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## Travel Trade and Groups Guide



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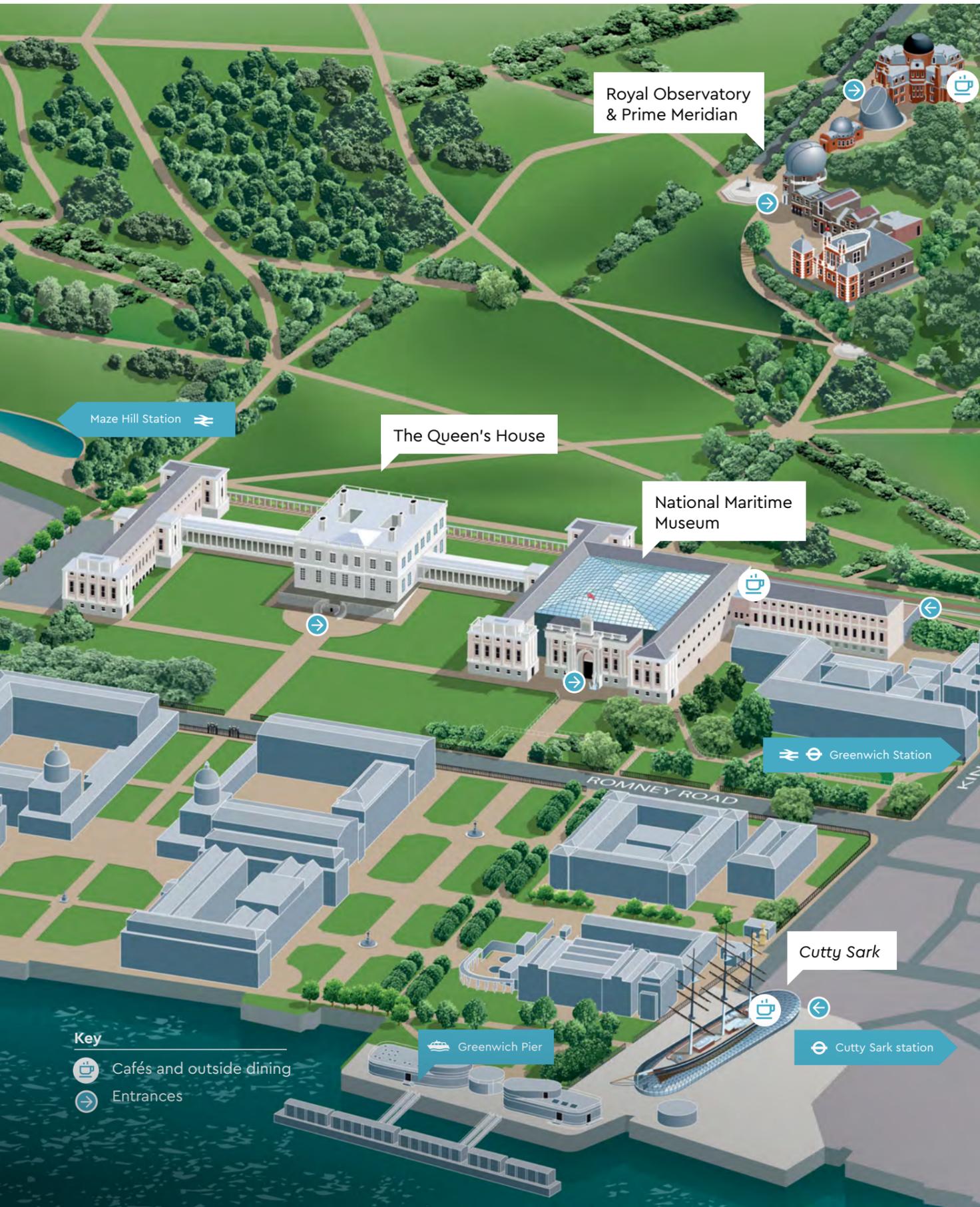


Cutty  
Sark



National  
Maritime  
Museum

# Our site



# Welcome

Welcome to Royal Museums Greenwich, home of the Royal Observatory and Prime Meridian of the world, *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 historic UNESCO World Heritage Site of Maritime Greenwich in one of London's Royal Boroughs. All of our world-class sites are within easy walking distance of each other.

## Our four London landmarks

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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 – save money!  
Private guided tours  
Exclusive private Openings



## Must-see attractions

### The world-famous Meridian Line

Stand astride 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 best-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

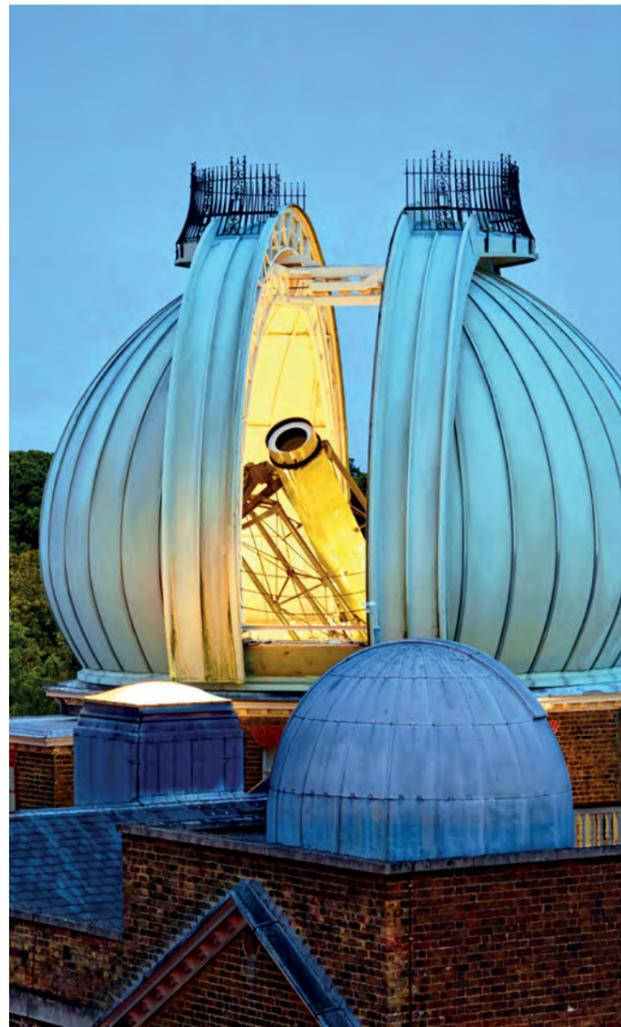
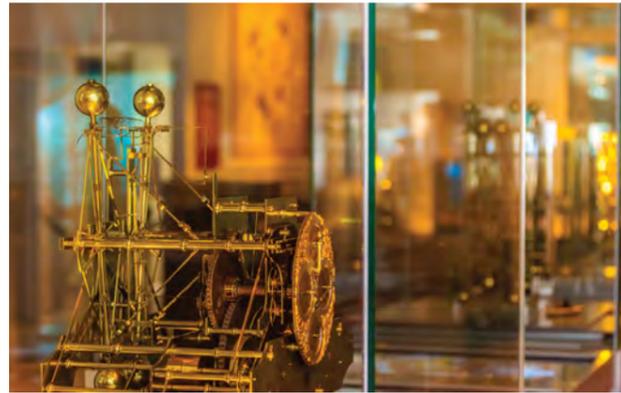
With its large windows, the Octagon room was perfect for watching the sky and it is the centrepiece of Flamsteed House. Designed by Sir Christopher Wren, it is one of the best-preserved Wren interiors in London.

## 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

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.**

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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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## 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

Learn the fascinating history and heritage of the building originally built as a 'house of delight' for the Queen as you wander through the graceful rooms and elegant 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 the van de Veldes, featuring powerful war art and exciting new 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.

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# 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.

The National Maritime Museum is free to visit with the exception of special exhibitions and guided tours.

## Explore now



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-  Onsite shops
-  Onsite cafés
-  FREE to visit
-  Private guided tours



## 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.

## Traders Gallery

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

## Ocean Map

The giant Ocean Map at the centre of the National Maritime Museum turns our view of the world inside out. While other maps focus on countries and land mass, the Ocean Map is all about water! Sometimes referred to as a 'map of the world according to fish', the Map is designed to show us how all the world's oceans are connected. Major global port cities are highlighted, showing the vital maritime links that keep our modern world turning.



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## Out-of-hours tours



### Explore our unique heritage sites away from the crowds with one of our out-of-hours guided tours

Whether you're looking to explore the home of Greenwich Mean Time, immerse yourself in a world-class art collection, discover the largest collection of maritime artefacts in the world, or experience first-hand what life was like onboard the fastest ship of its time, do so without the crowds with our out-of-hours private tours. Led by one of our expert guides, you will have the opportunity to have our world-class attractions all to yourself.

Every tour benefits from:

- Exclusive access: enjoy world-class attractions all to yourselves.
- A friendly, knowledgeable guide: discover the hidden histories of these remarkable places
- Free entry for the rest of the day during normal opening hours – perfect if you need more time to explore once the tour is over.

## Tickets and experiences



### Royal Museums Greenwich Day Pass

- Unbeatable value for a day out in Greenwich!
- Entry to all sites
- Audio guides included



### Royal Observatory

- Stand on the Prime Meridian of the World
- See the best view in London
- Audio guides included



### Cutty Sark

- Explore the ship that brought tea to Britain
- Walk beneath the ship
- Audio guides included



### Cutty Sark Afternoon Tea

- Explore *Cutty Sark*
- Traditional English Afternoon Tea
- Audio guides included



### Private guided tours

- 45-minute guided tour with a private guide
- Available at all sites
- Tours tailored to your interests and requirements



### Out-of-Hours Private Openings

- Exclusive private access to world-class attractions
- Avoid the crowds
- 45-minute guided tour with a private guide

## Plan your visit

### Opening times

Daily 10.00–17.00. Last admission is 16.15 at all sites. Please check our website for seasonal opening times. All attractions are closed 24–26 December.

### Pre-booking

Pre-booking is essential for any group visit. Booking is advised at least 3 days in advance by calling 020 8312 6608 or via our online group booking form at [rmg.co.uk/groupbookingform](http://rmg.co.uk/groupbookingform)

### Online Group Booking – NEW!

If your numbers are final, and your preferred date and time of visit are confirmed, you can now make your group booking directly on our website and receive instant confirmation (payment to be processed by card). Please visit [rmg.co.uk/groups](http://rmg.co.uk/groups).

### 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](http://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:

- 🚆 Greenwich 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 Tower Bridge by riverboat with Uber Boat by Thames Clipper – 23 minutes
- From Tower Bridge by sightseeing boat with City Cruises – 30 minutes
- From Tower Bridge (Butler's Wharf Pier) by sightseeing boat with Thames River Sightseeing – 35 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

## Group Discount

We welcome group visits of any size to the Royal Observatory, *Cutty Sark*, the National Maritime Museum and the Queen's House. Parties of 15+ visitors receive 15% discount and one complimentary ticket for every 15 paying visitors.

## FREE interactive Audio Guides

All sites offer a free to download interactive audio guide available in 10 languages, including: English, German, Italian, French, Spanish, Mandarin, European Portuguese, Korean, Cantonese.



## 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](http://rmg.co.uk/trade)

\*Terms and conditions apply

## 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, please get in touch with us at [traveltrade@rmg.co.uk](mailto:traveltrade@rmg.co.uk)

Contact us  
and find out more

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