

# Travel Trade and Groups Guide



# Welcome



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

A top-10 UK visitor attraction, Royal Museums Greenwich is the place to discover sea and space exploration, British heritage, royal history, art and pioneering architecture.

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.

This guide gives you an overview of the four attractions at Royal Museums Greenwich, along with information on planning a group visit and our special group experiences.

# 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.

Group discounts apply to any parties of 15 or more. Our travel trade voucher scheme allows approved companies to receive special travel trade rates, and submit a voucher on admission to our attractions. In order to receive these rates, please apply using our free online application.

Register now at [rmg.co.uk/trade](https://rmg.co.uk/trade)  
Terms and conditions apply.



# Royal Observatory

Trade and group pricing available

Free Audio Guide



Recommended visit time: 1 – 1.5 hours

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.



## Top 10 must-see attractions at the Royal Observatory

- 1 Take a selfie on the iconic Meridian Line with one foot in the west and one foot in the east. *#PrimeMeridian*
- 2 Enjoy one of the most-loved views of London across Greenwich Royal Park and the River Thames.
- 3 Marvel at the Great Equatorial Telescope, the UK's largest historic telescope which gave astronomers new views of the universe over 100 years ago.
- 4 With your complimentary audio guide, learn about the discoveries of great scientists and inventors based at or associated with the Royal Observatory.
- 5 Time your visit to coincide with the dropping of the bright red Time Ball on top of Flamsteed House, one of the world's earliest public time signals. It drops daily at 1p.m.
- 6 Stand in Charles II's magnificent Wren-designed Octagon Room dating from 1675.
- 7 Discover John Harrison's groundbreaking inventions that changed the world and solved the 'longitude problem'.
- 8 Be mesmerised by our live panorama of London seen through the Camera Obscura.
- 9 Strike a pose at our Green Screen experience and get your souvenir photo to ensure the perfect photo of you on the Meridian Line.
- 10 See the Shepherd Gate Clock, the first clock to show Greenwich Mean Time to the public.

# Cutty Sark

Trade and group pricing available

Free Audio Guide



Recommended visit time: 1 – 1.5 hours

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



## Top 10 must-see attractions at *Cutty Sark*

- 1 Touch the original structure of the ship of which 90% of the hull dates back to when it was built in 1869 for the China tea trade.
- 2 Walk right underneath *Cutty Sark*'s gleaming copper hull for an awe-inspiring view and the chance to admire the cutting-edge design that made her the fastest in the world.
- 3 Touch and smell different samples of the ship's cargo in one of the many interactive exhibits.
- 4 Imagine you are the ship's captain, take the helm at the ship's wheel and marvel at the towering masts and 11 miles of rigging.
- 5 Get a taste of life as a seafaring Victorian and discover how the crew lived, ate and slept.
- 6 Learn about the ambitious conservation project and go inside an authentic piece of history. Find out about the incredible work that has saved *Cutty Sark* for future generations.
- 7 Enjoy afternoon tea underneath the ship built to bring tea to Britain. Taste a selection of *Cutty Sark* teas just like the ones the ship was built to transport.
- 8 Meet the colourful cast of costumed characters on board the ship and listen to Captain Woodget or Nannie bring the history of the ship to life.
- 9 Enjoy stunning views of the River Thames and the London skyline.
- 10 Come face to face with a world famous collection of merchant-ship figureheads including the original *Cutty Sark*'s figurehead, Nannie.

# The Queen's House

Free entry | Book a guided tour 

Recommended visit time: 45 mins – 1 hour

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.



## Top 10 must-see attractions at the Queen's House

- 1 See the spectacular art commission by Turner Prize-winning artist Richard Wright in gold leaf on the ceiling of the Great Hall.
- 2 Step through the doors and find yourself in the impressive Great Hall. This perfectly proportioned cube has a striking marble floor, with a black-and-white geometric design originally laid in 1635.
- 3 Take a selfie with the iconic, elegant Tulip Stairs, the first geometric self-supporting spiral stairs in Britain.
- 4 Pre-book a guided tour which will take you back in time to learn about the history of the House and Greenwich through the artwork on show.
- 5 See the Armada Portrait of Elizabeth I. This painting commemorates the most famous conflict of Elizabeth's reign: the failed invasion of England by the Spanish Armada.
- 6 Pre book an interactive clothing demonstration 'Undressing the Tudors and Stuarts' and learn about the fashions and trends that dominated this era.
- 7 Step back in time and wander through beautiful rooms as you learn about the fascinating history of this site where Henry VIII and Elizabeth I were born.
- 8 Discover renowned art works by British and European masters including Canaletto, Gainsborough, Hogarth and the van de Veldes, as well as exciting works by leading contemporary artists.
- 9 Admire the classical design of the House – one of the most important buildings in English architecture. Designed by Inigo Jones, it was the first and finest Classical building in Britain.
- 10 Take in views fit for royalty across the lawns to the Old Royal Naval College and the River Thames beyond, or stroll through the Museum's colonnades to the Royal Park and Royal Observatory above.

# 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.

Free entry | Book a guided tour 

Recommended visit time: 1 – 2 hours



## Top 10 must-see attractions at the National Maritime Museum

- 1 Grab a selfie at *Nelson's Ship in a Bottle*, Yinka Shonibare's replica of Nelson's HMS Victory – one of the most photographed artworks in London!
- 2 Find out what made J. M. W. Turner's largest painting so controversial in the 'Battle of Trafalgar' gallery.
- 3 Get up close to the actual uniform Admiral Nelson was wearing when he was fatally wounded at the Battle of Trafalgar in the 'Nelson, Navy, Nation' gallery.
- 4 Discover how life on the River Thames has evolved in the past 300 years in the 'Maritime London' gallery.
- 5 Pre-book a guided tour and experience many of the main exhibits and Museum's highlights on display.
- 6 Explore themes of exploration, trade, war, enslavement and resistance in the 'Atlantic Worlds' gallery.
- 7 Traverse the Great Map, where the Museum's largest open space is brought to life with a huge interactive world map.
- 8 In the 'Pacific Encounters' gallery, reflect on the complex legacy of European exploration and how this has shaped the Pacific as we know it today.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.

# Group products

Best value ticket



## Greenwich Day Explorer

Visit the home of GMT, see Harrison's clocks, and stand on the Meridian Line at the Royal Observatory. Then visit the world-famous *Cutty Sark* and learn about this cargo ship and experience what life was like on board.

Duration: 3 hours  
Capacity: 50  
Availability: Daily



## Royal Observatory

Visit the home of GMT, a must-see for any visitor to London. See Harrison's clocks, stand on the Meridian Line and take in stunning views of London. Don't forget to see the Great Equatorial Telescope.

Duration: 1.5 hours  
Capacity: 50  
Availability: Daily



## Cutty Sark Afternoon Tea

After exploring the ship, enjoy the British tradition of afternoon tea. Located underneath the original hull, the Cutty Sark Café is a great place to enjoy an afternoon tea in a unique setting.

Duration: 2 hours  
Capacity: 30  
Availability: October–March (daily) | April–September (Mon–Fri)



## National Maritime Museum Tour

We have two tours available. For first-time visitors, we recommend the Maritime Treasures Tour to see the key Museum highlights. The Encounters Tour focuses on the four latest galleries: 'Polar Worlds', 'Tudor and Stuarts Seafarers', 'Pacific Encounters' and 'Sea Things'.

Duration: 1 hour  
Capacity: 20  
Availability: Mon–Fri | Daily



## Cutty Sark + Highlights Tour

Give your group an even more memorable visit by booking a Highlights Tour. The guide will help the group learn more about the ship's exciting history for approx. 30 minutes then the group can explore the ship at their own pace.

Duration: 1.5 hours  
Capacity: 25  
Availability: Mon–Fri | 10.30, 11.30, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00

Best for first-time visit



## Queen's House Guided Tour

A guided tour of the Queen's House is the best way to understand the history of Greenwich from its use as a royal residence to today. If you have never been to Greenwich, this tour is a great way to learn why it is such a unique place.

Duration: 1 hour  
Capacity: 20  
Availability: Mon–Fri | Daily



## Undressing the Tudors and Stuarts

Step back in time at the Queen's House with this interactive demonstration, talking through the significance of clothing and the importance it played within society. This is ideal for student groups.

Duration: 45 minutes  
Capacity: 20  
Availability: Mon–Thu



## Interactive Student Workshops

The National Maritime Museum offers interactive educational workshops for intermediate and advanced international students. The workshops are art-based activities primarily based around the Museum's themes.

Duration: 2-3 hours  
Capacity: 25  
Availability: Contact us

# How to get here



**How to get to Greenwich**  
 For Greenwich town centre, the nearest stations are:  
 🚇 Cutty Sark on DLR (Zone 2)  
 🚆 Greenwich Pier for riverboats  
 🚉 Greenwich Station (Zone 2)

**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

**City Cruises**  
 Boats depart to and from Greenwich every 30 minutes, every day of the week, all year round from Westminster, London Eye and the Tower of London. Make the journey part of the fun, and explore the many sights of the River Thames.

**Thames Clippers**  
 The fastest and most frequent fleet on the river with departures, every 20 minutes from/to Central London departures including but not limited to Westminster, London Eye, London Bridge, Tower of London or North Greenwich.

**Thames River Services**  
 Thames River Services operate sightseeing trips from Westminster, St Katharine's and Greenwich all year round. Enjoy live audio commentary and enjoy the most beautiful views of London on route to Greenwich.

**Travelling by coach**  
 We offer free entry to coach drivers when accompanying a group.

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

Thames Clippers offer a Park and Glide coach parking scheme at The O2 specifically designed for coach groups heading to Greenwich.

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.

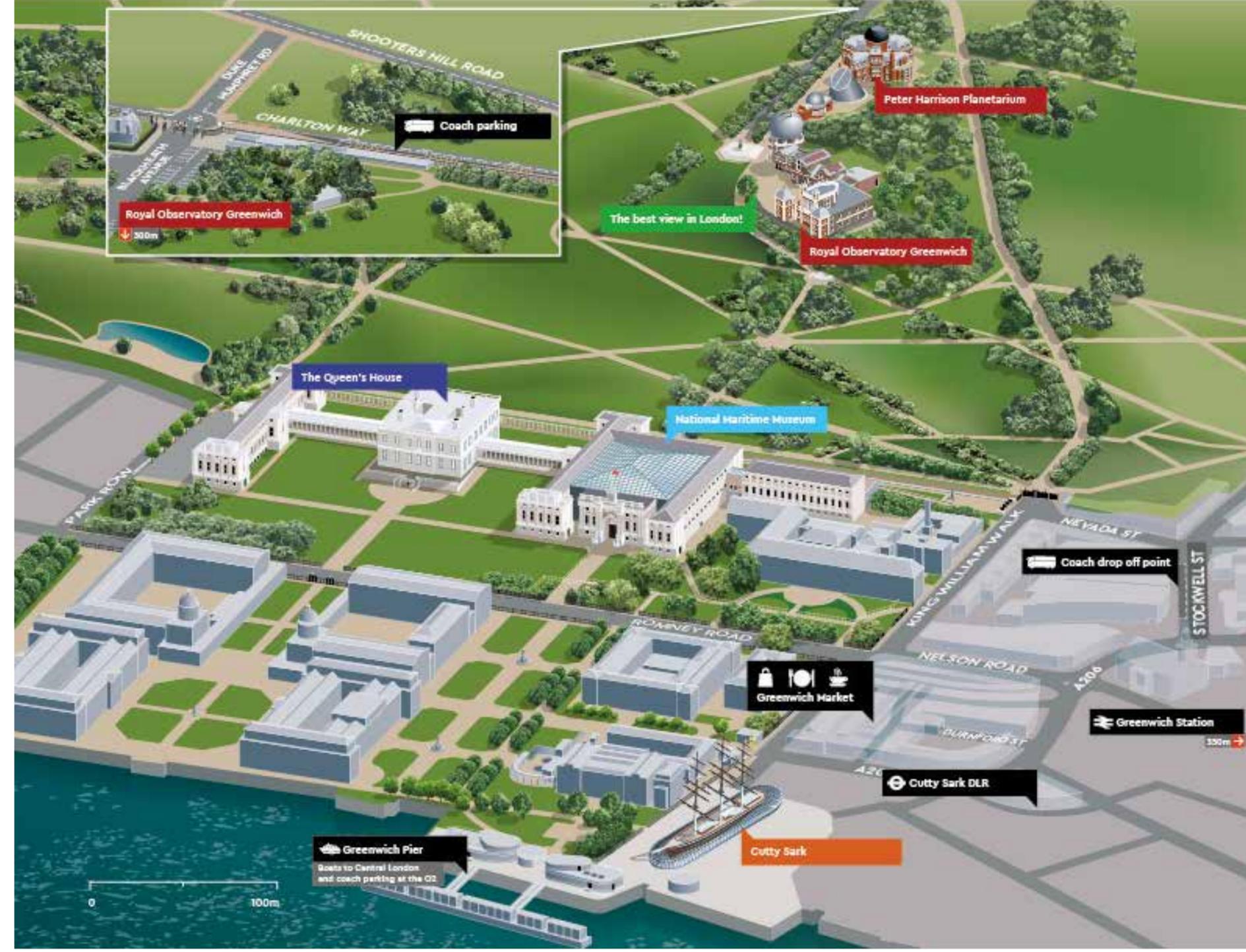
*Long stay*

One Pay-and-Display coach bay in Park Row car park (SE10 9NL) on Trafalgar Road/Park Row.

*£2.50 per hour, 08.00-18.30 daily*

67 coach bays at the O2 (SE10 0ER)  
 The O2 Coach Park Office: 020 8463 6718 (10.00-18.00)

*Non-event parking:*  
 Up to 6 hours £12  
 6-12 hours £22  
 12-24 hours £45



# 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. Always check [rmg.co.uk](http://rmg.co.uk) before you plan your visit.

## 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 email [bookings@rmg.co.uk](mailto:bookings@rmg.co.uk) with the details. For a quick response, include your visit time and date in your email.

## Fast track entry

All pre-booked groups to the Royal Observatory will obtain a fast-track entry through our dedicated group entrance.

## Accessibility

Royal Museums Greenwich welcomes all visitors. The Royal Observatory is at the top of the hill in Greenwich Royal 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.



## Contact us

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