

Greenwich & South London

GREENWICH | WOOLWICH | LAMBETH | KENNINGTON | ELEPHANT & CASTLE | BRIXTON | BATTERSEA | DULWICH | FOREST HILL | CAMBERWELL | WANDSWORTH | VAUXHAUL

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Taking in the 360-degree views from the statue of General Wolfe in **Greenwich Park** (p271).
- 2 Hanging out at fun and ever-funky **Brixton Village** (p276).
- 3 Exploring the **Cutty Sark's** (p273) history and admiring its golden hull from below.
- 4 Revisiting the horror of war and the promise of peace at the new First World War Galleries of the **Imperial War Museum** (p275).
- 5 Discovering the dichotomy that is **Deptford** (p283), with its Georgian architecture, state-of-the-art Laban Theatre dance academy and workaday market.



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Explore: Greenwich & South London

Until recently Londoners talked as if the Thames was the huge barrier between north and south that it was in the Middle Ages. But with more attractions, better transport links and increased pedestrian areas, the allure to go south has become irresistible. Quaint Greenwich (*gren-itch*) is packed with grand architecture, while gorgeous parks and standout museums bring growing fleets of visitors. With the Royal Observatory and the fabulously renovated Cutty Sark, Greenwich should be one of the highlights of any visit to London – allow a day, particularly if you want to head down the river to the Thames Barrier.

Find time for an afternoon or a night out in edgy and artistic Brixton. Battersea and Wandsworth are home to lovely parks and a visit is ideally rounded off with a beer in a fantastic local pub. Lambeth boasts both the medieval London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the incomparable Imperial War Museum with its excellent new First World War Galleries. Further afield, Dulwich and Forest Hill are home to excellent galleries and museums, while Bexleyheath and Eltham will reward day trippers with unusual architectural gems.

Local Life

➤ **Hang-outs** Spending a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in the pub is time well spent in South London, particularly if you add brunch at Rivington Grill (p281) or Sunday lunch at Brunswick House; p284.

➤ **Live music & clubbing** Brixton (Dogstar (p285)) and Vauxhall (Fire London; p286) swarm with London clubbers.

➤ **Shopping** Funky and art-inclined Brixton Village (p276) has emerged as a vibrant and eclectic hub of local life.

Getting There & Away

➤ **Underground, DLR & Train** Most areas of South London can be reached by Underground or DLR, though sometimes you have to take the train. Most sights in Greenwich can be easily reached from the Cutty Sark for Maritime Greenwich (its full name) DLR station, but a quicker way from central London is on one of the mainline trains from Charing Cross or London Bridge to Greenwich train station.

➤ **Bus** From Greenwich, bus 177 or 180 is handy for the Thames Barrier and Woolwich. In Forest Hill, the P4 links the Horniman Museum and the Dulwich Picture Gallery.

➤ **Boat** Thames Clipper boats run to Greenwich and Royal Arsenal Woolwich from the London Eye, Embankment and Tower Millennium piers.

➤ **Cable Car** The airborne option to cross from the O2 to the Royal Docks.

Lonely Planet Top Tip

A fun way to reach Docklands from Greenwich (or vice versa) is via the foot tunnel under the Thames. From the Island Gardens park on the Isle of Dogs, enjoy the splendid view of Greenwich that Venetian artist Canaletto portrayed in his *Greenwich Hospital from the North Bank of the Thames* (1752), now in the National Maritime Museum's art collection.

Best Places to Eat

- Angels & Gypsies (p281)
- Brunswick House (p284)
- Rivington Grill (p281)
- Franco Manca (p282)
- Chez Bruce (p282)

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Best Places to Drink

- Lost Angel (p286)
- Cutty Sark Tavern (p284)
- Market House (p285)
- Effra Hall Tavern (p285)
- Greenwich Union (p284)

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Best Places for Music

- O2 Academy Brixton (p286)
- Chapel at Old Royal Naval College (p272)
- Corsica Studios (p284)
- O2 Arena (p286)
- Plan B (p285)

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