Where can I hire a bike?

There are over 30 Barclays Cycle Hire stations along the route (denoted by g on the map). They charge a daily rate for hire and encourage users to return bikes and/or lock them at Barclays Cycle Hire stations when not in use. Barclays Cycle Hire is London’s self-service bicycle hire scheme. See www.tfl.gov.uk/cyclehire for bike locations. You can also hire a bike by g on the map.

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Other transport options

By Thames River Ferry journey (30 minutes, €10 return). From Greenwich Pier to Greenwich Pier and/or back to the same ferry terminal. Cyle hire is also available to residents of Greenwich.

By Metro. Greenwich Pier is part of the Docklands Ferry service. From Woolwich Pier, Faversham Pier, Greenwich Pier.

By Oyster Card. Greenwich Pier is part of the Docklands Ferry service. From Woolwich Pier, Faversham Pier, Greenwich Pier.

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Public toilet facilities are located near the route at:
- Greenwich Pier
- Royal Victoria Dock
- The O2
- The Thames Path
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Gabriel’s Wharf

From Gabriel’s Wharf you can make the short crossing to the Tower Bridge foot tunnel to reach Tower Bridge.

The Old Rotherhithe Greenock Duck

The Old Rotherhithe Greenock Duck is a good place to look for some early Dickensian taverns. It is currently a pub called the George and Dragon. If you have a keen eye, you can also spot a set of window shutters that date from the 18th century. These shutters are original and have remained in place.

In the 18th century, this was the site of a fish and chip shop. The shop was owned by a man named John Moxon, who also ran a blacksmith’s forge. Moxon’s forge was one of the few in the area that could smelt iron. This allowed him to produce high-quality iron for the needs of the local shipyards.

During the next section of the route, you will be forgiven for not noticing the East India Dock Road, as it is not marked on many maps. This road was once the main thoroughfare for traders coming from the East Indies, who would land their goods at the dockyard in Rotherhithe.

The Hundreds of Merchant Ships

The hundreds of merchant ships moored downriver were a source of inspiration for many poets and writers. One such poet was Alfred, Lord Tennyson, who wrote:

"And the hundreds of merchant ships

And the bell that tolled for the king of the sea

And the sun that shone on the east

And the stars that shone on the west

And the wind that blew from the north

And the wave that rolled from the south"

During the 19th century, the East India Dock Road became a hub for the transportation of goods from the East Indies to the rest of the world. The road was home to many warehouses and factories, which were used to store and process the goods.

The Old Royal Naval College

The Old Royal Naval College was built in 1664 and is now home to the Tate Modern art gallery. It is a fine example of early Georgian architecture and is located on the banks of the Thames.

The Mudchute

The Mudchute is a park in the heart of London that was once part of a Victorian-era farm. The farm was established in the 1860s by the London Dock Company to provide fresh produce for the people of London.

The Woolwich Canal

The Woolwich Canal was once a vital link in the transportation of goods from the East Indies to the rest of the world. It was built in the 1820s and was used to transport goods from the docks to the warehouses in the city of London.

The Old Vic

The Old Vic is one of the oldest theaters in London and is located in the Southbank area. It was built in the 18th century and is home to many famous actors and actresses.

The Tower Bridge

The Tower Bridge is a famous landmark in London and is one of the city’s most recognizable features. It was built in 1894 and is a combined bascule and suspension bridge.

The South Bank

The South Bank is a popular area in London and is home to many museums, galleries, and theaters. It is located on the banks of the Thames and is a popular spot for tourists and locals alike.

The Blackfriars

The Blackfriars is a historic area in London that was once home to a monastery of the order of Friars Minor. The monastery was founded in the 13th century and was later demolished to make way for the Blackfriars Bridge.

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The City of London

The City of London is the oldest part of the city and is home to many historic buildings and landmarks. It was once the center of the city, and its streets were lined with shops and businesses.

The London Docklands

The London Docklands is a modern area of London that was once home to many warehouses and factories. The area was redeveloped in the 1990s and is now home to many offices, hotels, and residential developments.

The London Bridge

The London Bridge is one of the most famous landmarks in London and is a symbol of London’s history. It was built in the 12th century and was later demolished to make way for the current bridge.

The London Eye

The London Eye is a giant Ferris wheel located on the Southbank. It was built in the 1990s and is one of the city’s most popular tourist attractions.

The Tate Modern

The Tate Modern is one of the most famous art galleries in London and is located on the Southbank. It was built in the 1990s and is home to many modern and contemporary art exhibitions.

The Tower of London

The Tower of London is one of the most famous landmarks in London and is home to many historic buildings and artifacts. It was once home to the royal palace and is now a popular tourist attraction.

The London Dungeon

The London Dungeon is a popular tourist attraction located in the Southbank area. It is home to many interactive exhibits and is designed to simulate the experiences of London’s past.