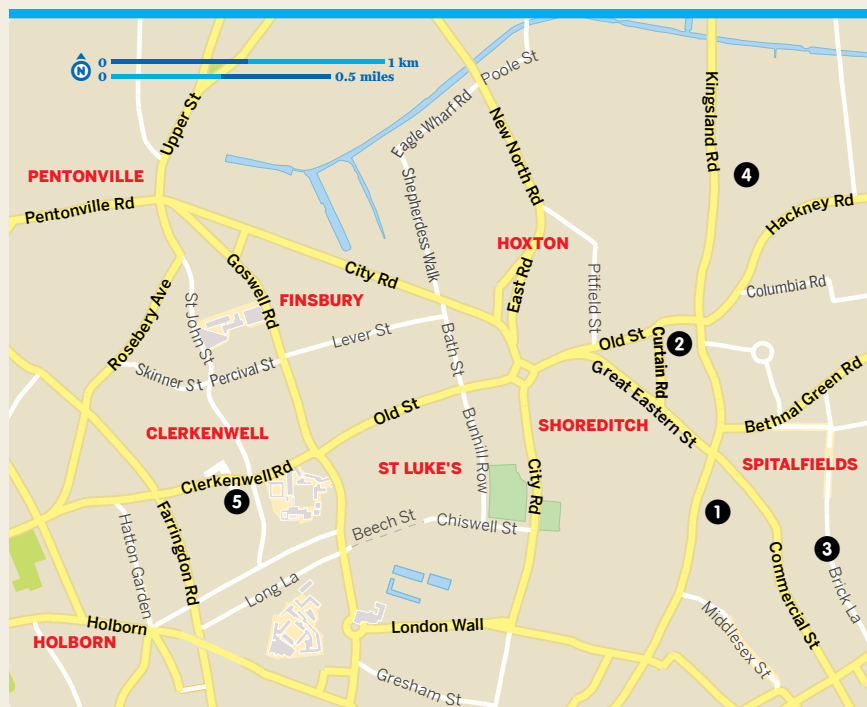


# Clerkenwell, Shoreditch & Spitalfields

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## Neighbourhood Top Five

- ❶ Capping off a day wandering through wonderfully preserved Georgian Spitalfields with a candlelit visit to **Dennis Severs' House** (p200).
- ❷ Donning your craziest outfit, grooming your beard and heading to **Shoreditch** (p208) for cocktails and carousing.
- ❸ Market crawling with the multicultural masses on a sunny Sunday in **Spitalfields** (p210).
- ❹ Stepping back through the living rooms of time at the **Geffrye Museum** (p198).
- ❺ Learning about the surprisingly tangled origins of everyone's favourite knights in shiny ambulances with a tour of **St John's Gate** (p198).



For more detail of this area see Map p426 ➔

## Explore: Clerkenwell, Shoreditch & Spitalfields

These historic city-fringe neighbourhoods contain a few significant sights, mainly around Clerkenwell and Spitalfields, but the area is best known for its nightlife. Shoreditch and Hoxton long ago replaced Soho and Camden as the hippest, most alternative parts of London, and although some of the action has moved further east, they're still holding their own.

Swing by during the day to explore the boutiques, vintage shops, markets and cafes. But make sure you come back after dark for a meal at one of the excellent eateries followed by an evening flitting between kooky cocktail bars and subterranean nightspots.

Sunday is a great day to join the crowds shrugging off their hangovers with a stroll through Spitalfields' many markets.

## Local Life

➔ **Nights Out with a Difference** Mingle with London's hipsterati at DreamBagsJaguarShoes (p209), learn to life draw or play ping pong at the Book Club (p209), or take in a moonlit flick on the roof of the Queen of Hoxton (p209).

➔ **Coffee Crawl** The area has so many excellent cafes that a mild caffeine tremor is de rigueur. Sink a silky flat white or a shotgun espresso at Prufrock Coffee (p201), Shoreditch Grind (p204), Ozone Coffee Roasters (p205) or Allpress Espresso (p205).

➔ **The Pho Mile** Spend some time working out which is your favourite Vietnamese restaurant on Kingsland Rd/Old St strip.

## Getting There & Away

➔ **Underground** Farringdon and Barbican, on the Circle, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines, are the stopping-off points for Clerkenwell. These and the Central Line also head through Liverpool St, the closest tube stop to Spitalfields. Old St, on the Bank branch of the Northern Line, is the best stop for the western edge of Hoxton and Shoreditch.

➔ **Overground** Shoreditch High St and Hoxton are the closest stations to Spitalfields and the eastern parts of Shoreditch and Hoxton.

➔ **Bus** Clerkenwell and Old St are connected with Oxford St by the 55 and with Waterloo by the 243. The 38 runs up Rosebery Ave and edges past Exmouth Market on its way from Victoria to Islington. The 8 and 242 zip through the city and up Shoreditch High St.

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Fancy a late one? Nightjar, 333 Mother, XOYO, Cargo and the Horse & Groom all stay open until at least 3am on weekends, while Fabric can see you through to dawn. Brick Lane Beigel Bake will serve you munchies throughout the night, and for breakfast with a pint, the Fox & Anchor throws back its doors at 7am (8.30am on weekends).

## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Clove Club (p206)
- ➔ Morito (p202)
- ➔ St John (p202)
- ➔ Polpo (p201)
- ➔ Prufrock Coffee (p201)

For reviews, see p201 ➔

## Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Worship St Whistling Shop (p208)
- ➔ Jerusalem Tavern (p207)
- ➔ Ye Olde Mitre (p207)
- ➔ Zetter Townhouse Cocktail Lounge (p207)
- ➔ Old Blue Last (p209)

For reviews, see p207 ➔

## Best Places to Dance

- ➔ Fabric (p207)
- ➔ XOYO (p209)
- ➔ Cargo (p209)

For reviews, see p207 ➔