

# **What's New for 2025/26**

## **in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, London**

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

The Royal Borough of Greenwich has the longest Thames riverfront of all the London boroughs; it is one of three Royal Boroughs in London and one of London's four World Heritage Sites.

### **Explore: Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site**

Old Royal Naval College –

*Visitor Centre, Painted Hall, Chapel, tours and grounds,*

*Campus for the University of Greenwich and Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance*

Royal Museums Greenwich –

*Cutty Sark, Royal Observatory & Planetarium, National Maritime Museum, Queen's House*

Greenwich Market –

*Historic covered market for arts, crafts, antiques, collectables and street food*

*Greenwich Park, London's oldest enclosed Royal Park*

*Ranger's House, St Alfege Church, The Fan Museum.*

Sightseeing, unique experiences, irresistible shopping, eating and drinking, places to stay, all in a beautiful riverside setting.

### **Experience: Greenwich Peninsula**

The O2 – the world's most popular music and entertainment venue, plus Up at The O2, Outlet

Shopping at The O2, trampolining, bowling, cinema, football, padel, climbing wall,

indoor skydiving, battle bar and a street full of bars and restaurants.

IFS Cloud Cable Car and London Cable Car Experience, Greenwich Peninsula Golf Driving Range, CrazyPutt Adventure Golf, The Tide riverside park, weekend markets, NOW Gallery, Design District, The Line public art walk, InterContinental London – The O2 and a delicious array of places to pause and refuel.

### **Discover: the whole incredible destination**

Eltham Palace and Gardens, where 1930s decadence meets medieval heritage

Charlton House and Gardens, one of the finest Jacobean manor houses in the country

Woolwich Works landmark cultural venue in the historic Royal Arsenal

Outstanding accommodation, beautiful parks and open spaces and year-round festivals and events.

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## Anniversaries in Greenwich

- **350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of founding of Royal Observatory Greenwich** – 2025
- **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of the modern railway, Rail 200** – 2025
- **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of filming at Old Royal Naval College** – 2025
- **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day, Victory in Europe 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945** – 2025
- **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Transport of London (TfL)** – 2025
- **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Millennium Dome** (Now known as The O2) – 2025
- **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Punchdrunk** – 2025
- **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Line, Greenwich Peninsula** – 2025
- **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Urban Village Fete, Greenwich Peninsula** – 18 May 2025
- **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Royal Arsenal Farmers' Market** – 9 August 2025
- **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Greenwich+Docklands International Festival** – Aug/Sept 2025
- **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woolwich Contemporary Print Fair** – 13 to 16 November 2025

## 2025 Unmissable Events, Experiences and Exhibitions

- **NOW Gallery** – A striking and light-filled gallery hosting changing contemporary exhibitions of art, fashion & design. Check the website for exhibition programme, Greenwich Peninsula, open daily.
- **Woolwich Works** – This award-winning cultural hub hosts live music, comedy and family events as well as food and leisure festivals. With flexible and beautiful venue spaces, it is home to a variety of event programmes including the renowned Blue Earth Summit. Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, open all year.
- **Greenwich Peninsula Art Trail** – Explore Greenwich Peninsula's public art trail featuring a number of public art from some of the world's most renowned artists, Greenwich Peninsula, all year round.
- **Hidden Spaces Tours at St Alfege Church, Galleries & Crypt** – Descend into the crypt area, revealing the many stories of the people who have played their part in the history of Greenwich. Fortnightly on Saturdays.
- **Astronomy Photographer of the Year 16**, a special exhibition of over 100 photographs on display at their best on brilliant lightbox displays, National Maritime Museum, until Summer 2025. Followed by APOTY 17 from September 2025.

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- **ROG 350** – In 2025, the Royal Observatory Greenwich celebrates its 350th anniversary. In this landmark year, there will be a series of events and activities that celebrate the rich history of the site and the work it does today. 350 years of pioneering research will be celebrated in talks, special planetarium shows, hand-on activities and stargazing events. Royal Observatory Greenwich, January to December 2025.
- **Old Royal Naval College celebrates 100 years of filming** – The 1925 silent film, *Sons of the Sea* by H. Bruce Woolfe about two boys in the Royal Navy was the first production on site at Old Royal Naval College. From spring 2025, visitors now have the opportunity to book onto *NEW Film Tour: Wigs, Weddings, Powder and Palaces* which showcases the many period dramas filmed in Greenwich including *Bridgerton* and *The Crown*, *Spies*, *Supersleuths* and *Superheroes*, launching later in the year will look at thrilling action TV & movies shot on location.
- **War Child present Secret 7"**, the anonymous charity record sale where leading names from the worlds of music and art collaborate to produce 700 one-of-a-kind 7" singles, NOW Gallery, until 1 June 2025.
- **Tutankhamun: The Immersive Exhibition** – A stunning hi-tech production featuring an 8m high 360-degree video mapping room, a world premiere Hologram of the full mummification process, a VR walk through of the Valley of the Kings, not to mention TWO treasure rooms full of original artefacts, replicas and curated Egyptian historical displays. ExCeL London, until 27 June 2025.
- **Woolwich Jazz Series** – Woolwich Creative Club presents a series of jazz concerts at Tramshed between until 2 July 2025.
- **Wartime Watch | Secret Dome Tour** – Discover the hidden history of Wren's Dome with an intimate climb inside the Chapel Dome. Gain a unique perspective on Britain's wartime past on this exclusive tour at the Old Royal Naval College. Limited to 6 people per group, available until 28 September 2025.
- **Cutty Sark Street Food Market** brings food and festivity to Cutty Sark Gardens with stalls slinging everything from Greek souvlaki to Italian pizza, Spanish paella and Korean corn dogs, it's a vibrant celebration of foods from around the world. Cutty Sark Gardens, until 30 November [Every weekend – Friday, Saturday & Sunday].
- **Film 100: Film Tour – Wigs, Weddings, Powder and Palaces** – Experience a brand-new film tour and step into the world of period drama. Old Royal Naval College, until 27 December 2025.
- **Pirates** – This major exhibition traces the changing depictions of pirates through the ages and reveals the brutal history obscured by fiction. National Maritime Museum, until 4 January 2026.
- **Urban Village Fete** – London's biggest festival returns for a milestone 10<sup>th</sup> edition, this much-loved annual festival is a free, family fun-filled day of music, feasting, crafting and dancing, Greenwich Peninsula, 18 May 2025.

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- **Cutty Sark Rig Climb Experience** – Climb the famous masts of *Cutty Sark* and get a taste of what it would have been like to sail the historic ship, whilst enjoying views of the Thames and London like no other, starting 23 May to 31 October 2025.
- **FILM 100: Cinematic Sounds** – An evening of unforgettable film music in the stunning Chapel of St Peter & St Paul, in partnership with [Docklands Sinfonia](#) to celebrate 100 years of filming at the Old Royal Naval College, 24 May 2025.
- **Free From Festival** – Discover and sample a wide range of delicious products without having to worry about whether you can eat them! All products will be gluten-free & dairy-free. Woolwich Works, 24 and 25 May 2025.
- **Greenwich Dog Show** – Enter your precious pup or come along to find out which dog is the prettiest and which has the waggiest tail for a fun day out for the whole family, Old Royal Naval College Grounds, 25 May 2025.
- **Love Your Local Market** – Celebrate Love Your Local Market with a fortnight full of fun by shopping at local designer-maker arts, crafts, antiques and collectibles, lunch out on foods from all over the world, and support local businesses and traders – all whilst enjoying a special programme of free activities, Greenwich Market, 16 to 31 May 2025.
- **FUME Festival** – This isn't just any food festival; it's a full-blown celebration of all things grilled, smoked, and savored, and where top pitmasters display their skills with smoky ribs, juicy brisket, and more, Woolwich Works, 30 May to 1 June 2025.
- **World Oceans Day** – A family-friendly celebration of our blue planet at Cutty Sark / National Maritime Museum, 7 June 2025.
- **Silent Disco in the Painted Hall** – Experience a silent disco like no other, and dance the night away as Painted Hall is transformed into a luminous dance floor, Old Royal Naval College, 20 June and 27 September 2025.
- **Armed Forces Day Family Funday** – An all-day celebration to show support for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces as well as veterans and cadets, Barrack Field (opp. Woolwich Barracks), 28 June 2025.
- **The Original Jerk Cookout** – Jerk food festival with comedy, live music, DJs, family activities, vintage cars and more! Woolwich Works, 26 and 27 July 2025.
- **Royal Greenwich Festivals** – A variety of festivals, workshops and quality performances with free, inclusive, world-class events happening all around the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Summer 2025.
- **Park It in the Market** – An evening of classic cars and bikes, live rock n roll from Ronnie Ripple and the RipChords, vintage vinyl and live DJs from The Vinyl Countdown, Losers Motorcycle Club tea stall, MOT merch, incredible street food and plenty of dancing! Greenwich Market, Summer 2025.

- **Labyrinth On The Thames at the Old Royal Naval College** – A new music festival presented by Labyrinth Festivals to be hosted on the iconic riverside grounds, 31 July, 1 to 3 August and 8 to 10 August 2025.
- **Peninsula Summer at Greenwich Peninsula**, a celebration of community spirit, culture and the great outdoors, packed with music, films, culture, food trucks and pop-up bars, Design District. Greenwich Peninsula, Summer 2025.
- **Greenwich Park Bandstand Concerts** – Hugely popular series of free concerts to brighten up your summer. Greenwich Park, starting 6 July to 31 August 2025 [Sundays only].
- **Summer Sessions: Friday Night Cocktail Climb** – A series of exclusive Friday night climbs with a twist: refreshing cocktails and mocktails, sky-high sunsets, and a resident DJ on the roof of one of London's iconic landmarks where climbers will get to soak up the sun and the sights for the ultimate summer evening experience, Up at The O2, 25 July to 29 August 2025 [Fridays only].
- **KISSTORY On Blackheath** – KISSTORY DJs, exclusive live performances and special guests across multiple stages plus fair rides, local food offerings and bars galore, Blackheath Common, 26 July 2025.
- **Uptown Festival** – A family-friendly festival with legendary bands, kids' activities and attractions. Blackheath Common, 27 July 2025.
- **Legendary Joust at Eltham Palace and Gardens** – Learn what life was like in medieval times and experience the exhilarating spectacle of speed and skill as four legendary knights compete for honour and glory in the Grand Medieval Joust, Eltham Palace and Gardens, 2 and 3 August 2025.
- **Greenwich+Docklands International Festival** – This year GDIF celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. London's leading festival of free outdoor theatre and performing arts, various locations across the Royal Borough of Greenwich, August/September 2025.
- **Totally Thames Festival** – A celebration of diverse & accessible arts and culture with activities and events on and by the River Thames, September 2025.
- **The Big Half** – A one day festival centred around the half marathon distance, which aims to be truly global and uniquely local in celebration of London's wonderful cultural diversity. Runners finish at the famous *Cutty Sark*, Greenwich, 7 September 2025.
- **National Television Awards** – Britain's leading TV awards event where all the winners are chosen exclusively by the audience, The O2 arena, 10 September 2025.
- **Turning Tides Music Festival** – The free music, arts, film and food festival returns to Greenwich Peninsula for a weekend of eclectic live performances, Design District – Greenwich Peninsula, 13 and 14 September 2025.

- **Open House London** – The much-loved city-wide celebration of special architecture, landscapes and infrastructure, various locations across London including Greenwich, 13 to 21 September 2025.
- **London Design Festival**, the capital's largest festival of art and design, before sculptor and artist Peter Walker presents his thought-provoking installations 'Connection and Identity', Old Royal Naval College, 13 to 21 September 2025.
- **Greenwich Comedy Festival** – A-list line-up of comedy marvels paired with street-food, craft beer and more, Old Royal Naval College Grounds, 17 to 21 September 2025.
- **FILM 100: Guinness World Record Attempt** – A fun-filled day with film fun and epic photo opportunities. Step into the spotlight and join the Old Royal Naval College to make film history with a spectacular [Guinness World Record](#)™ attempt! An official Guinness World Records attempt for the *Largest gathering of people dressed as screen characters*, Old Royal Naval College, 27 September 2025.
- **Woolwich Carnival 2025** – An annual celebration of community and culture where residents come to celebrate the borough's diversity, General Gordon Square & Royal Arsenal, September 2025.
- **Black History Month (BHM)** – A programme of events and activities celebrating Black History Month, including craft events, book readings, poetry and more, October 2025. Plus, year-round BHM365 programme across the borough.
- **Horn Fair** – A fun-filled day of vibrant stalls, live music, delicious food, thrilling activities, and so much more! Charlton House & Gardens, 19 October 2025.
- **Diwali at Greenwich Peninsula** – Immerse yourself in South Asian culture with Bollywood Dance, Henna Tattoos, Diwali Lantern making and lantern procession and more, Greenwich Peninsula, October 2025.
- **Lantern Parade and Christmas Lights On** – A delightful Greenwich lantern procession, switching on of the twinkling Greenwich Market Christmas lights and Christmas shopping, Old Royal Naval College Grounds/Cutty Sark Gardens, November 2025.
- **Woolwich Contemporary Print Fair | 10th Edition**, This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the London's only fair in contemporary printmaking, Woolwich Works, 13 to 16 November 2025 | The Online Edition, 13 to 30 November 2025.
- **The Royal Borough of Greenwich presents Sparkle in the Park** – A twinkling winter wonderland at Charlton Park and Charlton House & Gardens, November/December 2025.
- **Greenwich Theatre Pantomime: Peter Pan** – A magical play exploring themes of childhood, imagination, and the desire to never grow old. Travel to Neverland with Peter Pan, Wendy, Tinkerbell, and Captain Hook in this classic story of magic and adventure. "You've got to believe in fairies. If you want to believe in fairies you'll have to believe in pixie dust, too", Greenwich Theatre, 28 November 2025 to 11 January 2026.

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- **Time by Luxmuralis** – A spectacular and extraordinary exploration of humanity's relationship with the concept of time, an immersive experience offering visitors an unforgettable journey through history and science, Old Royal Naval College Grounds, 14 to 22 November 2025.
- **Christmas at Eltham Palace** – Celebrate Christmas at the stunning art-deco mansion, perfect for the whole family. Eltham Palace and Gardens, November/December 2025.
- **Christmas in the Royal Borough of Greenwich**, including Greenwich Market, Panto at Greenwich Theatre and Disney on Ice at The O2, November to December 2025.

Find out more at [visitgreenwich.org.uk/events](https://visitgreenwich.org.uk/events)

\*Dates accurate as of 09/05/2025



## Summer Vibes & Skyline Views – Up at The O2's Rooftop Cocktail Bar



© Up at The O2

Everyone loves a cocktail in the sun – but how about raising the bar, literally? This summer, [Up at The O2](#) is launching its very own **Summer Sessions**, a series of exclusive Friday night climbs with a twist: refreshing cocktails and mocktails, sky-high sunsets, and a resident DJ on the roof of one of London's iconic landmarks where climbers will get to soak up the sun and the sights for the ultimate summer evening experience.

Running every Friday night from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> August, Up at The O2's Summer Sessions will bring this stunning rooftop cocktail experience to life with climbs at 7pm, 7.30pm, and 8pm – perfectly timed for golden hour views across the capital. Climbers will meet at base camp, located beside The O2's main entrance, and will be taken on a guided climb up and over the venue's iconic roof, where cocktails, views and vibes await at the 52m-high summit.

Included in the Summer Sessions ticket, climbers will be treated to a premium cocktail, with non-alcoholic mocktails also available, served and garnished in a classic tiki glass, with a summer soundtrack provided by a live DJ. Climbers will be able to capture picture perfect shots of them relaxing in classic striped deckchairs against the backdrop of the London skyline, during extended time of 25 minutes on the roof.

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## **New Festival, Installations & 100 Years of Filming at Old Royal Naval College, London**



© Old Royal Naval College

In 2025, the Old Royal Naval College reaffirms its place as a cultural hub, offering a vibrant programme of events that blend history, culture and wellbeing. From awe-inspiring installations and heritage tours to dynamic festivals, family days out and activities that stimulate wellness, the UNESCO World Heritage Site continues its mission to provide enriching cultural experiences for all.

To kick off the year, visitors to the magnificent Painted Hall will have a final chance to bask in the beauty of Luke Jerram's Mars installation, before it closes on 20<sup>th</sup> January. To mark its departure and combat January's Blue Monday with the perfect night out for Dry January, the Old Royal Naval College will host *Eyes on Mars: A Cultural and Scientific Exploration Talk*, where Imperial College's Professor Gupta will delve into the Mars Rover mission, complemented by opportunities to observe Mars through telescopes on a dry January evening. For those seeking mindfulness, the Old Royal Naval College's ever-popular wellbeing programme offers a serene Mars Flow Yoga and Brunch session under the planetary installation.

This dedication to wellbeing continues throughout the year, with regular initiatives designed to uplift and inspire. Feel Good Fridays held on the last Friday of every month provide a dose of joy and relaxation. Meanwhile, in its commitment to opening access

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to wider audiences and offering free entry for children every day, First Sundays invite visitors to engage with the site's rich history for a £5 admissions entry.

Foodies will also be able to savour a sustainable dining experience on 25<sup>th</sup> January in the Painted Hall with celebrated chef Douglas McMaster, world-renowned for his pioneering zero-waste restaurant, Silo.

In addition to the site's cultural programme, the Old Royal Naval College, the UK's number 1 heritage film location, celebrates 100 years of filming in 2025. The 1925 silent film, *Sons of the Sea* by H. Bruce Woolfe about two boys in the Royal Navy was the first production on site.

Following the success of *Mars*, be the first to see Luke Jerram's newest and most ambitious artwork, *Helios*, at its London première. Co-commissioned by the Old Royal Naval College, this new seven-metre celestial artwork by the celebrated British installation artist will bring light and wonder to the majestic Painted Hall. *Helios* promises a sunny escape in an extraordinary setting, complemented by an exceptional programme of events celebrating wellbeing and culture, see release below.

From spring 2025, visitors will have the opportunity to book onto new film tours. *Wigs, Weddings, Palaces and Powder* will showcase the many period dramas filmed in Greenwich including *Bridgerton* and *The Crown*. *Spies, Supersleuths and Superheroes*, launching later in the year will look at thrilling action TV & movies shot on location. These new tours for cinema and TV fans will complement the Old Royal Naval College's extensive historic offering including their 600 Years of History Tour. Visitors can also try their hand at Victorian extra curricular in the charming Victorian Skittle Alley, a hidden gem beneath the Painted Hall offering traditional bowling.

The summer season brims with life at the Old Royal Naval College, welcoming back some of its most popular activities and presenting new and unmissable events. Back by popular demand, the best of London's furry friends will return for the beloved Dog Show on 25<sup>th</sup> May and nautical history takes centre stage during the Golden Age of Piracy weekend, with sword demonstrations, 18<sup>th</sup> century music, food, and a thrilling firepower display. The Three-Inch Fools and Summer Court Theatre will also offer captivating productions for the whole family.



## Deers return to Greenwich Park



© Ed Simmons

The Royal Parks charity is celebrating the arrival of a new deer herd to Greenwich Park, welcoming them back to a renovated and extended deer paddock.

The new herd of eight fallow deer is the first in the park since 2021.

The previous herds of fallow and red deer were relocated to Richmond Park to ensure they were not disturbed by the renovation works over the last four years in Greenwich Park. During this time, significant paddock habitat improvement took place, and construction work was delivered nearby to create exciting new community facilities, including the new Greenwich Park Learning Centre.

The Royal Parks delivered these improvements via the Greenwich Park Revealed project to restore the park's historic landscape, improve visitor facilities and provide new opportunities for the local community.

# Labyrinth On The Thames

Summer 2025



© Labyrinth On The Thames

Launching this summer, Labyrinth are proud to present "Labyrinth On The Thames" – a six date music series staged in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Old Royal Naval College – the architectural centrepiece of Greenwich, London.

Unique to London's live music scene, this will be an unforgettable experience for fans; with some of the world's most culturally relevant artists set to perform in a historic location that contemporary dance music has not yet graced.

Expect a production that will celebrate the architecture of the 17<sup>th</sup>-century site, whilst recognising the continued evolution of London's rich music and arts scene.

With a dance floor set against the edge of the River Thames, fans can soak in the music of their favourite artists as the sun sets over the London skyline. The celebrations continue until 11pm each day, so be ready for sound, light and art to collide; bringing the venue to life in a way never experienced before.

A first for dance music, at a location that defies convention. Labyrinth on The Thames is here.

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## 2025 at Royal Museums Greenwich



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**2025 at Royal Museums Greenwich** will see the opening of a new major exhibition *Pirates* in March, which traces the changing depictions of pirates through the ages. The Royal Observatory Greenwich will be celebrating its 350th anniversary with a year-long calendar of public events including activities, talks and special planetarium shows. The mesmerising *Astronomy Photographer of the Year* exhibition will return to the National Maritime Museum in September, displaying another year of breathtaking space images.

### **Pirates, National Maritime Museum, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

In March 2025 the major exhibition *Pirates* will open at the National Maritime Museum tracing the changing depictions of pirates through the ages and revealing the brutal history obscured by fiction. Whether as comical characters, like Captain Pugwash, villains like Captain Hook and Long John Silver or anti-heroes like Captain Jack Sparrow, pirates have captured the imagination for generations. Covering theatre, film and fashion the exhibition brings together material from early literature on piracy in the eighteenth-century, to 1980s haute couture.

While often portrayed as tricksters or scoundrels pirates are primarily depicted as swashbuckling adventurers associated with lush islands, flamboyant dress and

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buried treasure. Pirates will deconstruct these myths and illuminate the realities of pirate life, including the pirates Edward 'Blackbeard' Teach, William Kidd, Anne Bonny and Mary Read.

In Britain today, we think of pirates from the Caribbean seas, but historic piratical activity was far reaching, taking different forms throughout the world. The exhibition will cover piracy across the globe looking at the South China Sea, Indian Ocean and Barbary pirates who operated off the coast of North Africa.

### **ROG 350, Royal Observatory Greenwich, January 2025**

In 2025, the Royal Observatory Greenwich celebrates its 350th anniversary. Founded by Charles II in 1675 to solve the problem of finding longitude at sea and save sailors' lives, the Royal Observatory Greenwich also became the home of Greenwich Mean Time and the Prime Meridian, making it one of the most important historic scientific sites in the world.

In this landmark year, there will be a series of events and activities that celebrate the rich history of the site and the work we do today. 350 years of pioneering research will be celebrated in talks, special planetarium shows, hand-on activities and stargazing events.

Daily tours will also focus on 350 years of the Royal Observatory as a home to the Astronomers Royal and explain how and why the Royal Observatory became the centre of time.

### **Astronomy Photographer of the Year Exhibition, Royal Observatory Greenwich and National Maritime Museum, September 2025**

Astronomy Photographer of the Year returns to the National Maritime Museum in 2025 to celebrate the very best in astrophotography from around the world. The winning images are selected by an expert judging panel, including Royal Observatory Greenwich Astronomers. After the awards are announced in September 2025, winners will be displayed alongside a selection of the shortlist images in a special exhibition at the National Maritime Museum. Now in its seventeenth year, the 2024 competition received over 3,500 entries from enthusiastic amateurs and professional photographers, taken from 58 countries across the globe.

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## Pirates Exhibition

**Royal Museums Greenwich: National Maritime Museum**

**On display until 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**



© National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London

Heroic rascals or violent criminals? Discover the truth behind pirate life in a major new exhibition at the [National Maritime Museum](https://www.visitgreenwich.org.uk).

*Pirates* exhibition traces the changing depictions of pirates through the ages and reveals the brutal reality behind the fiction.

The exhibition explores the perception of piracy in popular culture – from comical characters like Captain Pugwash and Captain Hook to anti-heroes like Long John Silver and Captain Jack Sparrow – and examines why the idea of a pirate's life still fascinates us today.

While often portrayed as swashbuckling scoundrels, the real history of pirates is far more complex.

*Pirates* follows the global history of piracy from the South China Sea to the coast of North Africa and explores the issues of modern piracy facing seafarers today. The exhibition illuminates real-life figures, including Edward 'Blackbeard' Teach, William Kidd, Anne Bonny and Mary Read, and reflects on how perceptions of pirates, both past and present, are shifting.

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## **Astronomy Photographer of the Year 16**

### **Royal Museums Greenwich: National Maritime Museum**

**On display until 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025**



© *Gigantic Solar Prominence in Motion* © Miguel Claro

The **National Maritime Museum** hosts the hugely popular annual **Astronomy Photographer of the Year** exhibition featuring the world's greatest space photography in their Photography Gallery.

The Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition is now in its sixteenth year and returns with an expert panel of judges from the worlds of art and astronomy. The winners of the competition's nine categories, two special prizes and the overall winner were announced on 12 September, and are now wonderfully displayed in an exhibition at the National Maritime Museum alongside a selection of exceptional shortlisted images. The competition is run by the Royal Observatory Greenwich, supported by Liberty Specialty Markets and in association with *BBC Sky at Night Magazine*.

Over 100 photographs are on show, displayed at their best on brilliant lightbox screens. The exhibition is free for all visitors to the Museum.

Glittering stars, shimmering galaxies, fiery suns and silver moons – wherever you are in the universe, don't miss *Astronomy Photographer of the Year 16*.

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## **Celebrating the completion of Greenwich Park Revealed, The Royal Parks**



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After four years, £12 million of investment, plus hard work from staff, volunteers and apprentices, The Royal Parks charity has completed its ambitious, flagship project, **Greenwich Park Revealed**.

The unique, formal landscape of Royal Greenwich Park, commissioned by Charles II in the 17th-century, and designed by French landscape architect André Le Nôtre (best known for designing the gardens of Versailles, outside Paris) has been restored and protected for future generations.

#### **What's new?**

##### The Grand Ascent unveiled

The Grand Ascent – giant, grass steps leading up Observatory Hill to the Royal Observatory – has been returned to its original splendour, while an improved viewing platform by the General Wolfe statue provides a new public piazza for cultural events.

##### The iconic Pavilion Café renewed

With a new open kitchen, a summer BBQ pop-up area and expansive al fresco dining, the iconic Pavilion Café remains a much-loved stop in Greenwich Park. A new menu with vegan alternatives, nature-inspired interior design, and the Pavilion Kiosk – serving visitors ice creams, and hot and cold drinks – only adds to the buzz. Originally built in 1906, this

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characterful octagonal building – easily recognised by its dovecote – is now restored to its full grandeur.

#### A liberatory tale: The Ignatius Sancho Café

The 18th century writer, composer and influential abolitionist, Ignatius Sancho once lived by Greenwich Park. Visitors can discover his life story, from a child enslaved in America to becoming the first Black person to vote in Britain (and the first to have his letters published) on a visit to this vibrant community space in what was once a private, residential lodge. The café sits within a new, landscaped community hub and kitchen garden: Vanbrugh Yard.

#### Greenwich Park Learning Centre goes fully-accessible

A brand-new learning hub in the heart of Greenwich Park, which provides outdoor learning opportunities for schools and community groups, has been built with accessibility, sustainability, and the surrounding landscape in mind. Visitors will find nature trails, a dipping pond, and a wildlife meadow. The nearby former Wildlife Centre building has also been transformed with accessible toilet facilities.

#### Wildlife habitats revived

Valuable acid grassland habitats have been rejuvenated to support birds and pollinators, such as ground-nesting bees and wasps in Greenwich Park. Plus, the famous Greenwich Park tree avenues, which provide foraging habitats and movement corridors for wildlife, have been renewed.



## IFS Cloud Cable Car and London Cable Car Experience



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Just five minutes' walk from The O2 is **IFS Cloud Cable Car** and the **London Cable Car Experience**, a must-do leisure attraction among Londoners and tourists alike. Providing a unique opportunity to experience the city's iconic skyline as you relax and take in aerial views of the capital. Some of the landmarks that can be seen include Canary Wharf, St Paul's Cathedral, the Shard, The O2, the Thames Barrier, Maritime Greenwich and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The IFS Cloud Cable Car is the UK's first and only urban cable car. A panoramic experience to rival anything in London, it soars 90m above the waters of the Thames, connecting the Royal Docks to Greenwich Peninsula. Recipient of a Travellers' Choice for 2024, it's the perfect centrepiece to a day out around Greenwich Peninsula, one of the capital's most diverse and dynamic neighbourhoods. The London Cable Car Experience takes you behind the scenes of this engineering marvel, with children's activities, historical displays, and even a **VR experience** and **teddy-bear making workshop**.

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## Uber Boat by Thames Clippers: Eco-friendly Journeys & Hop-on Hop-off



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Experience Greenwich like never before as you speed along the River Thames with Uber Boat by Thames Clippers. Departing from key piers every 10-20 minutes, and taking just 24 minutes from central London, the service offers a unique, quick, sustainable, and stylish way to explore the city. The business celebrates 25 years of operation this year.

You can now make more eco-friendly journeys through the capital. London's first ever hybrid passenger vessel, **Earth Clipper**, was launched in September 2023 and has been joined the following year by **Celestial Clipper** in March and **Mars Clipper** in August. The three hybrid vessels all carry passengers in central London on journeys with zero tailpipe emissions.

Uber Boat by Thames Clippers hybrid vessels reduce CO<sub>2</sub>e by almost 90% compared with running solely on conventional marine diesel. So, not only do you benefit from travelling in style, but also feel good about doing so in an environment-friendly way. The vessel is also quieter, so you can sit back and soak up the sights and sounds from the river.

Make the most of London with Uber Boat by Thames Clippers' **Hop-on Hop-off** tickets for an ultimate day out. Embark and disembark at various piers between Putney and Barking Riverside to explore iconic landmarks and hidden gems conveniently located within walking distance. Discover the capital's attractions and plan your adventure using the interactive **River Guide**. The new Hop-on Hop-off tickets allow you to spend the day exploring London with the best value for money tickets.

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## **News: More Ways to Do More at The O2**

The O2 is more than just a music venue. Climb the roof, go bowling, watch a film, shop at over 60 designer brands, plus interactive football, social games bar, indoor trampolining, bowling, indoor skydiving and more than 30 bars and restaurants. And now Padel and Climb 'n Climb are the next to join the activities...

### **Padel Social Club Launches New Courts at The O2**



Padel Social Club has opened two outdoor panoramic padel courts at The O2. This marks the beginning of the Club's expansion at the world's most popular live entertainment, leisure, and retail destination, with the full Club set to open in Spring 2025. These new courts offer London's padel players a chance to experience the sport at The O2 ahead of the full Club launch.

Driven by the overwhelming success and demand at Padel Social Club's debut Earls Court location, this expansion further solidifies the club's ambition to become the premier destination for padel in the UK. Originally planned for three courts, the vision for The O2 has now been expanded to include five state-of-the-art courts, split between indoor and outdoor to be unveiled in the spring.

From Spring, the Club at The O2 will feature a curated food and drink menu from top London chefs, paired with stunning riverside mezzanine views. This isn't just a place to play—it's designed to be an all-in-one lifestyle destination where members can play, socialise, work, and unwind.

Padel is a fast-paced racket sport that is often described as a mix between tennis and squash. The sport is played on an enclosed court, roughly one-third of the size of a tennis court. As it's typically played in pairs, it's a much more social sport. The walled court keeps everyone engaged, even those waiting to hit the ball, as well as allowing for more exciting gameplay.

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## ACTIVATE at The O2



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- Activate is a live-action gaming adventure, designed to challenge all skill level

Visiting as a family or as part of a school or corporate group? ACTIVATE offers a fun and unforgettable experience for all.

## Clip 'n Climb at The O2



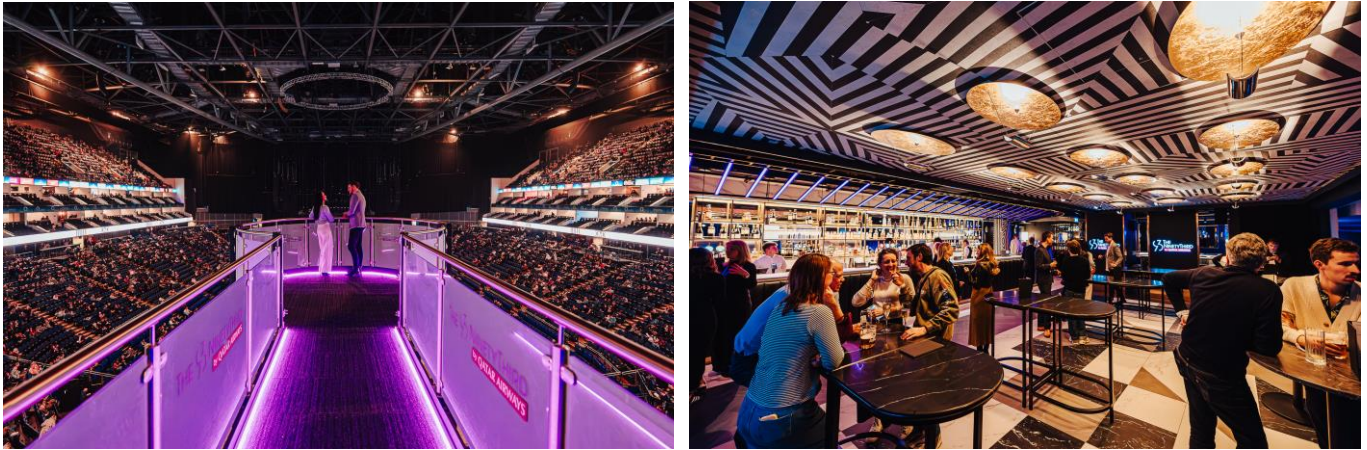
**Clip 'n Climb**, the international climbing leisure operator, opened at The O2 in June this year, marking the brand's second site in London. Opening within the Entertainment District at The O2, which is owned and operated by AEG Europe and Crosstree Real Estate, this latest addition follows the full leasing completion of the destination's leisure and F&B real estate earlier this year, and highlights The O2's agile approach, innovating new spaces to further enhance the customer experience.

Clip 'n Climb at The O2 is the leader in fun climbing and is the go-to destination for adventure seekers of all ages. The concept consists of a vertical drop slide and 20 different climbing challenges of varied difficulty that can be enjoyed by children and adults alike.

- 20 bright, colourful climbing challenges
- Adrenaline pumping 10m high drop slide – one of only two in the UK
- Stairway to Heaven – included in entry price
- A 12m high traditional climbing wall with 6 lines
- Adult only sessions
- Mini mountaineer sessions (\*suitable for ages 2-4)
- Parties to remember!
- South Ridge Café



## The NinetyThird by Qatar Airways at The O2



Earlier in the year, The O2 launched its new multi-million-pound premium members club, alongside luxury airline naming rights partner Qatar Airways **'The NinetyThird by Qatar Airways'** – a VIP members club which elevates the premium hospitality experience at the world's most popular live entertainment, leisure, and retail destination.

The new premium space has been launched with naming rights partner Qatar Airways, the national carrier of the State of Qatar, as part of a multi-year deal. Symbolising excellence in the worlds of aviation and live entertainment, this partnership enables Qatar Airways to merge their world-renowned hospitality with The O2's evolving premium offering.

With uninterrupted views from every seat, members of The NinetyThird by Qatar Airways will be able to enjoy over 200 world-class events a year at The O2, from the very best acts in music, comedy, sport and more. The new 300-capacity space will also be home to the Walkway – a first-of-its-kind retractable viewing platform, 70ft above the arena floor, accessible only to members within the space.

Set over 1,150 square meters, The NinetyThird by Qatar Airways is home to the arena's first high-end, 50-seater, on-site restaurant and several premium bar areas which are all exclusive to members. In addition to the main bar area, members can also visit The Golden Circle, a private, floating bar housed within the space, and Bar 1800 – an intimate cocktail bar serving a range of signature cocktails developed exclusively for the space and inspired by iconic moments in The O2's history.

The design of the new members club also draws inspiration from the venue's rich music heritage, with over 50 references to artists, performances, and iconic moments at The O2 arena.

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## InterContinental London – The O2 Launches New Indian Inspired Afternoon Tea



*‘Chai By The Shore’ Afternoon Tea created by 2024’s winning team of Bake Off: The Professionals*

InterContinental London – The O2 is thrilled to announce its Indian Inspired Afternoon Tea, ‘Chai By The Shore’. Designed by this year’s Bake Off: The Professionals winners, the afternoon tea combines traditional Western techniques with the rich, aromatic flavours of Indian cuisine, for an afternoon tea experience like no other. The exclusive afternoon tea is served at the hotel’s fine dining restaurant, Kinaara, which offers breath-taking views of the River Thames and Canary Wharf.

‘Chai By The Shore’ offers a unique afternoon tea fusing traditional teatime dishes with the sweet, spicy, hot aromatic flavours of Indian cuisine to create an expertly crafted menu. Reimagining the traditional afternoon tea, Kinaara’s chefs have combined their profound knowledge of spices with the culinary heritage of their backgrounds and cherished food memories, to create perfect pairings that seamlessly blend both cultures for an unforgettable culinary journey of sweet and savoury treats. The delectable offerings are prepared daily by Kinaara at InterContinental London – The O2. Executive Pastry Chefs Narayan Shrestha and Tanuj Sharma, the winners of Bake Off: The Professionals, have designed the menu using skills and techniques from some of the UK’s best chefs for an unforgettable culinary experience.

Perfectly merging the two cultures, tastes and flavours, the afternoon tea offers a combination of sweet and savoury bites.

*The exclusive afternoon tea is available seven days a week, 12 noon to 4pm.*

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## Sail through London and celebrate special occasions with City Cruises



**City Cruises** is here to help visitors celebrate all types of occasions while exploring London. Tours on offer include sightseeing cruises perfect for a family day out, dining cruises such as Lunch, Afternoon Tea or Dinner cruises as well as special events such as Jazz and Elvis cruises. If you're planning a private celebration or work event, they offer a variety of private hire.

**24-hour hop on, hop off pass** – Enjoy a day full of fun while sailing along River Thames. Perfect for families and for sightseeing enroute to Greenwich.

**Afternoon Tea Cruise** brings together all the family for a quintessentially British meal on the river with London's iconic sights providing a perfect backdrop.

**Lunch Cruise** is a unique and memorable way to see the capital while you enjoy a delicious two course lunch. You will be taken on a relaxed voyage past London's riverside attractions.

**Evening Cruise** is perfect cruise for pre-dinner drinks, date nights, catching up with friends or winding down with colleagues. The ever-popular evening cruise is suitable of all types and people of all ages.

The **London Dinner Cruise** is a unique and exciting celebration or date night idea. Guests will delight in sparkling wine, a three-course dinner and the sounds of live music, a perfect night for those looking for a more memorable night than going to a traditional restaurant.

Also available are themed cruises including the **Jazz Dinner Cruise**, **Elvis Tribute Cruise** and the **Murder Mystery Dinner Cruise**. **Valentine's Day** – choose from Champagne Afternoon Tea Cruise, Champagne Evening Cruise, Champagne Dinner Cruise. **Mother's Day** – Afternoon Tea Cruise, Mother's Day Lunch Cruise.

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## Zedwell Hotel Greenwich



**Zedwell Hotel Greenwich** is a unique oasis in the heart of historic Greenwich. Unlike traditional hotels, they've tailored the space to prioritise sleep, enhance health, and foster wellbeing. The rooms, free from distractions like televisions and designed with sleep experts, offer a serene retreat. Fresh, purified air, noise-reducing features, and state-of-the-art amenities create the ultimate sanctuary. Whether you're in London to explore, work, or simply relax, Zedwell Greenwich stands as an ideal haven for restorative rest.

Décor intertwines the calming energies of air and water, capturing the soothing ambiance of nearby waters and the serenity of the clouds reflected on the hotel's façade. This offers a harmonious balance between mind and body for every guest staying at the signature cocoons – which are windowless and insulated against external light, noise, and temperature variations.

Reserve your unique Zedwell sleep experience and discover why the guests continue to choose the tranquility and comfort Zedwell Hotel offers, time and time again.

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## DoubleTree by Hilton London Greenwich



**DoubleTree by Hilton London Greenwich** is a modern, historic hotel located in Royal Borough of Greenwich. Once a police section house, this RIBA winning 1940's landmark building has been restored with a contemporary flair while preserving its historic charm. The tranquil location is near Greenwich and Deptford Bridge stations putting you within easy reach of popular attractions.

The major business district of Canary Wharf is just 15 minutes away via DLR services. Enjoy a unique perspective from the viewing deck on the 8th floor which overlooks the city of London.

The hotel's exemplary service starts with a warm DoubleTree chocolate chip cookie at check-in. Each of the modern guest rooms feature complimentary WiFi, 37-inch HDTV, coffeemaker and laptop-sized safe.

Address: Catherine Grove, Greenwich, London, SE10 8FR



## Novotel London Greenwich



The **Novotel London Greenwich** is a 4-Star hotel and is a perfect base for business, leisure and family trips to London. Reach Central London in no time from this convenient location next to Greenwich train station and DLR, or discover world-class restaurants and venues, shopping, nightlife and beautiful parks on your doorstep. The National Maritime Museum and the Royal Observatory are unmissable attractions nearby, while Canary Wharf and the O2 arena are also a short commute from Novotel London Greenwich.

The Novotel London Greenwich is perfect for business or leisure stays, with a fully-equipped gym and sauna providing plenty of opportunities to relax. Five conference rooms can accommodate up to 175 guests, ideal for meetings, conferences and celebrations. Enjoy a bite to eat in our onsite restaurant, choosing from various delicious international dishes to suit your taste. The Novotel London Greenwich bar is an atmospheric space to enjoy afternoon tea, beer, wine, cocktail or soft drink at any time of day.

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## ibis London Greenwich



**ibis London Greenwich** is a modern and comfortable hotel located in the heart of Greenwich, a historic and vibrant neighbourhood in London. The hotel offers a range of well-appointed rooms designed for a comfortable stay, along with amenities such as free Wi-Fi, a bar and an on-site restaurant serving delicious meals. An ideal place for leisure or business trips.

Nestled in the heart of Greenwich, just a stone's throw away from iconic attractions like the Royal Observatory, Cutty Sark, and the historic Greenwich Park, the ibis London Greenwich offers an unbeatable location for both leisure and business travellers.

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