

What's New for 2024

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 has one of London's four World Heritage Sites.

Explore: Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site

Old Royal Naval College –
Visitor Centre, Painted Hall, Chapel and grounds,

And 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 Park, London's oldest enclosed Royal Park Greenwich Market, 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, indoor skydiving, battle bar and a street full of bars and restaurants.

IFS Cloud Cable Car, 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
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

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

Just 10 minutes from London Bridge
Find out more at <u>visitgreenwich.org.uk</u>

Anniversaries in Greenwich

- 10th Anniversary of NOW Gallery 2024
- 25th Anniversary of Thames Clippers 2024
- 30th Anniversary of British Science Week (BSW) The theme for 2024 is...'Time'!
- 140th Anniversary of Greenwich as 'the home of time' (Greenwich Mean Time) 2024
- 200th Anniversary of the Royal National Lifeguard Institution (RNLI) 2024
- 350th Anniversary of founding of Royal Observatory Greenwich 2025
- 100th Anniversary of filming at Old Royal Naval College 2025
- 30th Anniversary of Greenwich+Docklands International Festival 2025

2024 Unmissable Events, Experiences and Exhibitions

- **Boxed In, Fanned Out: Fans and Their Boxes** This exhibition seeks to show the relationship between fans and their boxes with examples coming from many countries and time periods, The Fan Museum, until 23 March 2024.
- Lunar New Year Celebration at Greenwich Peninsula Discover the curated programme of events and public displays, contemporary/traditional workshops and get ready to be swept up in the energising rhythm of the Dragon Dance, Greenwich Peninsula, 10 to 24 February 2024.
- **Disney100: The Exhibition** The Walt Disney Archives has opened its vault of treasures, showcasing hundreds of extraordinary objects, including many of Disney's "Crown Jewels" more than 250 rarely seen artefacts and works of art, costumes and props, and other incredible memorabilia, ExCeL London. Open until 21 January 2024, and will reopen on 6 March 2024.
- **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.
- **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.

- **iFly London at The O2** An unforgettable indoor skydiving experience awaits you. Replicating the exact experience of freefall, budding daredevils can experience the joy of human flight without so much as a parachute, The O2, open daily.
- Astronomy Photographer of the Year 15, a special exhibition of over 100 photographs on display at their best on brilliant lightbox displays, National Maritime Museum, until August 2024.
- 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.
- **Chocolate House Greenwich**, uncover the fascinating meeting place for sophisticated society where culture, science, and indulgence converged around the exotic delicacy in early 1700s' Greenwich. Old Royal Naval College, 29 March to 3 November 2024.
- **LGBTQ+ History Month** Celebrate the queer histories in Royal Museums Greenwich's collections and the magnificent communities. From a festival of LGBTQ+ history, to the Queer History Club and a wonderful ball like no other. National Maritime Museum/ Queen's House, All of February until 1 March 2024.
- February Half-Term Activities take a look at everything going on here
- **Women of the RNLI Exhibition** Celebrate Britain's female lifesavers with at the National Maritime Museum, 2 March to 1 December 2024.
- 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, 2 to 17 March 2024.
- **The BRIT Awards**, the UK's biggest and most successful popular music awards show presented by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI), The O2 arena, 2 March 2024.
- **British Science Week 2024** [This year's theme for British Science Week is 'Time'] Explore the wonders of space and time at the Royal Observatory Greenwich. The Observatory will be hosting a jam-packed programme of events and there will be something for everyone, Royal Observatory Greenwich, 8 to 17 March 2024.
- C2C Country to Country Festival, Europe's biggest country music festival, The O2, 8 to 10
 March 2024.
- **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, 26 March 2024.

- **Like A Melody: Myths, Memories, and Fantasy Exhibition** Charlotte Mei transforms NOW Gallery into an otherworldly realm through paintings, giant figurines and sculptures of ancient artefacts from a parallel universe, NOW Gallery, 29 March to 2 June 2024.
- Secret Tours: The Wren Chapel Dome The Old Royal Naval College will once again
 invite visitors to climb the steps high inside the Chapel dome with an exclusive Dome
 Tour, Old Royal Naval College, groups of 6 max, from April 2024.
- **TCS London Marathon**, starts in Greenwich Park and continues through the Royal Borough to Woolwich and back round past Cutty Sark in Greenwich, 21 April 2024.
- **Urban Village Fete** This much loved annual event is a free, family fun-filled day of music, feasting, crafting, and dancing, Greenwich Peninsula, 19 May 2024.
- 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, May 2024.
- **World Oceans Day** A family-friendly celebration of our blue planet, Cutty Sark/National Maritime Museum, 8 June 2024.
- **Liam Gallagher's 'Definitely Maybe 30 Years' Tour**, see Liam perform the 'Definitely Maybe' album in full for the first time, along with some select b-sides from the era, The O2 arena, 6 to 11 June 2024.
- Greenwich Peninsula Summer Sessions, 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 2024.
- **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 2024.
- Greenwich Family Arts Festival brings activities including outdoor theatre, workshops, and more to all corners of the borough throughout July 2024.
- **Greenwich Summer Sounds**, Concert series docking at the iconic Old Royal Naval College Grounds, summer 2023.
- Medieval Season and 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, summer 2024.

- **Greenwich Park Revealed: Finale Festival** A weekend of activities for people of all ages, celebrating recent transformations to Greenwich Park!, Greenwich Park, 24 and 25 August 2024.
- **Greenwich+Docklands International Festival**, London's leading festival of free outdoor theatre and performing arts, various locations across the Royal Borough of Greenwich, 23 August to 8 September 2024.
- **Totally Thames**, a celebration of diverse & accessible arts and culture with activities and events on and by the River Thames, September 2024.
- **National Television Awards** Britain's leading TV awards event where all the winners are chosen exclusively by the audience, The O2 arena, 11 September 2024.
- **Open House London,** the much-loved city-wide celebration of special architecture, landscapes and infrastructure, various locations across London including Greenwich, 14 to 22 September 2024.
- **Greenwich Comedy Festival,** a line-up of comedy marvels paired with street-food, craft beer and more at the iconic National Maritime Museum, September 2024.
- **Turning Tides Festival,** a FREE music, arts, film and food festival. returns to Greenwich Peninsula for a weekend of eclectic live performances, The Tide Greenwich Peninsula, September 2024.
- Black History Month (BHM) a programme of events and activities celebrating Black History Month, including craft events, book readings, poetry and more, October 2024.
 Plus, year round BHM365 programme made up of over 100 events across the borough.
- **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/November 2024.
- The 2024 League of Legends World Championship Finals Also known as 'Worlds', this is the pinnacle of LoL Esports competition in which the top teams from diverse regions compete for the world title. The O2 arena, 2 November 2024.
- **Woolwich Contemporary Print Fair,** London's only fair in contemporary printmaking, Royal Arsenal, 21 to 24 November 2024.
- 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, mid-November 2024.
- The Queen's House Ice Rink, a magical open-air ice rink takes centre stage in the beautiful grounds of Royal Museums Greenwich, the Queen's House, November 2023 to January 2024.

•	Sparkle in the Park – A twinkling winter wonderland for Royal Greenwich residents, November/December 2024.
•	Christmas at Eltham – An enchanting interactive light trail set to bring colour, lights and play to Eltham Palace and Gardens, December 2024.
•	Disney on Ice – Take a trip down memory lane, as Disney On Ice returns with a magical show for the whole family to enjoy, The O2 arena, December 2024.

*Dates accurate as of 19/02/2024

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

IFS Cloud Cable Car: London Cable Car Experience



Just outside The O2 is IFS Cloud Cable Car and *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 2023, 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**.

Uber Boat by Thames Clippers: Earth Clipper & East Zone River Roamer



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.

You can now make more eco-friendly journeys though the capital. Uber Boat by Thames Clippers recently launched *Earth Clipper*, the first of three new hybrid vessels which reduce CO2e 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. Earth Clipper will soon be joined by two further hybrid vessels – Celestial and Mars Clipper – as the business works towards its targets of reducing carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and net zero by 2040.

Go unlimited with Uber Boat by Thames Clippers and explore Greenwich by river with the *East Zone River Roamer*. The East Zone River Roamer is the easiest way to connect all of the East and Southeast areas of London along the River Thames between Canary Wharf and Woolwich (Royal Arsenal), including Greenwich and North Greenwich piers. The full network extends from Putney in the west to piers in central London and through to Barking Riverside in the east, plus occasional services to and from the historic Gravesend pier.

Royal Museums Greenwich: National Maritime Museum

- opening 2 March 2024 -







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The **National Maritime Museum** will be hosting "**Women of RNLI**" exhibition from 2 March 2024. The exhibition will celebrate the vital role that women have played in saving lives at sea, highlighting the work and success of women in a variety of roles throughout the RNLI's 200-year history.

Women of the RNLI will feature a series of 42 photographs by Jack Lowe recently acquired by Royal Museums Greenwich (RMG). The portraits of women that volunteer for the RNLI will be displayed alongside their lifeboat station's corresponding slipway, putting the landscape that these women operate in at the heart of their stories. The images form part of Lowe's ongoing Lifeboat Station Project, an attempt to photograph all 238 operational RNLI lifeboat stations and crew members at each.

The hugely popular annual **Astronomy Photographer of the Year** exhibition is also here to celebrate the very best in astrophotography from around the world, until August 2024.

In the fifteenth year of the competition, there were over 4,000 entries from passionate amateur and dedicated professional photographers, submitted from 64 countries across the globe. The winning and shortlisted images are displayed in at the exhibition, including awe-inspiring scenes of the Milky Way, vibrant star trails racing across the night sky, and amazing auroral activity.

The NinetyThird by Qatar Airways at The O2





The O2 has 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.

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. Marvel at the engraved setlists from superstar residencies with the likes of Elton John and witness a homage for the venue's '21 Club' and Prince's iconic 21-night residency at the venue in 2007.

For more details, click here.

Greenwich Park Revealed Project, 2024-25





The Royal Parks has embarked on the second phase of its Greenwich Park Revealed project to restore Greenwich Park's disappearing 17th century landscape. The project will also create new facilities to service the park's five million annual visitors, including an improved viewing platform by the General Wolfe statue.

Greenwich Park hosts a unique, formal landscape, commissioned by Charles II in the 17th century and designed by French landscape architect André Le Nôtre - best known for designing the world-famous Versailles gardens, outside Paris.

A new, landscaped viewing platform at the famous viewpoint by the General Wolfe Statue will transform the popular area into an accessible, enlarged public space. The platform will be extended to provide a piazza for public enjoyment and cultural events, with a new catering kiosk and room for outdoor seating.

The landscape features of the 'Grand Ascent' – giant, grass steps on Observatory Hill, which lead up to the Royal Observatory – will be expertly redefined and returned to their original splendour.

As well as protecting the park's heritage, the project will expand valuable acid grassland habitats, supporting birds and pollinators, such as ground-nesting bees and wasps. The restored tree avenues will provide a foraging habitat and movement corridors for wildlife.

Work is also underway to create brand new community facilities, including a new café which is due to open this Spring, a volunteer hub, a community garden, and a new learning space in The Wilderness enclosure.

* The charity, which manages London's eight Royal Parks, is funding the project alongside a £4.5m grant from the Parks for People programme joint funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund.

InterContinental London – The O2: Peninsula Ballroom



InterContinental London - The O2 is a riverside hotel and purpose-built conference centre situated on the vibrant Greenwich Peninsula. The hotel features a dedicated 4,500sqm conference centre and meeting spaces. The hotel features UK's largest pillar-free ballroom accommodating 3,000 delegates, with a separate entrance, away from the main hotel lobby allowing for complete privatisation of events.

The **NEW Peninsula Ballroom** presents an exclusive and opulent entrance, complete with an art-deco-inspired foyer featuring two chic bars. Boasting a spacious area of 1,300 square meters, this grand ballroom can comfortably accommodate up to 1,000 guests. Additionally, it offers the convenience of being able to divide the ballroom into two separate soundproof breakout rooms.

In addition, there are 19 additional event spaces including the Riverview Suites and the Greenwich Suites that can also be used individually or as a multiple event space for dining, breakout sessions and meetings to accompany main event. The Oval is an outdoor space available at the front of the hotel.

Five destination inspired restaurants and bars including **Kinaara** - a Contemporary Indian Fine Dining restaurant and a stunning **Eighteen Sky Bar** on the 18th floor which can be hired for exclusive use and social events.

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.

For a taste of adrenaline, the **Thamesjet speedboat** is a chance to ride the Thames in style as passengers will follow twists and turns on the river. Though this special cruise goes at thrill-seeking speeds, there is plenty of opportunity to take photos iconic landmarks.

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.

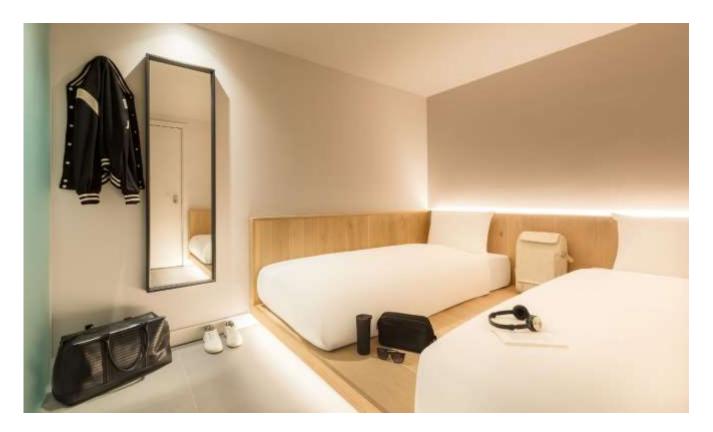
Lunch Cruise is a unique and memorable way to see the capital while you enjoy a delicious two course lunch. You will be taken on a relaxed voyage past London's riverside attractions.

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.

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.

Address: Cavatina Point, 7 Harmony Place, Greenwich, London, SE8 3FB

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.

Address: 30 Stockwell Street, Greenwich, London, SE10 9JN

iFly London at The O2



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An unforgettable sensation of flying awaits you at iFLY London Indoor Skydiving at The O2. Replicating the exact experience of freefall, budding daredevils can experience the joy of human flight without so much as a parachute – and all just 15 minutes from Central London.

This new unforgettable leisure experience gives thrill-seekers of any age or ability the opportunity to experience the excitement of flight.

Address: The O2, Peninsula Square, Greenwich Peninsula, London, SE10 0DX

The Elizabeth line



The Elizabeth line provides a quicker and more direct travel routes across London, reducing journey times and creating new transport links. Up to 12 trains an hour will allow residents to travel to Canary Wharf in just eight minutes, Liverpool Street in 17 minutes, Bond Street in 22 minutes and Heathrow in 55 minutes. The route passes 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.

This incredibly rapid transport system has made living and working in Woolwich even more attractive. The new stations each have their own, distinct character, which reflect the environment and heritage of the local area.

Now with a shorter commute time, it is easier and quicker to enjoy evenings out at Woolwich Works and Greenwich+Docklands International Festival (FESTIVAL.ORG) during summer time. Woolwich also has speedy river links around the area.

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