

Clerkenwell, Shoreditch & Spitalfields

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Neighbourhood Top Five

1 Shoreditch nightlife (p218) Donning your craziest outfit, grooming your beard and heading to Shoreditch for cocktails and carousing in clubs such as Cargo.

2 Super Market Sunday (p221) Crawling the markets with the multicultural masses on a sunny Sunday

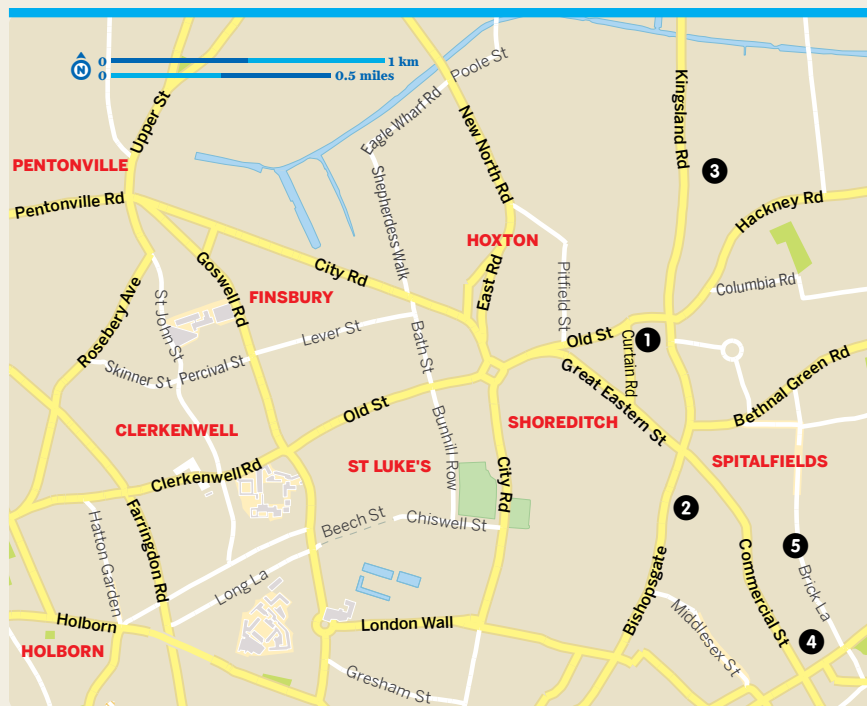
along Brick Lane and Spitalfields.

3 Geffrye Museum (p206) Stepping back through the living rooms of time at this wonderfully evocative domestic-interiors museum.

4 Vintage shopping in Spitalfields (p220) Finding that unique vinyl, 1960s dress or art-deco poster

in one of Spitalfields' vintage shops, including Blitz London.

5 Brick Lane (p207) Strolling through this unique neighbourhood, which bears witness to London's long migration history.



For more detail of this area see Map p458 →

Explore Clerkenwell, Shoreditch & Spitalfields

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

Shoreditch can get pretty wild on Friday and Saturday nights, and many places stay open until dawn. Spitalfields is great fun too, although slightly more subdued. Clerkenwell by comparison is positively sedate.

Sunday is a great day to join the crowds shrugging off their hangovers with a stroll through Spitalfields' many markets, but note that Clerkenwell is eerily quiet.

Local Life

- ➔ **Nights out with a difference** Mingle with London's hipsterati at DreamBagsJaguarShoes (p217); learn to life draw or play ping pong at the Book Club (p217); or take a swing class at the Queen of Hoxton (p216), followed by alfresco drinks on the rooftop.
- ➔ **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 (p210), Shoreditch Grind (p211), Ozone Coffee Roasters (p212) or Allpress Espresso (p217).
- ➔ **The pho mile** Spend some time working out which is your favourite Vietnamese restaurant on the Kingsland Rd/Old St strip (p211).

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Underground** Farringdon and Barbican stations on the Circle, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan Lines are stopping-off points for Clerkenwell. These lines and 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? **333 Mother** (p216), **XOYO** (p216), **Cargo** (p218) and the **Horse & Groom** (p218) all stay open until at least 3am on weekends. **Brick Lane Beigel Bake** (p213) will serve you munchies throughout the night, and for breakfast with a pint, the **Fox & Anchor** (p215) throws back its doors at 7am (8.30am on weekends).

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Clove Club (p213)
- ➔ Hawksmoor (p214)
- ➔ Polpo (p208)
- ➔ Foxlow (p210)
- ➔ Gate (p210)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Worship St Whistling Shop (p216)
- ➔ Ye Olde Mitre (p215)
- ➔ Zetter Townhouse Cocktail Lounge (p215)
- ➔ Cocktail Trading Co (p218)
- ➔ Fox & Anchor (p215)
- ➔ Queen of Hoxton (p216)

For reviews, see p214. ➔

Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Sunday UpMarket (p219)
- ➔ Old Spitalfields Market (p220)
- ➔ Collectif (p219)
- ➔ Rough Trade East (p219)
- ➔ Magma (p220)

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