

# What's New for 2026/27

## 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 Royal Borough of Greenwich "Evergreen" Highlights

#### **Old Royal Naval College**

*Visitor Centre, Painted Hall, Chapel, Grounds, history and film tours, also Campus for the University of Greenwich and Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance*

#### **Royal Museums Greenwich**

*Cutty Sark, Royal Observatory, 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 is 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, 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.

##### **Adventure: Sightseeing and Travel**

Travel by river with Uber Boat by Thames Clippers, City Cruises and Thames River Sightseeing, or by train via London Underground, Docklands Light Railway (DLR), Elizabeth Line, and mainline stations (Southeastern and Thameslink)

Just 10 minutes from London Bridge  
Find out more at [visitgreenwich.org.uk](https://www.visitgreenwich.org.uk)

## Anniversaries 2026

- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ORNC as a film location **(2025/2026)**
- 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Painted Hall completion **(2026)**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thames Path National Trail **(2026)**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Woolwich Works **(September 2026)**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday of The O2 **(June 2027)**

## Greenwich: Key Highlights 2026

### New Venues & Attractions (2026)

- **Troubadour Greenwich Peninsula Theatre** – twin 1,500-seat auditoriums – **opening 2026**
- **Club Pickle** – 12 indoor pickleball courts + food & drink offering **launching 2026**
- **Guinness World Records: London** – **opening late 2026 at The O2**
- **Padel Social Club at The O2** – five courts (indoor & outdoor) – **full club opening spring 2026**
- **ACTIVATE** – immersive active gaming – **opened in late 2024**
- **Clip 'n Climb** – family climbing attraction – **opened in 2025**

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### Key Cultural & Arts Festivals

- Love Your Local Market – A fortnight full of fun by shopping at local designer-maker arts, crafts, antiques and collectables at Greenwich Market. Support local makers, artists and traders **(15 to 30 May 2026)**
- Medieval Season at Eltham Palace – Step back into medieval life as four legendary knights clash in the thrilling Grand Medieval Joust at Eltham Palace & Gardens **(Summer 2026)**
- Greenwich Park Bandstand Concerts – Hugely popular series of free concerts to brighten up your summer. Greenwich Park **(Sundays, throughout the summer)**
- Greenwich Comedy Garden – A-list line-up of comedy marvels paired with street food, craft beer and more, Old Royal Naval College Grounds **(15 to 19 July 2026)**
- 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 **(25 July 2026)**
- Uptown Festival – A family-friendly festival with legendary bands, kids' activities and attractions. Blackheath Common **(26 July 2026)**

- Labyrinth on the Thames – dance music festival at ORNC **(31 July & 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 15 and 16 August August 2026)**
  - Greenwich+Docklands International Festival – outdoor theatre & performing arts **(August/September 2026)**
  - Totally Thames Festival – A celebration of diverse & accessible arts and culture with activities and events on and by the River Thames **(September 2026)**
  - Woolwich Carnival 2026 – A celebration of community and culture where residents come to celebrate the borough's diversity **(September 2026)**
  - Park It in the Market – A family-friendly event bringing classic vehicles into the heart of the market, alongside street food, shopping and a buzzing atmosphere **(Summer to Autumn 2025; first event 30 July)**
  - Behind the Scenes | Secret Dome Tour – A history tour of Wren's domes at the Old Royal Naval College **(3 April – 28 September 2026 – Every Monday and Friday)**
  - Blackheath Fireworks – Blackheath Commons **(November 2026)**
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## Music & Entertainment Highlights

- C2C Country to Country Festival **(The O2, 13 to 15 March 2026)**
  - TCS London Marathon **(26 April 2026)**
  - The Big Half **(6 September 2026)**
  - National Television Awards **(The O2 arena, 8 September 2026)**
  - Laver Cup 2026 **(25 to 27 September 2026)**
  - Disney on Ice **(The O2 arena, December 2026 to January 2027)**
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## Exhibitions & Special Experiences

- ZWO Astronomy Photographer of the Year 17 **(National Maritime Museum, until August 2026)**. Followed by APOTY 18 from September 2026.
- Punchdrunk's LANDER 23 immersive live video game experience **(Royal Arsenal, until 1 February 2026)**
- Hidden Spaces Tours at St Alfege Church **(Fortnightly on Saturdays)**
- Cutty Sark Rig Climb Experience **(Spring/Summer 2026)**
- Greenwich Peninsula Art Trail & The Line Art Walk **(all year round)**

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## Seasonal & Community Events

- Purple Week wellbeing events (**19 to 23 January 2026**) – IFS Cloud Cable Car
- Lunar New Year Celebrations – Greenwich Peninsula and National Maritime Museum (**21 February 2026**)
- Love Your Local Market (**May 2026**)
- World Oceans Day (**8 June 2026**)
- Armed Forces Day Celebration (**27 June 2026**)
- Caribbean Takeover (**26 September 2026**) – TBC
- Black History Month & BHM365 (**October 2026**)
- Lantern Parade & Christmas Lights On (**November 2026**)
- Queen’s House Ice Rink (**November to January 2027**)
- Snow Globe Climbs, Santa’s Grotto, Festive events at Eltham Palace, Greenwich Theatre Panto, The Fan Museum by Candlelight (**November 2026 to January 2027**)

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## Major Live Events & Culture

### *Old Royal Naval College – 2026 Highlights*

#### 2026 Milestones

- 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Painted Hall, one of Europe’s greatest Baroque interiors
- Year-long programme of exhibitions, tours, wellbeing events and special dining
- Shortlisted for *Best Filming initiative* (ACE Awards)
- Shortlisted for *Best Venue Hire initiative* (Cultural Enterprise Awards 2026)

#### Labyrinth on the Thames – Summer 2026

Labyrinth on the Thames returns to the Old Royal Naval College across the **first three weekends of August 2026**, transforming the UNESCO World Heritage Site into a world-class open-air music experience. Following a sell-out debut in 2025 (57,000 tickets across six dates), the series will once again deliver cutting-edge production and global talent on London’s riverside skyline.

Confirmed dates & headline acts include:

- **31 July:** *The Kooks Inside In / Inside Out 20 Year Anniversary London*
- **1 August 2026:** *Dom Dolla on the Thames*
- **2 August 2026:** *Peggy Gou on the Thames*
- **7 August 2026:** *Overmono present Pure Devotion*

- **8 August 2026:** *Adriatique* present *X on the Thames*
- **9 August 2026:** *Anjunadeep Open Air on the Thames*
- **15 August 2026:** *MOBY Live on the Thames*
- **15 August 2026:** *Michael Bibi on the Thames*

### Film 100 Celebrations

- 100 years as the UK's No.1 heritage filming location
- Guinness World Records™ achieved for the *largest gathering of people dressed as film & TV characters* (874 participants)
- New behind-the-scenes film tour launched **in October 2025: Spies, Sleuths & Superheroes**

### Major Exhibitions & Installations

- Cornwallis Cloth Exhibition (**Old Royal Naval College, until 31 October 2026**)
  - *Peace Doves* (**Painted Hall, Autumn 2026**)
  - *Luxmuralis* immersive light installation (**Old Royal Naval College, November 2026**)
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### Royal Museums Greenwich – 2026 Highlights

- Ongoing *First Light* redevelopment (**partial closures until 2028**)
- Prime Meridian and Flamsteed House galleries (**open until Spring 2027**)

### National Maritime Museum

- *Astronomers Take Over* at the Interactive Gallery (**27 March 2026 to March 2028**)
- *Jane Austen 250* display (**until March 2026**)
- *Kōmij Mour Ijin / Our Life Is Here* (**until 14 June 2026**)
- *Windrush Food Culture* exhibition (**until 30 July 2026**)
- *Astronomy Photographer of the Year* (**until 31 August 2026**)

### Key Events 2026

- Valentine's DEBUT Concert (14 February), Lunar New Year Celebrations (21 February), Fierce Queens: Unframed, Unstitched... Unapologetic! (21 February), Luke Jerram's *Mirror Moon* (1<sup>st</sup> May TBC)
- STEM careers event: from seas to stars (4 March), Opera at Cutty Sark with Monteverdi Choir and Orchestras (21 May), World Ocean Day (6 June)

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## Parks, Nature & Wellbeing

### Greenwich Park Revealed Project – Completed 2025

- £12m restoration project completed
- Grand Ascent restored
- Pavilion Café renewed
- Ignatius Sancho Café & community hub opened
- Greenwich Park Learning Centre goes fully accessible
- Wildlife habitats rejuvenated

### Deer Return to Greenwich Park

- A new herd of eight fallow deer was welcomed back following paddock renovation

### Awards

- Greenwich Park Revealed wins **Landscape Institute Award for Excellence in Heritage & Culture**

### Wellbeing Programme 2026

- ORNC's new partnership with London House of Wellbeing
- Full-day retreat launch - Yoga, cacao ceremony, reflexology, journaling, talks and family sessions **(September 2026)**

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## Food, Drink & New Openings

### The Dial – Home of Meantime (Opened November 2025)

Craft brewery, restaurant and sports bar at Greenwich Peninsula with riverside terraces and Canary Wharf views.

### The Ship Restaurant (soft-launched in November 2025)

A nautical themed new riverside restaurant adjacent to Greenwich Pier, serving creative seasonal dishes, seafood, weekend breakfasts and drinks with panoramic Thames views.

### Greenwich Food Scene

- Historic riverside pubs e.g. Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich Tavern, Admiral Hardy, The Cutty Sark Pub
- Markets e.g. Greenwich Market – **Open Daily**, Cutty Sark Market **(every weekend - 14 March to end of November 2026)**
- Greenwich Peninsula dining – e.g. InterContinental London - The O2

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## Transport & Getting Around

- **IFS Cloud Cable Car** – Thames crossing with skyline views
- **Uber Boat by Thames Clippers** – hybrid and electric vessels, hop-on hop-off tickets
- **DLR, National Rail and Uber Boats by Thames Clippers** connect Greenwich to central London in under 30 minutes

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## Trails & Outdoor Exploration

- Thames Path National Trail
- UNESCO Maritime Greenwich Heritage Route
- Greenwich Explorer & Old Royal Naval College family trails
- Green Chain Walk linking SE London green spaces
- Greenwich Peninsula Art Trail
- The Line Art Walk

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## Accommodation

- **Zedwell Hotel Greenwich** – wellbeing-focused, sleep-optimised rooms
- **DoubleTree by Hilton Greenwich** – historic landmark hotel
- **Novotel London Greenwich** – family-friendly, business-ready
- **ibis London Greenwich** – central, affordable option
- **InterContinental London - The O2** – modern, contemporary luxury

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## Why Greenwich in 2026

- Named one of the **UK's Best Places to Live 2026** (Muddy Stilettos)
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Global centre for culture, music, film, wellbeing and heritage
- Exceptional year marking major anniversaries in art, science and architecture
- The O2 - number one entertainment venue in the world

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\*Dates accurate as of 05/03/2026