# Royal Museums Greenwich

Explore four world-class attractions at the heart of spectacular maritime Greenwich.

## Royal Observatory Greenwich

Discover the past, present and future wonders of astronomy at the centre of time. Take an amazing journey through the historic home of British astronomy, GMT and the Prime Meridian. Learn how great scientists first mapped the seas and the stars, stand astride the world famous Meridian Line, with one foot in the east and the other in the west, see pioneering inventions and the UK’s largest refracting telescope, touch a 4.5-billion-year-old asteroid, and travel the Universe at London’s only planetarium.

## National Maritime Museum

Experience the world’s largest maritime museum, filled with inspirational stories of exploration and endeavour at sea. Discover great explorers and trail-blazing traders, fierce battles and dramatic shipwrecks, naval heroes and ordinary landlubbers, all connecting Britain’s maritime past to our lives today. Find Nelson’s Trafalgar uniform, explore the Great Map, fire at a dastardly pirate ship, or immerse yourself in award-winning galleries and dramatic exhibitions.

## The Queen’s House Art Gallery

Discover a world-class art collection set amidst the history and beauty of the 17th-century Queen’s House, originally the retreat of Charles I’s queen, Henrietta Maria, and one of the most important buildings in English architecture. Stand on the elegant Tulip Stairs, take in the magnificent Great Hall, and explore works of art by some of our greatest masters, plus installations by contemporary artists.

## Cutty Sark

Venture aboard and beneath the legendary sailing ship Cutty Sark; the world’s sole surviving tea clipper and fastest ship of her time. Delve into the adventures of this iconic ship and her crew: follow the footsteps of those who sailed her, take the helm at the ship’s wheel, explore the cargo spaces and the Captain’s cabin, enjoy sweeping views of the Thames and walk directly underneath the ship’s gleaming hull to touch a piece of world history.
The Royal Observatory is the historic home of British astronomy, GMT and the Prime Meridian. Established in the 17th century as the first state-funded scientific centre in Britain, it was from here that the great scientists of the time precisely mapped the stars to help navigate at sea. Centuries later, the legacy of the Royal Observatory continues to define global time zones and the Prime Meridian of the World. Walk in the footsteps of the Astronomers Royal, discover their stories, and experience the past, present and future wonders of astronomy.

**Must see...**
- **Meridian Line**
  Stand astride the world famous Meridian Line, with one foot in the east and the other in the west, and take in dramatic views of London.
- **For families**
  Inspire your budding space scientists with planetarium shows and hands-on fun at the Astronomy Centre, including touching a 4.5-billion-year-old asteroid.
- **Great Equatorial Telescope**
  Venture inside the huge dome to see the telescope that gave astronomers new views of the Universe over 100 years ago.
- **Planetarium**
  See the stars and visit distant worlds in live shows presented by expert astronomers, or spectacular cinematic shows based on the latest science.

**Where next...**
- **Queen’s House Art Gallery**
  450m from main entrance
- **National Maritime Museum**
  400m from main entrance
- **Cutty Sark**
  950m from main entrance
National Maritime Museum

At the heart of Maritime Greenwich, this is the world’s largest maritime museum, filled with inspirational stories of exploration, trade, bravery and adventure at sea.

The Museum is packed to the gunwales with intriguing objects, fascinating accounts and personal stories. Come and explore Britain’s changing identity as an island nation and its relationship with the rest of the world, linked by the sea.

Must see...

• Special Exhibitions Gallery
  Catch our latest major temporary exhibition.

• Voyagers
  Explore the significance of Britain’s maritime history and personal stories of our island nation.

• Nelson, Navy, Nation
  Encounter Britain’s most famous naval hero, and explore the lives and legacies of those afloat and ashore in a tumultuous era.

• Traders
  Discover the history of Britain’s maritime trade with Asia and the global impact of the East India Company.

• For families
  Check out our programme of family activities. Explore the world on the interactive Great Map, steer a ship into port on the ship simulator or come and play in ‘Ahoy!’.

• Views from The Brasserie
  Enjoy the best of contemporary British cuisine at The Brasserie, with superb views out across Greenwich Park.

Where next...

• Queen’s House Art Gallery
  150m from Stanhope Entrance

• Royal Observatory Greenwich
  400m from Sammy Ofer Wing Entrance

• Cutty Sark
  400m from Stanhope Entrance
This beautiful royal villa was designed by Inigo Jones for James I’s queen, Anne of Denmark, and completed around 1638 for Charles I’s queen, Henrietta Maria. It houses an internationally renowned collection of paintings within a masterpiece of architectural design. Regarded as England’s first classical building, the House boasts a fascinating chequered history from royal pleasure palace to naval school. Explore the pictoral treasures that now hang here, forming the most important collection of maritime art in the world and one of the finest collections of British portraiture. Works displayed include masterpieces by the van de Veldes, Gainsborough, Reynolds, Turner and Hogarth, as well as contemporary installations.

**Must see...**
- **Awe-inspiring architecture**
  Take in the beauty of Inigo Jones’s first classical building in Britain; stand on the spiral Tulip Stairs and marvel at the perfect geometry of the Great Hall.

- **World-class art collection**
  Discover works by masters including Turner, Gainsborough, Hogarth and the van de Veldes; powerful war art, and exciting contemporary commissions including Turner Prize winner Richard Wright’s intricate and unique design for the Queen’s House ceiling.

- **Views to the river**
  Enjoy vistas fit for royalty, out across the lawns to the Old Royal Naval College and the River Thames beyond.

- **History where it happened**
  Explore the stories of the House from its royal occupants to its role in developing Maritime Greenwich.

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**Key**
- [ ] Permanent galleries
- [ ] Temporary exhibitions
- [ ] Retail & facilities
- [ ] Lifts, corridors, walkways
- [ ] No public access
The Even Keel Café
Enjoy a cup of tea under the hull of the last remaining tea clipper

Level 2:
Main Deck

Cutty Sark – The Sailing Ship
Explore the captain’s and crew’s quarters on the main deck, marvel at the masts and rigging and stand behind the ship’s wheel

Cutty Sark – The Voyager
Beat Captain Woodget’s fastest passage back from Australia and learn more about Cutty Sark’s crew, cargoes and ports of call on the ‘tween deck

Level 1:
‘Tween Deck

Cutty Sark – The Trader
Learn about the 1870s China tea trade and discover more about the building of the ship and her owner Jock ‘White Hat’ Willis in the lower hold

Ground Level:
Lower Hold

Cutty Sark introduced

Michael Edwards Studio Theatre

Lower Ground:
The Dock

Sammy Ofer Gallery

The Even Keel Café
Enjoy a cup of tea under the hull of the last remaining tea clipper

Cutty Sark – The Icon
Stand underneath the keel of this 963-ton clipper ship in the dock; a totally unique perspective

Captain’s cabin
Ship’s wheel
Crew accommodation

See where the crew slept, ate and worked

Monkey foc’s’le

Captain Woodget’s interactive steering game

Viewing platform

Information and ticket desk

Shop

Main entrance

Star of India Memorial