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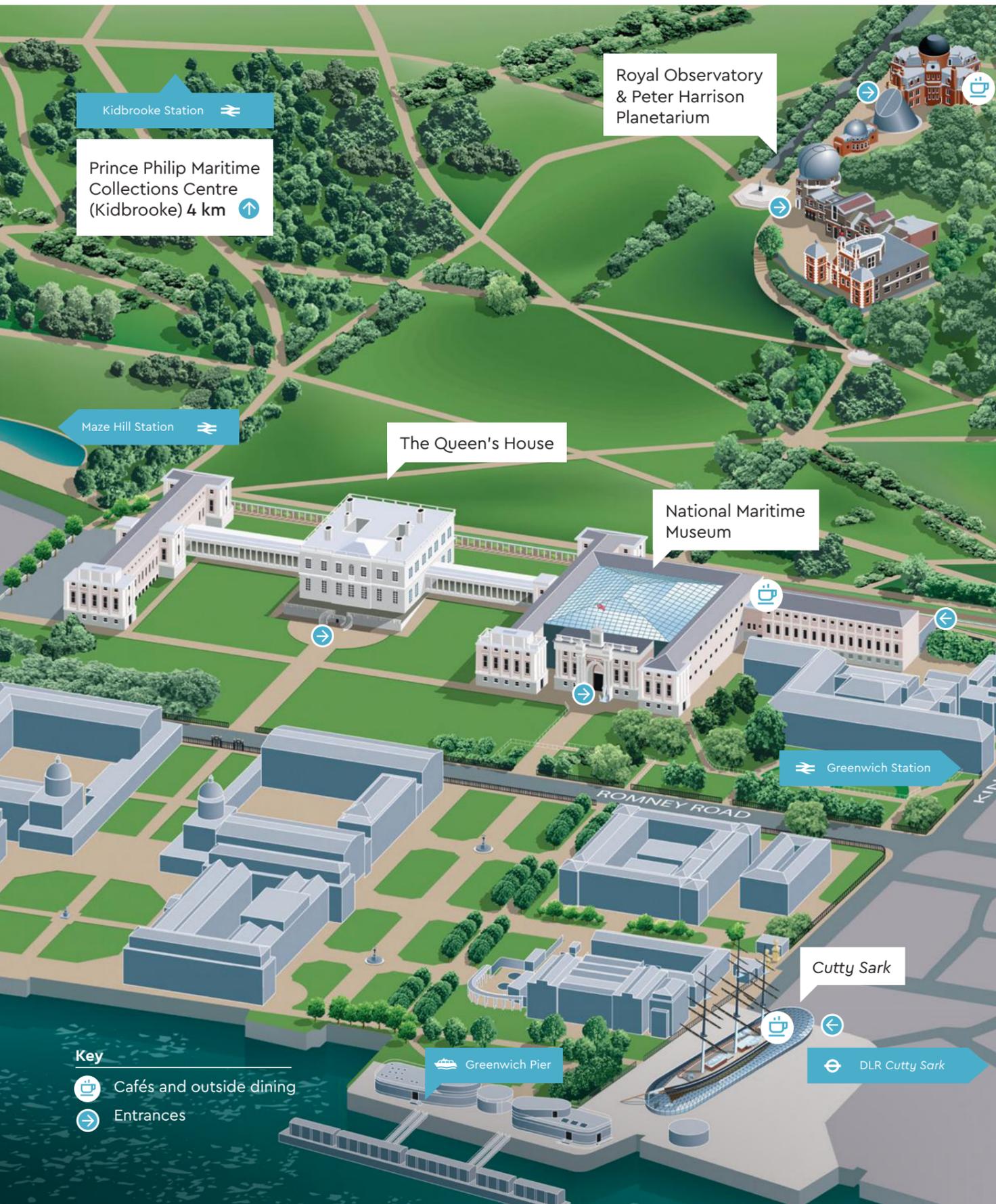


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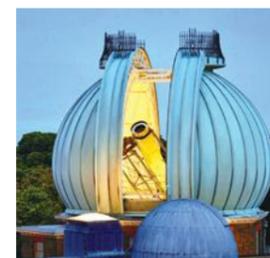
Welcome to Royal Museums Greenwich, home of the Royal Observatory and the Peter Harrison Planetarium, *Cutty Sark*, the National Maritime Museum and the Queen's House.

A top UK visitor attraction, Royal Museums Greenwich is a perfect destination whatever your interests: art and architecture; star gazing and astronomy; ships and the sea; or British history and royalty.

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

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Royal Observatory

The Royal Observatory is home to the world-famous Meridian Line and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Established in the 17th century by Charles II, it is today a unique visitor attraction and a must-see for any visit to London.

Explore now



- 🕒 Recommended visit time: 1 – 1.5 hours
- 🎧 Free downloadable audio guide available
- 🛍️ Onsite shop
- ☕ Onsite café
- 🎫 Individual site ticket
Included in the Day Pass



Must see attractions

The world-famous Meridian Line

Stand aside the Meridian Line with one foot in the eastern hemisphere and one in the west. The Greenwich Meridian was chosen to be the Prime Meridian of the World back in 1884 and is world famous ever since.

Views of London

Enjoy one of the most-loved views of London across Greenwich Royal Park, the City of London and the River Thames. It is the perfect place for a group photo with the ever-changing London skyline in the background.



The Octagon Room

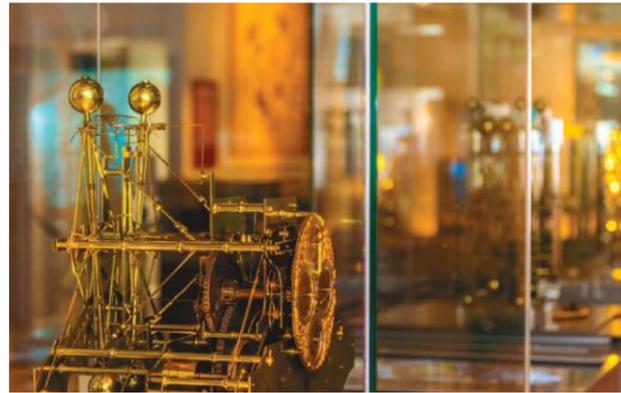
With its big windows, the Octagon room was perfect for watching the sky and it is the centrepiece of Flamsteed House. Designed by Sir Christopher Wren, it is one of the best-preserved Wren interiors in London.

Harrison's clocks

See Harrison's clocks – inventions that changed the world. Also, discover the Shepherd Gate Clock, mounted outside, which was the first clock to show Greenwich Mean Time to the public.

Great Equatorial Telescope

Venture inside the huge iconic onion dome to see the giant telescope which gave astronomers new views of the universe over 100 years ago. It is the biggest refracting telescope in Britain and was built in 1893.



Special for groups

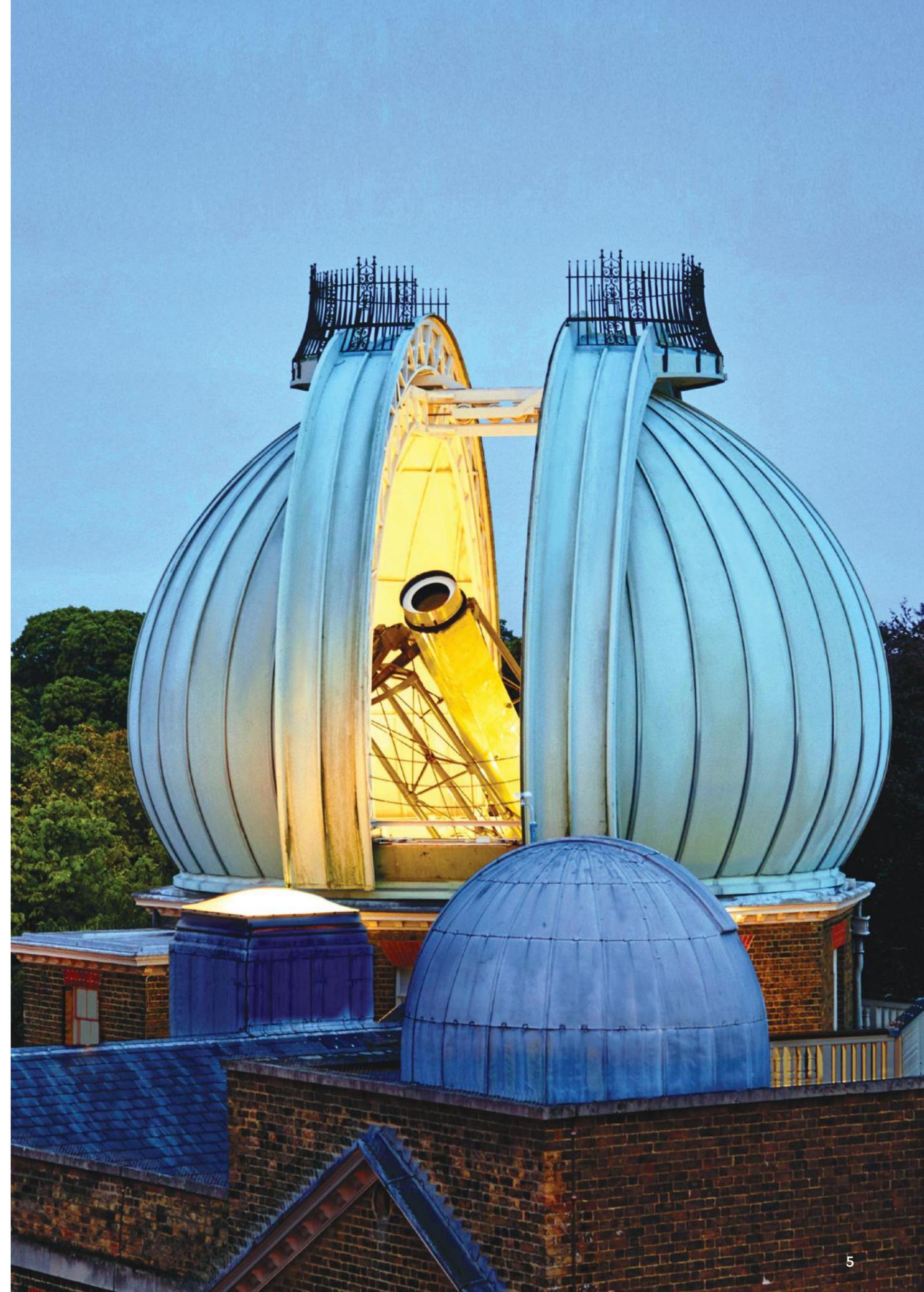
Early opening hours

Offer your group an early morning visit to the Royal Observatory to avoid the crowds during peak summer months. There is an additional charge for early opening hours.

Expert guided tours

Give your group an even more memorable visit by booking a guided tour of the Royal Observatory.

Pre-booking is essential and is subject to availability.



Cutty Sark

Cutty Sark is the world's sole-surviving tea clipper, celebrated for its record-breaking passages around the globe. Come aboard and experience what it was like to sail on board this much-loved national icon.

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Must see attractions

Copper Hull

Stand aside the Meridian Line with one foot in. Walk right underneath *Cutty Sark's* gleaming copper hull and get an awe-inspiring view of the ship. Reach up to touch a piece of maritime history.

Main Deck

Stand on the main deck and marvel at the towering masts and 11 miles of rigging, take the helm at the ship's wheel, and enjoy fabulous views of the River Thames.

Life on board

Experience what life was like on board a historic sailing ship and get a taste of life as a seafaring Victorian while exploring one of the world's most famous ships.



Adventure at sea

Learn about the romance, adventure and danger of life at sea. The exhibits on board the ship bring to life the challenges faced by Captain and crew.

Collection of figureheads

Come face to face with a world-famous collection of merchant-ship figureheads including the original *Cutty Sark's* figurehead, Nannie.



Special for groups

Afternoon tea

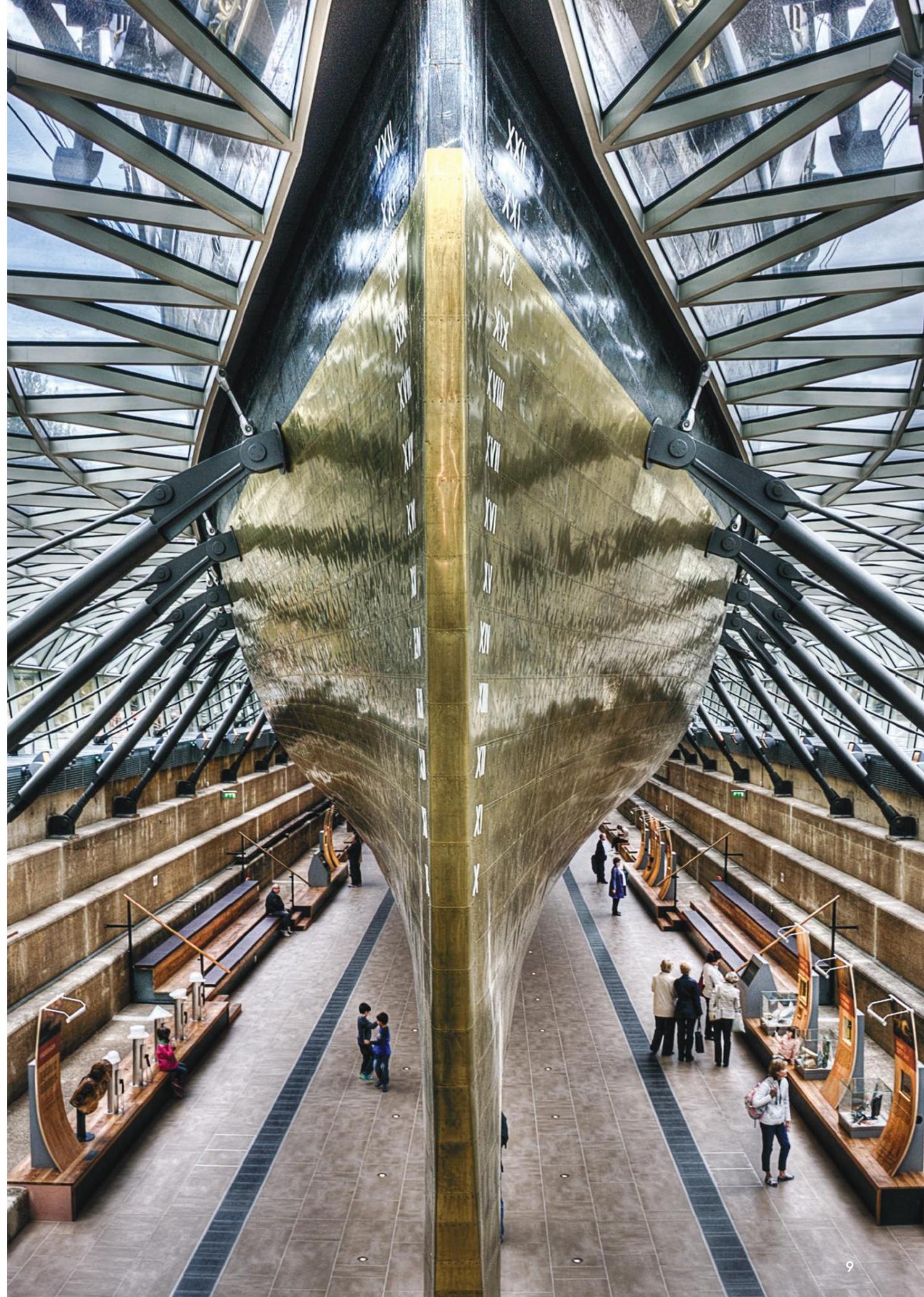
Indulge in a quintessentially British special afternoon tea sitting directly beneath *Cutty Sark's* iconic copper-clad hull. Choose from a selection of teas, sandwiches and sweet treats as you marvel at the historic engineering of the fastest ship of its day. All bookings include entry to the ship, so you can explore *Cutty Sark* at your leisure before or after your tea.

Maximum capacity 40 guests per serving.

Early opening hours

Offer your group an early morning visit to the *Cutty Sark* to avoid the crowds during peak summer months. There is an additional charge for early opening hours.

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The Queen's House

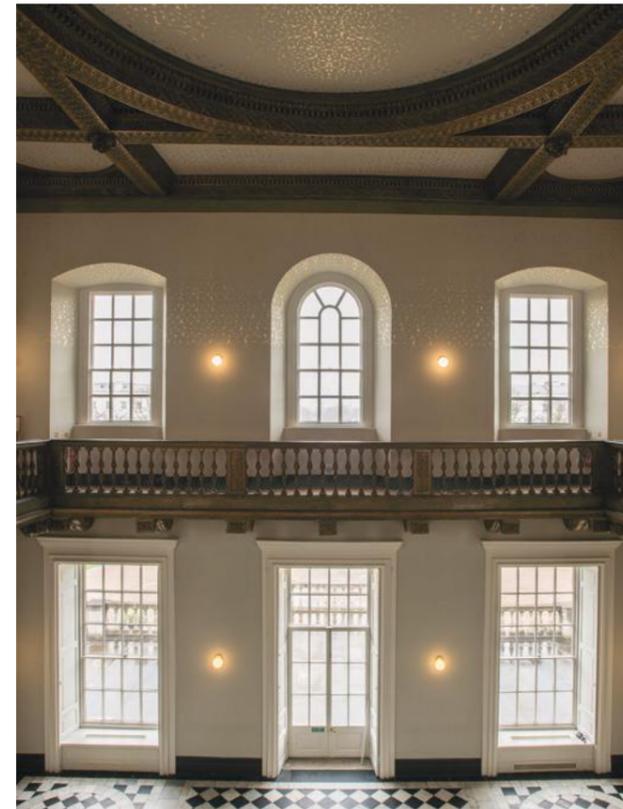
This beautiful royal villa was designed by Inigo Jones and is Britain's first classical building and a pioneering masterpiece of 17th-century architecture. Enjoy a guided tour and learn about the history of Greenwich from its use as a royal residence to today.

The Queen's House is free to visit with the exception of special exhibitions and guided tours.

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-  Onsite shop



Must see attractions

The Great Hall

Step through the doors and find yourself in a huge, perfectly proportioned cube. This hall rises through the centre of the House's north side and reflects Renaissance ideals of mathematical, classical proportion and harmony. Also notice the striking marble floor, with its geometrically patterned black-and-white design. It was laid in 1635.

Royal history and heritage

Step back in time as you wander through the graceful rooms and learn the fascinating history and heritage of the place originally built as a 'house of delight' for the Queen, in the gardens of the palace where Henry VIII and Elizabeth I were born.



Classic Architecture

The Queen's House is one of the most important buildings in English architecture. Designed by Inigo Jones, it was the first classical building of its kind in Britain.

The Tulip Stairs

The iconic elegant Tulip Stairs in the Queen's House are the first geometric self-supporting spiral stairs in Britain.

Art collection

Discover internationally renowned works by masters including Gainsborough, Hogarth, Stubbs, Turner and van de Veldes; powerful war art, and exciting contemporary commissions.



Special for groups

Expert guided tours

Give your group an even more memorable visit by booking a guided tour of the Queen's House.

Early opening hours

Offer your group an early morning visit to the Queen's House to avoid the crowds during peak summer months. There is a charge for early opening hours.

Guided tour & cream tea

After enjoying a tour with our expert guides, treat your group to a delicious cream tea served at the National Maritime Museum café, located right next to the Queen's House.

Pre-booking is essential and is subject to availability.



National Maritime Museum

The National Maritime Museum is the largest museum of its kind in the world. It appeals to visitors of all ages and is a great addition to any itinerary in Greenwich.

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-  Onsite cafés



Must see attractions

Britain's maritime heritage

Hear stories of the ordinary British men and women who made their living on and around ships over the past 500 years. Learn about the momentous history of great explorers, fierce battles, pirates, dramatic ships and travels which were encountered across the world.

'Tudor and Stuart Seafarers' Gallery

Experience the lives of both ordinary seamen and well-known characters, such as Christopher Columbus, Elizabeth I and Francis Drake in the 'Tudor and Stuart Seafarers' gallery.

'Polar Worlds' Gallery

See the most experienced of explorers being pushed to the extremes of human endurance through the stories of heroic explorers including Scott and Shackleton in the 'Polar Worlds' gallery.



Nelson, Navy, Nation Gallery

See the uniform Admiral Nelson was wearing when he was killed at the Battle of Trafalgar and find out more about Britain's most famous naval hero at the 'Nelson, Navy, Nation' gallery.

Art collection

See our collection of beautiful art, including J.M.W. Turner's famous painting *The Battle of Trafalgar*, 21 October 1805.

Traders Gallery

Explore Britain's maritime trade with Asia, focusing on the incredible story of the rise and fall of the East India Company.



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The Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre

Come behind the scenes at our state-of-the-art conservation studio.



The Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre is home to the Royal Museums Greenwich stored collections and state of the art conservation studios.

This new facility is full of inspiring objects which normally would be away from public view.

Behind the scenes tours

On this personal and exclusive experience, your group will explore the hidden treasures of the collection within our state of the art storage facility. Our specialist tour guides will lead you through a sprinkling of the 2.5 million objects and archives we have across our sites.

You will come face to face with our conservation team and learn first-hand about the objects' voyage from store to display.

Pre-booking is essential and is subject to availability.

The Cutty Sark Rig Climbing Experience

Experience the thrill of climbing the masts of the fastest ship of its time.



For the first time since arriving in Greenwich in 1954, visitors to *Cutty Sark* will be able to climb the famous mast and enjoy views of the Thames and London like no other.

Starting with a briefing underneath the ship's beautiful hull, those brave enough to take on the challenge step up from the Main Deck on to the ship's 'ratlines' (rope ladders).

From here you can make your way up into the rigging, just as hundreds of sailors did during *Cutty Sark*'s long and fabled career at sea.

When you reach the 'Tops Platform', take a breath and drink in the view while looking down on a true London icon.

In true keeping with *Cutty Sark*'s reputation as the fastest sailing ship in the world, visitors will then experience something that not even the ship's crew did: a controlled descent from the rigging, back down onto the Main Deck.

Once reunited with your friends and family, you can continue your *Cutty Sark* adventure, as your rig climb ticket includes free access to all areas of the ship.

Pre-booking is essential and is subject to availability.

Plan your visit

Opening times

Daily 10.00–17.00. Last admission is 16.30 at all attractions with the exception of *Cutty Sark* where it is 16.15. All attractions are closed 24–26 December.

Pre-booking

Pre-booking is essential for any group visit. Booking is required at least 3 days in advance by calling 0044 20 8312 6608 or via our online group booking form at www.rmg.co.uk/groupbookingform

Accessibility

Royal Museums Greenwich welcomes all visitors. The Royal Observatory is at the top of the hill in Greenwich Park. There is a wheelchair-accessible route but please be aware that it is uphill and fairly steep. Visit rmg.co.uk for more information.

When you pre-book, let us know if your group has any special requirements. When visiting, please ask a member of staff for assistance upon arrival.



How to get here

For Greenwich town centre, the nearest stations are:

- 🚇 *Cutty Sark* on DLR (Zone 2)
- 🚢 Greenwich Pier for riverboats
- 🚉 Greenwich Station (Zone 2 and 3)

Journey Times

- From London Bridge by national rail – 8 minutes
- From Bank by Docklands Light Railway (DLR) – 20 minutes
- From Westminster by riverboat with Thames Clippers – 40 minutes
- From Westminster by sightseeing boat with City Cruises – 70 minutes
- From St.Katherine's by sightseeing boat with Thames River Services – 30 minutes

Travelling by coach

There is a coach pick-up/drop-off point on Stockwell Street (SE10 9JN), outside the Ibis Hotel. Maximum stay 20 minutes.

Here are details of the coach parking options available:

- Ten free coach bays on Charlton Way (SE10 9QY) near the Blackheath Gate to Greenwich Royal Park and the Royal Observatory Greenwich. Maximum stay 4 hours.
- Two free coach bays on Norman Road (SE10) in the town centre. Long stay.
- One Pay-and-Display coach bay in Park Row car park (SE10 9NL) on Trafalgar Road/Park Row. 08.00–18.30 daily

At your service

We have a dedicated Travel Trade and groups sales team ready to help you plan your group's perfect day. We will recommend what to see and do, with tailor-made itineraries and advice on travel and parking. We will also help you with any images and information that you need to help promote your tour.

We understand product knowledge is essential to help your team arrange itineraries efficiently, therefore we are available for:

- Onsite familiarisation visits
- Product training at your offices
- Online product training

Travel trade voucher scheme

Our travel trade voucher scheme allows approved companies to receive special travel trade rates and to be invoiced after the visit takes place. This scheme is designed for companies bringing regular business to Royal Museums Greenwich*. Register now at: rmg.co.uk/trade

*Terms and conditions apply

Group discounts

Group discounts apply to any parties of 15 people or more. All groups must pre-book their visit at least 72 hours in advance using our online group booking form, which can be found at rmg.co.uk/groupbookingform

Royal Museums Greenwich Day Pass

The Day Pass offers discounted entry to all our sites. With the 15% group discount on top of this, we can offer unbeatable value for a day out in Greenwich.

Full day itineraries

Royal Museums Greenwich has so much to offer; there really is something for everyone. Based on your interests, budget and time at your disposal, we can create half or full day itineraries for you. Catering options are also available at the National Maritime Museum and *Cutty Sark* for groups.

Our Travel Trade and groups team is on hand to help you plan the best visit possible, so whether you would like recommendations for what to do, help with planning your itinerary, or anything else, please get in touch with us at traveltrade@rmg.co.uk

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