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TOTALLY THAMES FESTIVAL SET TO MAKE WAVES IN GREENWICH

Totally Thames Festival will be taking to the banks of the River Thames once again from 1st – 30th September 2015. With a host of activities and events set to take place, there's never been a better time to visit Greenwich and soak up the atmosphere of the festival in fantastic surroundings.

If you're planning a trip to the Capital to during the festival, Greenwich is the perfect location to set up camp in the heart of all the action. As well as its own selection of events taking place, Greenwich's transport links make it easy to travel to other destinations along the river to make to most of everything the festival has in store.

Some of the main events and festival highlights close to Greenwich include:

Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Festival 2015

Thursday 27th – Monday 31st Aug, 12pm - 10pm

Maritime Greenwich, Cutty Sark Gardens SE10 9BL / Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, SE18 6FB.

Before the official beginning of Totally Thames, the Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Festival takes place over August Bank Holiday. Up to 15 Tall Ships will be arriving at Woolwich Arsenal Riverside for a maritime family festival with a firework display building the excitement on Saturday 29 August between 12noon and 10pm.

Shipmates can get on board for daily Tall Ship sails along the river, passing East London's landmarks en route to Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site and Tower Bridge. Visitors can head to 'Ship Island' to see two of the biggest Class A tall ships - the Dar Młodzieży and Santa Maria Manuela, which will be moored in the river off Greenwich. A ticket for this experience includes a trip from either London Bridge City Pier or Greenwich Pier on a MBNA Thames Clippers boat and an hour tour of the two ships with a chance to speak to cadets and hear fascinating stories about life at sea and the rigging, history and navigation of the ships.

Explore The Painted Hall's Maritime History

Artists have long been captivated by the Greenwich Hospital's proud location on the River Thames, now the Old Royal Naval College. Venture into the magnificent Painted Hall for a short taster talk exploring artist James Thornhill's references to the river.

<http://totallythames.org/events/info/painted-hall-taster-talk>

Weds 23 & Thurs 24 - Sat 26 & Mon 28 Sep, 12pm - 12.20pm & 3pm - 3.20pm

Greenwich Vintage Fair

Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th September, 11am – 8pm

Cutty Sark Gardens, Greenwich, SE10 9LW

A pop-up vintage market at Cutty Sark Gardens, featuring clothes, collectables, home-wares, records and lots of tasty food vendors make this an unmissable event.

Family Fun Weekend: Sailor Games

A fun family weekend at Cutty Sark, where you can play out a sailor's life in your very own boardgame. Create the rules, throw the dice and start your sailing adventures.

Sat 5 - Sun 6 Sep, 11.30am - 1.30pm & 2pm - 4pm

Cutty Sark, Royal Museums Greenwich, King William Walk, Greenwich, SE10 9HT

Greenwich Ghost Tour

Every Friday – Sunday throughout September, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Cutty Sark Entrance, Cutty Sark Gardens, Greenwich, SE10 9HT

Discover the darker side of the Greenwich World Heritage Site with the Totally Thames Greenwich Ghost Tour. Embark on a spooky adventure through the hidden laneways of London and learn of drunken sailors sent to 'Shanghai', the Cutty Sark Curse, ghosts of jilted lovers and even a Royal dabble with the occult.

The Great River Race

Sat 12th September, 10.45am - 7pm

Begins at Millwall Slipway, Westferry Road E14 3QS, to riverside below Ham House, Richmond, TW10 7RS.

More than 300 boats from all over the UK and around the world compete in this race to find the UK Traditional Boat Champions.

The full programme of events can be viewed here: <http://totallythames.org/events>

Greenwich has a fantastic list of affordable accommodation including boutique hotels and quirky guest houses so that visitors can really make a night of it.

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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 with local visitor attractions, accommodation providers, transport operators, meetings and events venues, the hospitality and retail sector and local businesses to promote Greenwich as a visitor destination for leisure and business.

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.