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time after time

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Take time to visit Greenwich in 2015

- New exhibitions, openings, tours and more -

Spanning across the Royal Borough from the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site to Woolwich, Blackheath and beyond, 2015 is set to be a big year for Greenwich, one of London's most vibrant and exciting destinations. From new exhibitions, openings and events now is the time to plan a visit to Greenwich. And with the Rugby World Cup coming to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park just across the river, it's the perfect chance for rugby fans to extend their stay and explore Greenwich - the place where hemispheres meet and royal heritage combines with contemporary architecture. Here is a snapshot of what Greenwich has to offer in 2015:

From April 2015 [Eltham Palace](#) will open previously closed doors following an extensive makeover of unseen rooms. Visitors to this unique Art Deco house will step back in time to the 1930s world of the Palace's previous millionaire owners – Stephen and Virginia Courtauld – taking a personal journey on a multimedia tour through the mansion, the adjoining medieval Great Hall and landscaped gardens to discover the Courtaulds' luxury lifestyle. In 2015, groups of 11 or more people will receive a 15% discount.

Until 31 August 2015 visitors to [The O2](#) will get a personal insight into the life of Elvis Presley, through the largest Elvis retrospective ever mounted in Europe, [Elvis at The O2](#). Opened in December 2014, the nine month exhibition showcases over 300 artefacts from the Presley family's Graceland archives, some of which have never been exhibited outside of Graceland in Memphis. The Elvis at The O2 exhibition chronicles the rise of Elvis and how he impacted popular culture around the world through his music, movies and personal style.

[Sail Royal Greenwich](#) will bring the Tall Ships back to Greenwich in 2015. Over the August Bank Holiday weekend (29-31 August), visitors to the Royal Borough will be able to see and take part in some spectacular afternoon and evening cruises, reminiscent of the larger scale event seen in September 2014. And, hot on the heels of the success of 2014's Tall Ships

Regatta, is the announcement that in 2017 [Royal Greenwich](#) is to be the start port for one of the world's largest transatlantic Tall Ships events - the Sail Training International Rendez-vous Tall Ships Regatta to Quebec in Canada. Taking place over Easter Weekend (13-16 April 2017) some of the world's largest Tall Ships will leave Greenwich to sail across the Atlantic Ocean.

[Greenwich+Docklands International Festival](#) will return with a programme of spell-binding street theatre performances in June 2015. Following the success of the inaugural [Greenwich Music Time](#), which saw over 16,000 music fans attend performances from Goldfrapp, Australian Pink Floyd Show, Jools Holland and Russell Watson, the concert series will return to [the Old Royal Naval College](#) in Greenwich in 2015. Running from 22–25 July, it will feature a similarly world class line-up. Tickets will go on sale in early 2015.

2015 will be an exciting year at the [Old Royal Naval College](#) as preparation begins for the second phase of the Painted Hall conservation. Throughout the year there will be changing exhibitions, talks and hands-on workshop, the details of which will be communicated through the ORNC website.

The [National Maritime Museum](#) launches an exciting new exhibition on 20 November 2015. *Samuel Pepys: Plague, Fire and Revolution* will explore Stuart London through the diary notes of Samuel Pepys, interpreting the period from the execution of Charles I in 1649 to the Glorious Revolution of 1688. This latest exhibition will consist of 200 paintings and objects from museums, galleries and private collections across Britain and beyond.

[The Fan Museum](#) – the only museum dedicated to the artistry of the fan in the UK - will celebrate the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo with a special exhibition from 27 January to 10 May 2015. *Waterloo: Life & Times* will feature fans and fan leaves designed to commemorate significant military campaigns, battles and victories associated with the period leading up to (and following) the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. Visitors to the museum will see an array of styles printed with heroic figures and delicately painted vignettes.

Coach and corporate visitors to Greenwich seeking a walking tour can now choose from two tours from [Greenwich Royal Tours](#). The 'Greenwich Highlights Half Day Tour' runs daily and lasts 3.5 hours, taking in Greenwich's popular attractions including the Royal Observatory, Cutty Sark, National Maritime Museum, Old Royal Naval College and more as well as an optional pub lunch. The daily 'Best of Greenwich Day Tour' will return in 2015 and includes admission to all the major venues in Greenwich and a pub lunch.

Greenwich is the perfect destination for a short break in 2015. Whether you're looking for four star luxury or a cosy B&B, Greenwich has it all. The [Mercure London Greenwich](#) is the latest addition to the fabulous collection of hotels in the area. This secluded four star hotel offers tranquil surroundings and great views of Greenwich and Canary Wharf. Or try the [Novotel London Greenwich](#) for its contemporary style and convenient location next to Greenwich train and DLR station. And, being just 10 minutes to central London, Greenwich is the ideal base for exploring more of what the capital has to offer. The five star, luxury InterContinental London – The O2 will open in autumn 2015 boasting Europe's largest pillar-free ball room and spectacular riverside views of London.

For more accommodation options in Greenwich, please see www.visitgreenwich.org.uk/accommodation.

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About Visit Greenwich

Visit Greenwich is a private sector led destination management company, supported by the Royal Borough of Greenwich, with the aim of growing the visitor economy and raising the profile of Greenwich for the benefit of businesses, visitors and residents. A public/private partnership led by a board of tourism professionals, representing different sectors of the industry, with an independent chair. Visit Greenwich works in partnership with local visitor attractions, accommodation providers, transport operators, meetings and events venues, travel trade, the hospitality and retail sectors and local businesses.

Set alongside the river Thames in south east London, the Royal Borough of Greenwich is one of London's most popular visitor destinations, stretching from the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site, eastwards to cross the Prime Meridian of the World to Greenwich Peninsula for The O2 and the Emirates Air Line cable car, and onwards to the historic Royal Arsenal at Woolwich, Eltham, Charlton and Blackheath.