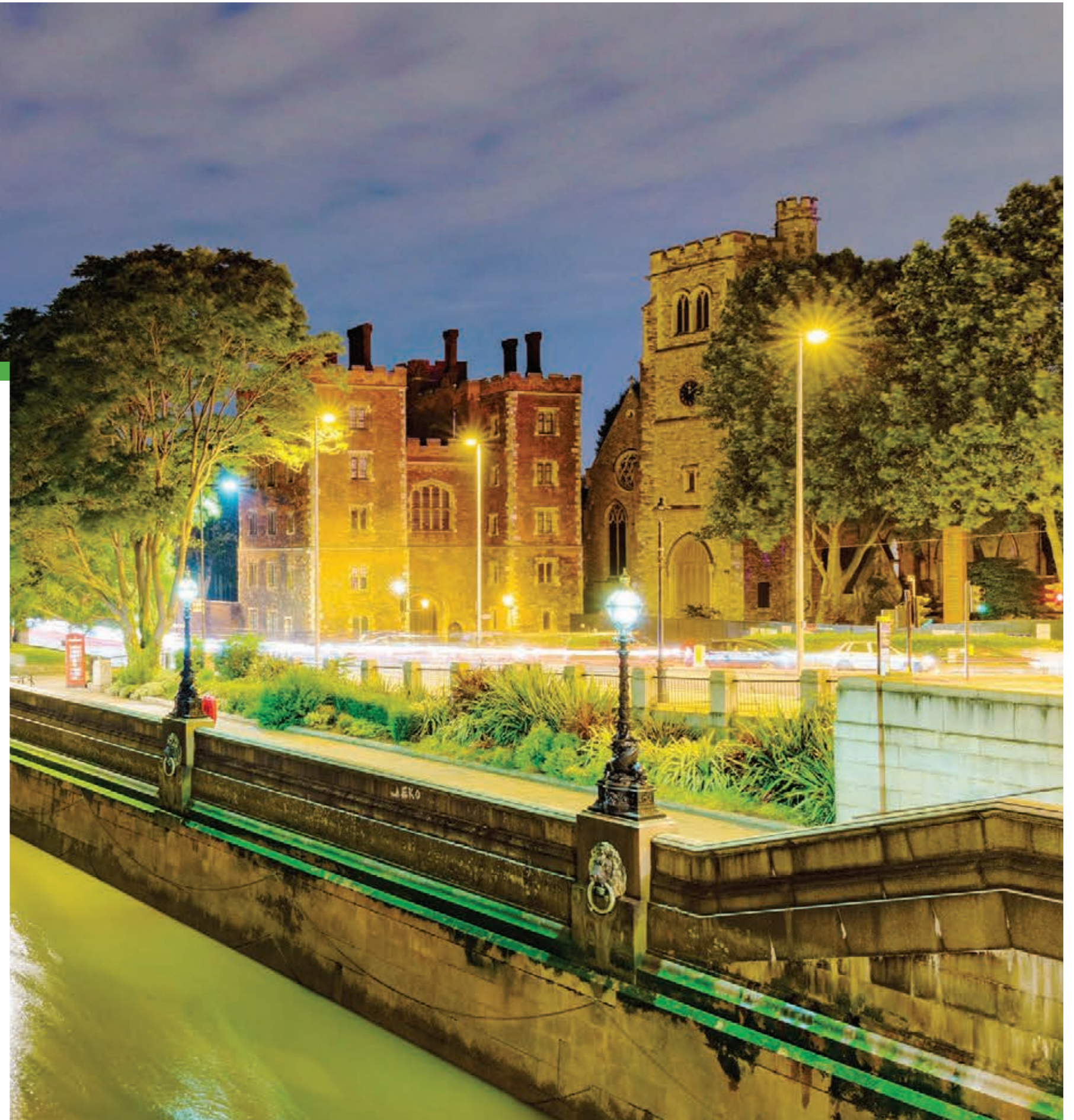
## How to get here

### 🚇 ...by Tube

Lambeth North tube station is accessible on the Bakerloo line, a short journey from both Elephant & Castle and Waterloo stations. Brixton is located on the Victoria line which takes you into central London in 15 minutes.

### 🚆 ...by Rail

Brixton rail station is located in the heart of Lambeth, and provides regular services to and from London Victoria. Victoria tube station is accessible via the Victoria, District and Circle line and train services



# Islington & Clerkenwell

## Things to see and do

One of the most pleasing ways in which to explore this historic area, on the borders of the City of London, is on foot. You can be the flâneur of Farringdon with a stroll from the top of Upper Street to Mount Pleasant and visit the newly opened Postal Museum where you can take a subterranean trip in the underground tunnels and delve into 500 years of ground-breaking postal history. Take a shortcut down Exmouth Market where food stands, independent boutiques and excellent pubs abound. Amble down towards the Museum of London, which documents the history of London from prehistoric to modern times and finish your jaunt with a cup of tea in the conservatory at the nearby Barbican Centre, a hidden tropical oasis in the heart of the city which is home to finches, exotic fish and over 2,000 species of tropical plants and trees.

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## How to get here

### 🚇 ...by Tube

Islington can be accessed through the Northern Line (Angel). Clerkenwell's Farringdon tube station connects to the Circle, Metropolitan and Hammersmith & City lines and Crossrail.

### 🚆 ...by Rail

In Clerkenwell, Farringdon connects to services from Bedford, Brighton and London Luton and London Gatwick airports. In Islington the London Overground (Highbury & Islington) connects to services to the south and east of the city.





# Walthamstow & Stratford

## Things to see and do

This area of London is on the cusp of huge green spaces, including Walthamstow Wetlands, a new urban wetland reserve for London. The William Morris Gallery, backing onto leafy Lloyd Park, is devoted to English Arts and Crafts designer William Morris and is packed with historic items from the archives and an award winning café. If you've got a head for heights, make your way to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and 'Ride the Slide' on the ArcelorMittal Orbit or take swim in the pool of champions in the stunning, London Aquatics Centre. Walthamstow is brilliantly located to major transport hubs: a swift 45 minutes by train and underground from Stansted airport and 20 minutes tube ride from Oxford Circus, means you can be sauntering around a leafy park in the morning and hitting the shops along Oxford Street at lunchtime.

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## How to get here


🚇 *...by Tube*

You can get direct to Walthamstow Central via the Victoria line and to Stratford via the Jubilee line.

🚆 *...by Rail*

Stratford and Walthamstow stations both provide connections from Stansted Airport and Hertfordshire.

Find out more - [visitlondon.com/things-to-do/london-areas/walthamstow](http://visitlondon.com/things-to-do/london-areas/walthamstow)



# Croydon

## Things to see and do

This burgeoning South London neighbourhood is gradually establishing itself as the new home of the capital's street art movement and the 'silicon valley' of the south. The Boxpark pop up mall which originated in East London's Shoreditch, has its second home here. Croydon's proximity to Gatwick Airport and central London make it a great base for your visit to London. A £30 million makeover is transforming Croydon's Fairfield Halls into a state-of-the-art performance venue at the heart of a stunning new cultural quarter in Croydon in 2018.

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## How to get here

### ➤ ...by Rail

Services from Central London stations can be easily accessed, with Croydon's rail stations having links to London Gatwick, London Victoria, London Blackfriars, and London Bridge.

Find out more - [visitlondon.com/things-to-do/london-areas/croydon](http://visitlondon.com/things-to-do/london-areas/croydon)

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