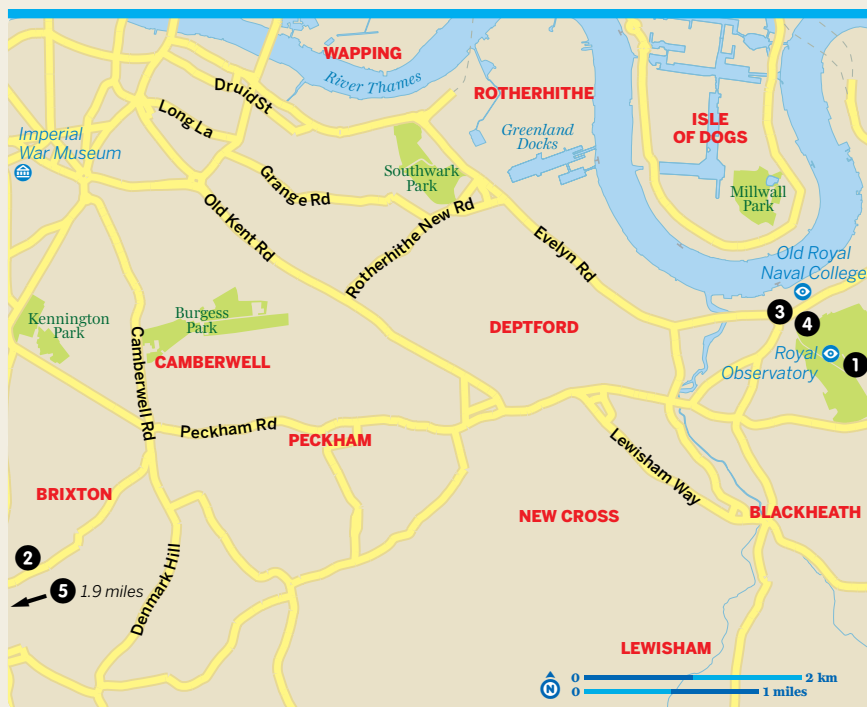


Greenwich & South London

GREENWICH | WOOLWICH | LAMBETH | KENNINGTON | ELEPHANT & CASTLE | BRIXTON | BATTERSEA | WANDSWORTH | DULWICH | FOREST HILL | CLAPHAM | CRYSTAL PALACE | CAMBERWELL | VAUXHALL

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Feasting on delicious views of London from beneath the statue of General Wolfe in **Greenwich Park** (p280).
- 2 Hanging out at the fun and funky **Brixton Village** (p285).
- 3 Exploring the **Cutty Sark's** (p282) history – and admiring its golden hull from beneath.
- 4 Charting an eye-opening course through the oceanic exhibits of the **National Maritime Museum** (p283).
- 5 Mooching about wild and wealthy **Wandsworth Common** (p286) and ogling the stunning Georgian mansions nearby.



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.

Best Places to Eat

- Buenos Aires Café (p292)
- Angels & Gypsies (p293)
- Abbeville Kitchen (p294)
- Franco Manca (p292)
- Chez Bruce (p293)

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Best Places to Drink

- Trafalgar Tavern (p294)
- Lost Society (p296)
- Market House (p295)
- Draft House (p296)
- Brunswick House Cafe (p296)

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Best for Music

- O2 Academy Brixton (p297)
- Chapel at Old Royal Naval College (p281)
- Corsica Studios (p295)
- British Music Experience (p282)
- Plan B (p296)

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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 and leafy charms. Quaint Greenwich (*gren-itch*) is packed with grand architecture, while some gorgeous parks and standout museums bring growing fleets of visitors. With the Royal Observatory and the fab newly re-opened 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, passing the stunning O2 along the way.

Find time for an afternoon or a night out in edgy and artistic Brixton, or Clapham with its upmarket restaurants. Battersea and Wandsworth are home to lovely parks and a visit is ideally rounded off with a pint of beer in fantastic local pubs while Lambeth boasts both the episcopal seat of the Church of England and one of London's finest museums. Further afield, Dulwich and Forest Hill are home to excellent galleries and museums, while Bexleyheath will reward day trippers with unusual 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 the Draft House (p296) or Sunday lunch at the Bear (p293).
- **Live Music & Clubbing** Brixton clubs Plan B (p296) and Dogstar (p296) swarm with London clubbers.
- **Shopping** Funky and art-inclined Brixton Village (p285) 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 train station.
- **Walking** If coming from Docklands to Greenwich, consider walking under the river along the Greenwich Foot Tunnel.
- **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 boats run to Greenwich and Woolwich Arsenal from London Eye Millennium Pier.
- **Cable Car** The latest option to cross from the O2 to the Docklands.