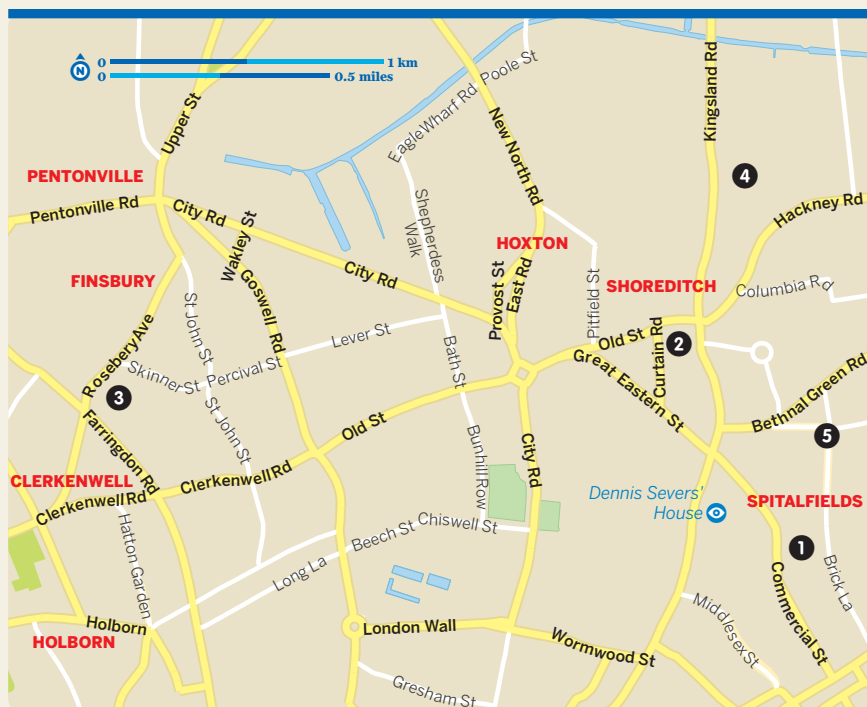


Clerkenwell, Shoreditch & Spitalfields

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Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Wandering through wonderfully preserved Georgian **Spitalfields** (p208), before emerging onto exuberant and cacophonous Brick Lane to explore Banglatown and the hip bars, shops and cafes of the Old Truman Brewery.
- 2 Squeezing into some skinny jeans and heading to **Shoreditch** (p211) for cocktails and carousing.
- 3 Making the agonising choice between the exciting foodie options on **Exmouth Market** (p205).
- 4 Stepping back through the living rooms of time at the **Geffrye Museum** (p204).
- 5 Market crawling on a sunny Sunday on **Brick Lane** and surrounds (p215).



For more detail of this area, see Map p444 →

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Fancy a late one? Clubs Aquarium and Fabric stay open until at least 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 (Monday to Friday). Night buses run on all the major routes, and tubes from Old St, Farringdon and Liverpool St start running between 5am and 6am (7am to 7.30am Sunday).

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Moro (p205)
- ➔ Leila's Shop (p207)
- ➔ St John (p205)
- ➔ Viet Grill (p209)
- ➔ Les Trois Garçons (p207)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Jerusalem Tavern (p210)
- ➔ Book Club (p211)
- ➔ Golden Heart (p213)
- ➔ Worship St Whistling Shop (p212)
- ➔ Mason & Taylor (p211)

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Best Places to Dance

- ➔ Fabric (p210)
- ➔ Cargo (p211)
- ➔ XOYO (p212)

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Explore: Clerkenwell, Shoreditch & Spitalfields

These three redeveloped post-industrial areas northeast of the city contain a few key areas, sights and shops that you'll want to explore in the daytime, but none get too overrun so there's no compulsion to head out particularly early. Which isn't a bad thing, given this is a haven for night owls. All three neighbourhoods have a glut of excellent cafes, restaurants, bars and clubs catering to Londoners' desires at all hours. There are plenty of options sprinkled throughout Clerkenwell and Spitalfields, but Shoreditch remains the centre of the late-night activity. Sunday is a great day to join the crowds shrugging off their hangovers with a leisurely stroll through Spitalfields.

Local Life

➔ **The Pho Mile** Spend some time working out which is your favourite Vietnamese eatery on the Kingsland Rd (p209).

➔ **Nights Out with a Difference** Join the table footballers at Bar Kick (p211), learn to life draw at the Book Club (p211), or take in a moonlit flick on the roof of the Queen of Hoxton (p212).

➔ **Shopping Strip** Sashay down Redchurch St (p211), grab a coffee in Allpress Espresso (p208) and check out the designer shops for what the cool kids are wearing this season.

➔ **Big Brunch** There's nothing more restorative than a hearty breakfast and you're absolutely spoilt for choice here. Favourites include Leila's Shop (p207), Caravan (p205) and Luxe (p210).

Getting There & Away

➔ **Underground** Farringdon and Barbican are the stopping-off points for Clerkenwell, on the Circle, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines. Old St is on the Bank branch of the Northern Line. Liverpool St, on the Central Line, gives you access to the City and the West End, as well as Bethnal Green and Stratford in the east.

➔ **Overground** Shoreditch High St and Hoxton are handy stops on the overground, running north to Dalston and Highbury & Islington, and south to Wapping.

➔ **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, handy for Exmouth Market, on its way from Victoria to Islington. The 8 and 242 zip through the city and up Shoreditch High St.

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