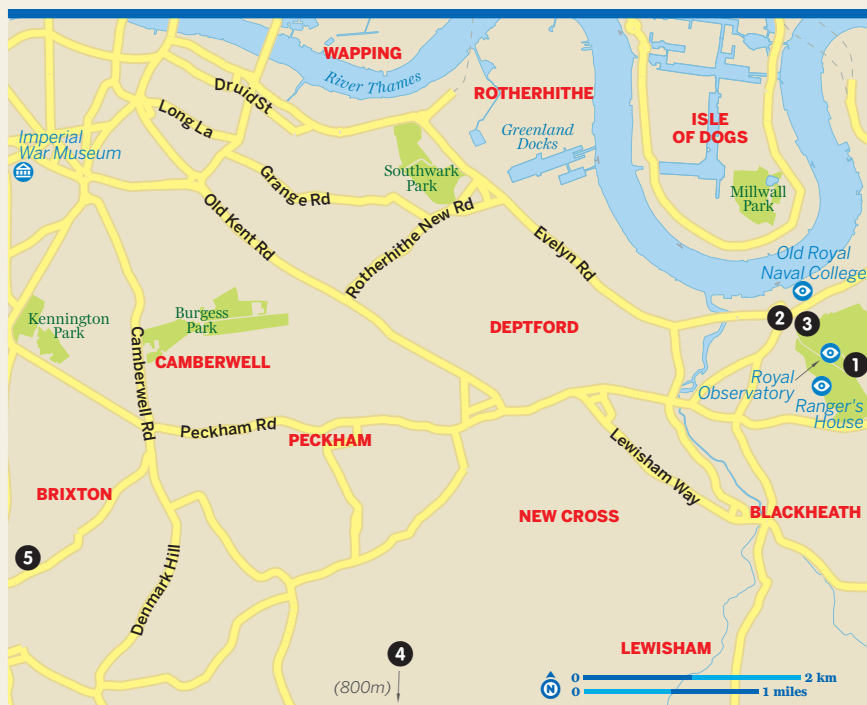


# Greenwich & South London

GREENWICH | CHARLTON | WOOLWICH | LAMBETH | BRIXTON | BATTERSEA | WANDSWORTH | CLAPHAM | KENNINGTON | OVAL | STOCKWELL | DULWICH | FOREST HILL

## Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Feasting on delicious views of London from beneath the statue of General Wolfe in **Greenwich Park** (p270), next to the **Royal Observatory** (p270).
- 2 Snacking and delving your way through the stalls and browse-worthy shops of **Greenwich Market** (p282).
- 3 Charting an eye-opening course through the oceanic exhibits of the standout **National Maritime Museum** (p273) at Greenwich.
- 4 Encountering the eclectic collection of the **Horniman Museum** (p279) before discovering what the glorious gardens have to offer.
- 5 Browsing, shopping, snacking and eating your way around fun and funky **Brixton Village** (p289).



For more detail of this area, see Map p460, Map p462 and Map p463 →

## Explore Greenwich & South London

The existential divide between north and south London remains as stark as the Watford Gap, but growing numbers of North Londoners have warmed to South London's more affordable property prices, leafy charms and relaxed tempo. Quaint Greenwich (*gren-itch*) is packed with grand architecture, while some gorgeous parks and standout museums bring growing fleets of visitors, including ticket-holders for South London venues of the 2012 Games. With the Royal Observatory and the fabulous National Maritime Museum, 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, passing the stunning O2 along the way.

Find time for edgy and artistic Brixton and, of course, Clapham, with its upmarket restaurants and bars. Battersea is home to a magnificent and fun park while Lambeth boasts both the episcopal seat of the Church of England and one of London's finest museums. Dulwich and Forest Hill's excellent galleries and museums are ideally rounded off with a pint of beer in charming Dulwich Village, while Eltham chips in with an art deco palace alongside a Tudor one dating back to the 14th century.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Hang-outs** Engagingly combining Victorian splendour with an Afro-Caribbean vibe, the Effra (p286) is a landmark Brixton local.
- ➔ **Live Music & Clubbing** Brixton clubs Plan B (p286) and Dogstar (p286) swarm with London clubbers.
- ➔ **Shopping** Funky and art-inclined Brixton Village (p289) has emerged as a vibrant and eclectic hub of local life. Retro clothing stores in Greenwich are cheaper than their West End equivalents.

## Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Underground, DLR & Train** Most sights in Greenwich can be easily reached from the Cutty Sark DLR station; a quicker way from central London is via one of the mainline trains from Charing Cross or London Bridge to Greenwich railway station.
- ➔ **Walking** If coming from Docklands to Greenwich, consider walking under the river (p286).
- ➔ **Bus** From Greenwich, bus 177 or 180 is handy for the Thames Barrier. In Forest Hill, the P4 links the Horniman Museum and the Dulwich Picture Gallery.
- ➔ **Boat** Thames Clipper (p394) boats run to Greenwich and Woolwich Arsenal from London Eye Millennium Pier.

## Lonely Planet Top Tip

Join the harvesters in October scouring Greenwich Park for its huge bounty of windfall edible chestnuts (it's legal to pick them up off the ground, but illegal to swat them from the trees). A fun way to reach Docklands from Greenwich is via the Foot Tunnel under the Thames (p286).

## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Franco Manca (p283)
- ➔ Chez Bruce (p284)
- ➔ Honest Burgers (p283)
- ➔ Nevada Street Deli (p282)
- ➔ Old Brewery (p282)
- ➔ Trinity (p285)

For reviews, see p281 ➔

## Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Greenwich Union (p285)
- ➔ Draft House (p287)
- ➔ Cutty Sark Tavern (p286)
- ➔ Effra (p286)
- ➔ Old Brewery (p282)

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## Best Guided Tours

- ➔ National Maritime Museum (p273)
- ➔ Ranger's House (Wernher Collection; p270)
- ➔ Imperial War Museum (p276)
- ➔ Horniman Museum (p279)
- ➔ Dulwich Picture Gallery (p281)
- ➔ Astronomy Centre at the Royal Observatory (p270)

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