

RESTAURANTS and PUBS

Walking distance

THE BLYTHE HILL TAVERN

£

Great old style local pub. No food except crisps! Excellent Guinness and a few well chosen and well kept real ales. CAMRA (Campaign For Real Ale) recommended.

319 Stanstead Road, London, SE23 1JB (2 minutes walk up the road)

www.blythehilltavern.org.uk

BABUR

£££

Gourmet Indian food at the restaurant

£

The best local Indian take-away food - highly recommended! (see menu in folder. They deliver too)

www.babur.info/delivery/

19 Brockley Rise, Forest Hill, London SE23 1JP

020 8291 2400

www.babur.info

LE QUERCE

££

Good family-run local Italian restaurant.

66 Brockley Rise, London SE23 1LN

020 8690 3761

lequerce.co.uk

THE CATFORD BRIDGE TAVERN

£

Next to Catford Bridge station. Recently renovated and improved in décor, food and drink options. We've eaten there a couple of times – it's OK, not fantastic but not rubbish either. Bar staff have a reputation for indifference though!

Station Approach, London SE6 4RE

Bus or cab distance but local

BROCKLEY'S ROCK

317 Brockley Rd, London SE4 2QZ

www.brockleysrock.co.uk

020 8694 1441

The best local fish and chip shop.

171 bus direction Holborn from the top of the road, 12/15 minutes. (walk 30 minutes)
approx 20 seats inside, bench seats outside or phone take away order for collection.

EVEREST CURRY KING

1/2£

Canteen (cafe) style South Indian and Sri Lankan food. No phone, no website – just turn up (or order a take-away). Masala Dosa recommended.

24 Loampit Hill, London SE13 7SW.

TURKUAZ

£

Authentic Turkish cuisine. Good shish kebabs, wraps and mezze, generous portions, vegetarian options.

163 Bromley Rd, Catford, London SE6 2NZ

020 8695 9900

www.turkuaz-restaurant.co.uk

FRANCO MANCA

£

Great sourdough pizzas. Small but well chosen menu.

21 Lordship Ln, East Dulwich, London SE22 8EW

020 8299 4017

www.francomanca.co.uk/

ARTUSI

££ * Booking essential.

Lovely Italian restaurant in Peckham. Talented chef. Good wine list.

161 Bellenden Rd, London SE15 4DH

020 3302 8200

<https://artusi.co.uk/>

SUPERMARKETS etc

SAINSBURYS LOCAL

On Avenmore Road between Catford and Catford Bridge Stations

TURKISH FOOD EXPRESS

next to Catford Bridge Station (just past the Catford Bridge Tavern)

Bakery, fresh fruit & vegetables, nuts, organic food, Turkish and Greek food etc

TESCO EXPRESS

87-89 Perry Hill, Catford, London SE6 4EY

10 minutes walk

Local version of the supermarket giant – good for small scale shopping/snacks etc

SAINSBURYS

Superstore. Food/Wine/Electrical goods/clothes/Pharmacy

Southend Lane, London SE26 4PU

20 minutes walk or bus 181/202

Things to do

Local

THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM

100 London Rd, Forest Hill, London SE23 3PQ

A short bus ride (185, 20 minutes) from here. Lovely Arts and Crafts building housing extensive Victorian/Edwardian collection of anthropology, ethnography, natural history, musical instruments plus a large collection of taxidermied animals.

www.horniman.ac.uk

BLYTHE HILL FIELDS

10 minute walk. Great views over London to the city, O2/Canary Wharf and west.

LEWISHAM MARKET

Traditional fruit and veg etc.

Shopping centre: Marks and Spencer, H&M, TK Max, Holland & Barrett, Sainsburys, Boots (chemist)

DEPTFORD

Rough and ready old London market - fruit and veg etc, bric-a-brac/junk, clothes. Wednesday, Friday Saturday

Pop-up shops in Deptford Market yard (under the railway arches) – food/craft beer

Laban Centre – Dance and Music Academy

St Nicholas Church. Christopher Marlowe buried in an unmarked grave here. Memorial plaque.

To the East

GREENWICH

Covered market. Designer-makers - jewellers/clothing/photographers/food stalls etc. Interesting shops – cartographers/clothing. Weekend only antique/bric-a-brac markets.

National Maritime Museum/Cutty Sark/Queens House/Royal Observatory/Greenwich Meridian/Greenwich Park

www.rmg.co.uk

Old Royal Naval College

Painted ceiling tours until September 2018. www.ornc.org

The Trafalgar Tavern

Riverside Victorian pub (find a window seat if you can) - outside drinking area. Good food – especially the fish and chips.

www.trafalgartavern.co.uk

The Cutty Sark Pub

Georgian riverside pub over 3 floors, with Thames views from the elegant dining room.

www.cuttysarkse10.co.uk

Eltham Palace

Superb Art Deco house with a Medieval great hall and moat (Henry VIII). Ornamental gardens.

www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/eltham-palace-and-gardens.

GREENWICH PENINSULA

Walk from Greenwich town centre along the river path or river bus from Greenwich Pier

The O2

Multi-purpose indoor arena with bowling alley, small scale venues, restaurants, clubs, cinema, exhibition spaces

www.theo2.co.uk

Emirates Airline

Cable car across the river Thames. Spectacular views.

www.emiratesairline.co.uk

Cross the river for the

Olympic Park

www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk

The Line

Dedicated modern and contemporary art walk between the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and the O2. This is quite an urban and gritty walk.

<http://the-line.org/#/landing>

To the West and into central London

ROTHERHITHE

The Mayflower Pub

One of London's oldest riverside inns. Good food and ales.

www.mayflowerpub.co.uk/landing

The Brunel Museum

In the Brunel Engine House

www.brunel-museum.org.uk

TOWER BRIDGE AREA

Rope Walk/Maltby Street

Bars/street food and Lassco reclamation/antiques warehouse

www.maltby.st | www.lassco.co.uk/venues/ropewalk/ropewalk-market

Tower Bridge

Iconic London landmark. Exhibition and viewing galleries.

www.towerbridge.org.uk

Tower Of London

www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london

London Bridge to Blackfriars

Borough Market

Bars, restaurants, independent shops and gourmet food market.

boroughmarket.org.uk

The George Inn

Southwark High Street

Authentic 17th-century coaching inn and pub with oak beams and large courtyard seating area.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/george-inn

www.george-southwark.co.uk

The Golden Hinde

Replica of Sir Francis Drake's Tudor vessel

www.goldenhinde.com

Shakespeare's Globe

Oak-and-thatch replica of original Elizabethan theatre, showing Shakespeare plays in the open air.

www.shakespearesglobe.com

Tate Modern

Collection of international modern art from 1900 to the present day, housed in the former Bankside Power Station. Great views over the city from the top of the Blavatnik building – recommended if you don't want to queue or pay for the London Eye (£ 24.00)

www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern

Blackfriars to Charing Cross

The Anchor

1615 Thameside pub. Outdoor seating.

www.taylor-walker.co.uk/pub/anchor-bankside-southwark/p0977

OXO Tower Wharf

Design, arts and crafts shops, two galleries. OXO Tower Restaurant, Bar and Brasserie.

www.oxotower.co.uk

The South Bank

www.southbanklondon.com

Gabriel's Wharf

Restaurants (Studio 6 recommended)/designer-maker shops

Royal Festival Hall

National Theatre

BFI Southbank

BFI Imax

The London Eye (see Tate Modern comment above for alternative great views over London)

Sea Life London Aquarium

East London & City

Shoreditch, Spitalfields Market & Brick Lane

www.spitalfields.co.uk/

Petticoat Lane Market

www.visitlondon.com/

Whitechapel Art gallery

www.whitechapelgallery.org/

Museum of London

www.museumoflondon.org.uk

Docklands Museum

www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london-docklands

Barbican

www.barbican.org.uk/

The River Thames

There are a number of companies that run river trips of varying lengths, some offer lunch or dinner, many offer open top boats with commentary – it's a great way to see a different view of the city and is recommended if you have the time or inclination – probably better is the Thames Clipper service which runs every 20 minutes from piers along the river from Putney in the west to the O2 in the east. It's not as leisurely as a river trip but has the same views and is highly recommended if you're not here for long. The Clippers have mostly enclosed seating but have a small outside seating area at the rear.

www.thamesclippers.com

Recommended journey: London Eye/Waterloo to Greenwich or Greenwich to London Eye/Waterloo.

Camden/Camden Market

Despite guide book and website recommendations we wouldn't suggest visiting unless you're under 25 and even then...

There are still vestiges of what the area was like before it became a characterless stop on the tourist route but otherwise it's an overcrowded and overpriced crush of mediocre food stalls and cafes, cheap bought-in fashion items, nasty souvenirs and overpriced 'antiques and curios' – not 'real' London.

However... Mildred's Restaurant (vegetarian and vegan) is very good (but very noisy when busy). The British Boot Company (5 Kentish Town Road, NW1 8NH) is the place for UK made Dr Marten shoes and boots and other quality British footwear (Loakes, George Cox etc). Music Venues: The Roundhouse, Jazz Cafe, Dingwalls, Koko, the Dublin Castle

The official city visitor's guide website is

www.visitlondon.com

Things To Do/Top 10 Attractions/Day Trips/Theatre/Whats On/Tickets and Offers/Markets etc etc