What's New for 2021-22

in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, London

Greenwich - famous for the Meridian Line and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

Explore: Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site

National Maritime Museum, Cutty Sark, Royal Observatory, The Queen's House, Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich (Royal) Park, Greenwich Market

Experience: Greenwich Peninsula

The O2 - for shows, dining, trampolining, bowling, cinema, football, Up at The O2, Icon Outlet at The O2 - Emirates Air Line cable car, Greenwich Peninsula Driving Range, CrazyPutt Adventure Golf, The Tide riverside park, NOW Gallery

Discover: the whole incredible destination

Eltham Palace and Gardens Woolwich Creative District - Woolwich Works new in 2022

Adventure: sightseeing and travel

By river with Uber Boat by Thames Clippers, Thames River Sightseeing and City Cruises London Underground, Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and Southeastern trains

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Unmissable events in Greenwich 2021/22

- **Exposure: Lives at Sea**, a new exhibition examines what life is really like at sea today, through a seafarers' lens, National Maritime Museum, 17th May 2021 Spring 2022.
- Woburn Treasures, a major collaboration showcasing significant works from the private art collection of The Duke and Duchess of Bedford, The Queen's House, opening 17th May 2021 Spring 2022.
- Astronomy Photographer Exhibition of the Year, an annual exhibition showcasing the world's greatest space photography, 18th September 2021 7th August 2022.
- **FLUX Exhibition**, London's leading event to discover the most talented, dynamic painters, sculptors, and performance artists, 5th 27th November 2021.
- **The Fan Museum**, the only museum in the UK devoted to the history of fans and the art of fan making, reopening 10th November 2021.
- Woolwich Contemporary Print Fair, London's only fair in contemporary printmaking, Royal Arsenal, 11th – 14th November 2021.
- The Queen's House Ice Rink, a magical open-air ice rink takes centre stage once again in the beautiful grounds of Royal Museums Greenwich, The Queen's House, 18th November – 9th January 2022.
- Your Ship Has Landed by Lydia Chan, an exhibition that aims to bridge the gap between the new-found digital lifestyle and the renewed experience of the natural world NOW Gallery, 19th November 2021 6th March 2022.
- Christmas in Greenwich and Woolwich, including The Queen's House Ice Rink, Greenwich Market, Panto at Greenwich Theatre, Disney On Ice at The O2 and The Grotteaux presented by Shotgun Carousel at Woolwich Works, November - December 2021.
- C2C Country to Country Festival, Europe's biggest country music festival, The O2, 11th 13th March 2022.
- The Burnt City, in the smouldering promise of the fall of Troy, a mythical world of Gods and mortals rises from the ashes, Woolwich Works, 22nd March 28th August 2022.
- **Cutty Sark Rig Climb Experience,** a new adventure at Cutty Sark! Climb from the Main Deck up the ship's rigging to experience the heights the crew would have had to scare on a daily basis when out at sea, Cutty Sark, 2022.
- Blackheath Music Festival, the 34th Blackheath Music Festival as an in-person festival, 30th April – 2nd May, 2022.

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- **Urban Village Fete**, an alternative, contemporary twist on the traditional summer fete, Greenwich Peninsula, May 2022.
- Queen + Adam Lambert, the highly anticipated UK and European dates of their Rhapsody World Tour, The O2, 5th – 21st June 2022.
- **Greenwich Music Time**, a series of concerts overlooking the River Thames, Old Royal Naval College, June 2022.
- **Greenwich Book Festival**, returns for a fun filled festival, Old Royal Naval College, June 2022.
- **Royal Greenwich Festivals**, over 100 events spread across the whole of the borough, Summer 2022.
- **Cirque du Soleil: Corteo**, Corteo, which means "cortege" in Italian, is a joyous procession, a festive parade imagined by a clown, The O2, 13th 17th July 2022.
- Greenwich+Docklands International Festival, London's leading festival of free outdoor theatre and performing arts, various locations across the Royal Borough of Greenwich, 26th August – 12th September 2022.
- **The Big Half,** finishes at Cutty Sark and Festival site in Greenwich Park, 4th September 2022.
- **Totally Thames**, a celebration of diverse & accessible arts and culture with activities and events on and by the River Thames, September 2022.
- Open House London, the much-loved city-wide celebration of special architecture, landscapes and infrastructure, various locations across London including Greenwich, 8th – 21st September 2022.
- **Greenwich Comedy Festival**, a line-up of comedy marvels paired with street-food, craft beer and more at the iconic National Maritime Museum, September 2022.
- London Marathon, starts in Greenwich Park, 2nd October 2022.
- Blackheath Fireworks, London's biggest free fireworks display, Blackheath Commons, November 2022.
- Christmas in Greenwich and Woolwich, November December 2022.

Find out more at <u>visitgreenwich.org.uk/events</u>

*Dates accurate as of 29/10/2021

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Royal Museums Greenwich

Royal Museums Greenwich is home to the Royal Observatory & the Peter Harrison Planetarium, Cutty Sark, National Maritime Museum and The Queen's House.

A UK top-10 visitor attraction, Royal Museums Greenwich is the place to discover sea and space exploration, British heritage, royal history, art and pioneering architecture.

The four landmark attractions are located within the UNESCO World Heritage Site of historic Royal Greenwich, one of London's most charming areas. All of the world class sites are within easy walking distance of each other.

2022 is an exciting year for Royal Museums Greenwich, with major exhibitions, new tours and a number of events taking place throughout the year.

Cutty Sark Rig Climb Experience is a brand-new adventure at Cutty Sark opening in 2022. For the first time since arriving in Greenwich in 1954, visitors to Cutty Sark will be able to climb the famous masts and enjoy views of the River Thames and London.



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Royal Museums Greenwich: National Maritime Museum



The **National Maritime Museum** will host **Exposure: Lives at Sea** a brand-new photography exhibition at the National Maritime Museum, exploring what life is really like for those who work at sea today. Through a series of photographs taken by those working in the maritime industry, the exhibition shines a light on this often forgotten but integral work.

The hugely popular **Astronomy Photographer Exhibition of the Year** returns to celebrate the very best in astrophotography from around the world at the National Maritime Museum.

Behind the scenes at the National Maritime Museum is a new tour at the Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre. The Prince Philip Maritime Collection Centre is the location at which the majority of the National Maritime Museum's collection is stored and cared for when not on display to the public, just a 15-minute journey from Maritime Greenwich. The new tours of the collections centre give guests the opportunity to go behind the scenes and see how the organisation cares for the largest collection of maritime objects in the world; including surviving pieces from the Titanic and relics belonging to Admiral Nelson.

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Royal Museums Greenwich: Cutty Sark



Cutty Sark is the world's sole-surviving tea clipper celebrated for her record-breaking passages around the globe. An audio guide at Cutty Sark has been added to enhance the visitor experience by bringing the story of the ship to life. The guide is available in English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Brazilian Portuguese and Russian. The audio guide is included in the cost of entry and takes about an hour to explore all levels of the ship.

Experience the **History of Tea Tour**, new to Cutty Sark. Find out about the international story behind the humble cup of tea, before it became Britain's favourite drink. Learn about the role Cutty Sark played in bringing tea to the UK and discover the influence of tea on British culture and society once it arrived. Finish the tour with a cup of tea, underneath the hull of the world's sole surviving tea clipper.

Cutty Sark Rig Climb Experience is a brand-new adventure at Cutty Sark opening in 2022. Climb from Main Deck up the ship's rigging, to experience the extreme heights the ship's crew had to scale on a daily basis when out at sea. See beautiful views of the Thames and the London city skyline from the top of a true London icon before your zip line ascent to the ground below.

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Royal Museums Greenwich: Royal Observatory



Explore time and space at the **Royal Observatory** and stand on the Meridian line at the home of the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Discover the site's rich history, from its royal heritage to its awe-inspiring **Peter Harrison Planetarium**, all set within Greenwich's beautiful park.

Royal Museums Greenwich: The Queen's House



The Queen's House, in partnership with Woburn Abbey, showcases **Woburn Treasures**, a historic collaboration sees a variety of major art works from the private art collection of The Duke and Duchess of Bedford. The collection is considered to be one of the most important art collections still in private hands.

Highlights on display will include a full-length portrait of *Anne of Denmark* by Flemish artist Gheeraerts the Younger, a striking full length of *Lady Elizabeth Keppel* by Sir Joshua Reynolds and Canaletto's large-scale *Regatta* on the Grand Canal. Alongside these masterpieces, a selection of sculptures, ceramics and a silver-gilt toilette set spanning the 17th to 19th century will feature in the display.

Set in a UNESCO World Heritage Site, **The Queen's House Ice Rink** is surrounded by iconic architecture, with views of Greenwich Park to the south and the glittering lights of Canary Wharf to the north, providing a backdrop of some of the best views in London. Opening 18th November – 9th January 2022.

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Old Royal Naval College

Old Royal Naval College is the centrepiece of Maritime Greenwich, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a long and celebrated 500-year history. Today it is a diverse cultural destination and one of London's most popular venues and visitor attractions.



Explore the peaceful riverside location and Sir Christopher Wren's iconic architecture. The stunning buildings and extensive grounds tell 500 years of remarkable history that lists an incredible cast of monarchs and famous British figures, from Henry VIII and Elizabeth I to Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson.

Visitors can explore 'Britain's Sistine Chapel', Sir James Thornhill's breath taking Baroque **Painted Hall** and its neighbour, the glorious Chapel of St Peter and St Paul. It's easy to escape the crowds and discover 40,000 square feet of awe-inspiring painted walls and ceiling. Painted Hall tickets include entry to the **Chapel** and the **Skittle Alley** where visitors can try their hand at Victorian bowling. Multimedia guides (in English, French, Spanish, Italian, Chinese Mandarin, German and Japanese) and guided tours are also included. History buffs can explore the room where Admiral Lord Nelson's body lay in state and can see the recently discovered Tudor foundations of Greenwich Palace in the **King William Undercroft** which also houses a new café, shop and interpretation gallery.

The new **Coach Tourism** initiative at the Old Royal Naval College allows up to two coaches per day to disembark on the site's main avenue. All coaches must be pre-booked and preapproved.

Film & TV Location Tour at the Old Royal Naval College is the chance to experience a behind-the-scenes tour of 'the most popular filming location in the world' (Empire magazine). From a starring role as Buckingham Palace in The Crown to 19th century revolutionary Paris Visit Greenwich, The Institute for Creativity & Technology, Ravensbourne University London, Incubation +, 4 Appleby Yard, Soames Walk, Greenwich Peninsula, London SE10 0BJ

in Les Misérables, the Old Royal Naval College has provided the setting for some of the most memorable scenes in major film and TV productions. The tour takes in more than 60 years of filming, both on the award-winning riverside grounds and inside the Painted Hall, and gives an insider's view of how some of the biggest blockbusters come to life in Greenwich.

A new series of smartphone tours have been launched to help visitors explore the buildings and grounds of the Old Royal Naval College. Visitors can also download any of the 3 free self-guided tours of the Old Royal Naval College on the **Smartify** app. Tours include a Building Detectives tour, an architecture tour and a Greenwich Pensioners Tour.

The <u>Painted Hall 360 virtual tour</u> lets you marvel up-close at fire-breathing serpents, glistening jewels and bubble-blowing cherubs that are not clearly visible from the ground. You can pan around and zoom in to marvel at the details in ultra-high resolution and discover the stories behind the art. There is also a VR mode to use on smartphones. It's available in English and British Sign Language (with subtitles).

On the River Thames

Positioned on the River Thames, Greenwich makes for a scenic and memorable visit to London and means you can connect to all parts of the Royal Borough via river transport.



Uber Boat by Thames Clippers

Uber Boat by Thames Clippers announced a new sponsorship with Uber in 2020, tickets are now available through the Uber App meaning users can purchase tickets in advance to guarantee a seat and then use QR technology to board.

Go unlimited and explore Greenwich by river with the new **East Zone River Roamer.** The East Zone River Roamer is the easiest way to connect all of the East and South East areas of London along the River Thames between Canary Wharf and Woolwich (Royal Arsenal). Uber Boat by Thames Clippers have also announced an expansion of the service east to Barking Riverside running from Spring 2022.

Thames River Sightseeing

Thames River Sightseeing is continuing to build their new name and branding. Thames River Sightseeing operate sightseeing river cruises between Westminster, Tower Bridge Quay and Greenwich calling also at Embankment, Festival and Bankside. In Summer 2022, roundtrips from Greenwich to the Thames Barrier are available. Cruises feature live audio commentary; alternatively, passengers can listen to a multi-lingual commentary system available on smartphones via Wi-Fi in English, German, French, Spanish, Italian and Mandarin.

City Cruises

Following their acquisition by Hornblower UK Holdings Ltd, **City Cruises** have recently rebranded and relaunched their website. City Cruises continue to operate sightseeing and dining cruises to Greenwich.

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Greenwich Peninsula and The O2



Greenwich Peninsula is the fastest growing and most vibrant part of London. The Peninsula is currently home to The O2, Up at The O2, Icon Outlet at The O2, TOCA Social, Oxygen Freejumping, Cineworld at The O2, Hollywood Bowl at The O2, Emirates Air Line cable car, The Tide riverside park, NOW Gallery, Ravensbourne University London, dozens of bars and restaurants and many pieces of public art. Greenwich Peninsula is just 8 minutes away from the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site. Two incredible destinations side by side!

The O2 is home to the world's most popular music, sport and entertainment events, and so much more. There's Icon Outlet at The O2, London's new premium outlet shopping destination. Up at The O2 takes you on an exhilarating 90-minute climb over the roof of the world's most popular music, entertainment and leisure venue. See a different side of the city, by day, at twilight or sunset. indigo at The O2, a live performance space. TOCA Social, the world's first interactive football and dining experience Cineworld at The O2, London's biggest cinema with new 4DX and immersive technology. Trampolining at Oxygen Freejumping, bowling at Hollywood Bowl at The O2, or choose from over 30 bars & restaurants open daily.

Up at The O2 celebrates its 10th birthday in June 2022. Unique activations and special events, such as comedy, music and yoga run on the roof throughout the year. On the day upgrades include champagne, drinks and photos. At the summit, you'll be standing 52 metres above the legendary arena, with 360-degree views across this historic part of London beside the River Thames.

Icon Outlet at The O2 is one of London's most exciting retail destinations. Open 7 days a week, you'll find over 60 superstar fashion and lifestyle brands with up to 70% off RRP every day including, adidas, Calvin Klein, Dune London, G-Star Raw, GAP, Levis, Nike, Ted Baker, Tommy Hilfiger and many more. New openings include BOSS, Tommy Hilfiger Kidswear, JOSEPH, Next Outlet and Haidilao Hotpot.

ABBA's Björn Ulvaeus brings Mamma Mia! The Party to The O2 in 2022. The unique entertainment experience running through until April, puts guests at the heart of the action,

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with a spectacular show, four-course gourmet Mediterranean meal and an ABBA disco allin-one.

Cineworld at The O2 is London's largest cinema with 19 cinema screens and over 4,500 seats now offering 4DX, VIP, ScreenX and Superscreen options, experience the newest releases at one of the UK's most technologically advanced cinemas.

The Tide, London's first-ever elevated riverside linear park opened in Summer 2019 on Greenwich Peninsula. The Tide will eventually stretch 5km in length around the Peninsula. The landscaped trail offers public art installations by exciting artists including Damien Hirst, Allen Jones and Morag Myerscough to landscaped trails for running, walking and meditation points.

New and future openings at The O2 include Tikky Town, Gordon Ramsay Street Burger, German Doner Kebab, TOCA Social, Marugame Udon and Boom: Battle Bar.

Eltham Palace and Gardens



Once a favoured medieval palace and then a Tudor royal residence, **Eltham Palace** was transformed into a striking Art Deco mansion by eccentric millionaires Stephen and Virginia Courtauld. Discover their stylish home which incorporates original medieval features into an otherwise ultra-modern 1930s design and explore their extravagant lifestyle as you discover the state of the art technology and unusual features of their residence. Explore 19 acres of beautiful historic gardens which were a gold winner at London in Bloom Awards 2017. Discover the intriguing mix of medieval features woven into the landscape. Take time to wander around the Rock Garden with its series of pools and cascades running down to the moat. Cross the moat on London's oldest working bridge and smell the roses in the sunken rose garden.

Take an interactive tour of Eltham Palace and Gardens with the free multimedia guide. Play a touch-screen game or hear about 1930s technology and the medieval feasts hosted at Eltham. Choose from an adult or family tour plus BSL and audio-described versions are available.

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Woolwich is an amazing mix of cultures with lots of history and great places to see and visit. There are distinctive and delicious places to eat and drink and some beautiful walks and rambles to be had over commons and through woodland, as well as beside the River Thames.

A new creative district has launched at the Royal Arsenal and the town centre is lively and bustling. Transport to and from Woolwich is easy and frequent with great links with the centre of London via Docklands Light Railway (DLR), train, bus and Uber Boat by Thames Clippers. When the Elizabeth Line opens, Woolwich will be directly connected to the heart of Central London, with journey times of just 19 minutes!

Discover Woolwich's heritage, enjoy festival events, browse the markets, explore the Royal Arsenal and sample foods from around the world.

Woolwich Works



Woolwich is embarking on a new chapter as the capital's next landmark cultural destination. An exciting new cultural district Woolwich Works opened on the Royal Arsenal in September 2021, a series of landmark historic buildings, to create a 15,000sqm complex of theatre space, rehearsal and performance studios, event venues and places to eat and drink.

The site includes a large, flexible venue with excellent acoustics that can host an audience of 1200 seated or 1800 standing, an open-air courtyard for performances and events, rehearsal studios, offices for resident artistic companies, spaces for dinners, weddings and events, and public facilities including a café and bar beside the River Thames.

The world-renowned theatre company, **Punchdrunk**, is just one of the world class residents poised to make Woolwich Works its home. They will join a number of local, national and internationally acclaimed artists, including Europe's first majority black and minority ethnic orchestra, **Chineke! Orchestra**, the **National Youth Jazz Orchestra**, **Luca Silvestrini's Protein** and the **Woolwich Contemporary Print Fair**.

Woolwich Works have announced their new <u>events programme</u>. Offering a diverse line-up of exciting events, Woolwich Works hosts a variety of major new music, dance, theatre and art productions alongside workshops and classes for the community with artists ranging from Ashley Henry, Afrikan Boy, Sara Pascoe and Reg D Hunter.

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Whether it's household names or up-and-coming talent, Woolwich Works endeavour to bring together some of the most exciting performers London has to offer and champion new, diverse and local talent.

Events in Winter 2021 include Live at the Works with Sara Pascoe (20th November)., The Little Prince (4th December), Luisa Omielan's All I Want For Christmas Weekender (10th – 11th December) and The Grotteaux by Shotgun Carousel (18th December 2021 – 8th January 2022).



Cultural happenings in Woolwich include **Woolwich Contemporary Print Fair** (11th – 14th November 2021) is the UK's largest and London's only fair.

In 2022, immersive theatre company Punchdrunk present a new show **The Burnt City** at Woolwich Works (22nd March – 28th August 2022). Punchdrunk create genre-defying experiences for audiences around the world. Blending classic texts, physical performance and award-winning design installation their work ranges from projects that use new technologies to large-scale site specific theatrical work in which roaming audiences explore unique sensory worlds. **The Burnt City** experience will explore a complete sensory world at your own pace, experiencing scenes in a non-linear way as the story unfolds around you. **Greenwich+Docklands International Festival** (26th August – 12th September) showcases inspiring and extraordinary free outdoor entertainment. **Open House London** (8th – 21st September) throw open the doors of the area's most architecturally interesting buildings. The **Woolwich Carnival** celebrates a sparkling end to the summer in September. The year closes with a spectacular **Winter Warmer** in December 2022.

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Festivals in Greenwich



Greenwich is an eventful destination with a wide range of arts and music festivals taking place throughout the year. Visit **The Queen's House Ice Rink** (18th November 2021 – 9th January 2022), **Panto at Greenwich Theatre** (19th November 2021 – 2nd January 2022), **Greenwich Market** and see our **Christmas Lights Switch On** for a wintery Greenwich experience.

In 2022, Europe's biggest country music festival **C2C** Country to Country Festival (11th – 13th March) returns to The O2. Greenwich Music Time and Greenwich Book Festival will return to the Old Royal Naval College in June 2022. The Royal Greenwich Festivals get under way in the Summer. Greenwich+Docklands International Festival (26th August – 12th September) is London's biggest outdoor free festival. The Big Half gets us running on 4th September with a half marathon from Tower Bridge to Greenwich followed by a celebration of London's diverse culture, food and music in Greenwich Park. Totally Thames launches a month of activities and events on and by the river in September. Greenwich Comedy Festival presents the finest comedy in September. The London Marathon races through the Royal Borough of Greenwich on 2nd October.

New Openings and Updates

Radisson RED London Greenwich The O2



The **Radisson RED London Greenwich The O2** is new to open in 2021. Feel the buzz in London's hip borough of Greenwich, complete with dreamy riverside views, excellent attractions, and just minutes from central London. Located nearby The O2, the world's most popular music, sport and entertainment venue, the first Radisson RED hotel in London is set to shake up the neighbourhood.

Check in to bold and fun hotel rooms that offer all the good stuff—big, plush beds, 24-room service, rain effect showers—designed for a fun stay. Tuck into creative food offerings with a local focus at the all-day restaurant, catch up for drinks at the street-level bar, and explore the fantastic destination.

Opened 6th September 2021.

Enderby House



Nestled in Enderby's Wharf, Greenwich Peninsula, is the historic building of **Enderby House**. Moments away from The O2 and an 8-minute walk from the infamous Cutty Sark.

Enderby House is open from brunch through to dinner, serving up pub classics with contemporary twists and a wide range of drinks. Boasting an array of feature rooms and two terraces, this newly refurbished venue caters for events, private dining, business meetings and weddings complimented with a stunning riverside view.

Opened 17th May 2021.

TOCA Social



TOCA Social is the world's first interactive football and dining experience, combining immersive gaming and world class food and drink.

Immersive gaming, delicious food and five-star cocktails, it's a football match made in heaven. It's a night-out with friends like no other and day-out with the family they'll never forget, so enjoy it, drink it in!

Opened 5th August 2021.

Design District



The **Design District** is a new collection of 16 buildings designed by eight architects, set in the heart of Greenwich Peninsula. From Summer 2021 it will offer a permanent and purpose-designed work space for the creative industries.

Opened Summer 2021.

A new global food hall for London, the **Design District Canteen**, opened September 2021.

LHG (London Hotel Group)

LHG (London Hotel Group) has won planning permission to convert and extend the former Greenwich Magistrates' Court and two empty educational buildings into a 293-bed boutique hotel.

Located within the Ashburnham Triangle Conservation Area in Greenwich, London, project designed by Squire & Partners will retain the Grade II Listed Magistrates' Court and the two redundant school buildings, as well as reintroducing public access to the Court building and creating new green space and local amenities.

The ground floor of the former Magistrates' Court and one of the school buildings will contain front of house hotel services such as bar, restaurant and café, giving the buildings a new life and creating new amenities for both hotel guests and local residents. The new scheme will also include a range of public, semi-public and private green spaces, including a new public square, built around an existing mature tree, and animated by a restaurant or cafe. Further facilities include a gym, pool, conference centres and generous parking spaces.

Expected to open in 2022.

The Elizabeth Line



The Elizabeth line is due to open in the first half of 2022. The new Crossrail service will reduce the journey time between Woolwich and the West End. The route will eventually pass through 41 stations from Reading and Heathrow in the west, through new twin-bore 21 km tunnels to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east.

Expected to open in 2022.

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**Due to Covid-19, many attractions, restaurants, pubs, theatres, public spaces and other venues have temporarily closed or have changed their practices to maintain public and staff safety. Planned events may well have been cancelled. We advise that you check carefully before you travel. For the latest Covid-19 travel guidance please refer to the official UK Government website <u>gov.uk/coronavirus</u>.

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