

The Greenwich Peninsula: An Emerging Neighbourhood [B2]

Questo quartiere su un'ansa del Tamigi, nel sud-est di Londra, vanta un'ampia gamma di strutture per il tempo libero e un profilo architettonico moderno e sostenibile.

Located in historic Greenwich, the London borough that gave its name to Greenwich Mean Time, Greenwich Peninsula is a [thriving](#) urban area [nestled in](#) a [bend](#) of the River Thames. A place where coolness meets relaxation, Greenwich Peninsula was [singled out](#) as an opportunity area in the 2004 London Plan: a strategic framework for city development [devised](#) by the then Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone. Since then, over 5,500 new homes have been built, with approximately 32 per cent of them considered [affordable](#). Under the direction of the current mayor, Sadiq Khan, the ambitious industrial regeneration [scheme](#) is ongoing: seventeen thousand homes new homes are planned, with fifteen thousand new jobs created by 2041.

ARCHITECTURE AND NATURE

Greenwich Peninsula is a must-visit for architecture enthusiasts. International architects have left their distinctive mark on the area, with [bold](#) and eclectic buildings. Moreover, Greenwich Peninsula [boasts](#) London's first elevated riverside linear park, called the [Tide](#), adorned with installations and sculptures. The area is not solely about [state-of-the-art](#) structures, however: with its bike [lanes](#) and green areas, there is also ample space to relax, or take a [stroll](#) along the river.

ON THE RIVER

Walking by the River Thames is a relaxing activity enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. On Greenwich Peninsula, however, this experience is all the more enjoyable: in addition to the traditional boats that [sail](#) to the city

centre, high-speed catamarans travel from North Greenwich to Embankment, offering stunning views of the Tower of London or of London's business district, the City. On a sunny day, especially, it is a comfortable way to explore London and it is also a common mode of transport for [commuters](#) on weekdays.

UP IN THE AIR

The London [cable car](#), also known as the [Dangleway](#), offers another unique experience. The [cable car](#) crosses the Thames between Greenwich Peninsula and the Royal Docks, and offers aerial views of [landmarks](#) such as St Paul's Cathedral and the [Gherkin](#). Designed by British architect Norman Foster, the [Gherkin](#) is [arguably](#) the capital's most famous [skyscraper](#). In this south-east neighbourhood, the dome-shaped O2 complex by architect Richard Rogers includes a [venue](#) that hosts concerts and performances by famous artists from all over the world. There is also a large shopping area with bars and restaurants and a multi-screen cinema, as well as many other [leisure](#) activities. Visitors can now experience an incredible 360-degree view of London from its roof.

DESIGN DISTRICT

At the heart of Greenwich Peninsula, a permanent creative hub called the Design District has recently been established. This workspace, housing sixteen unique buildings, aims to attract creative companies and [craft artists](#), from lighting designers to photographers, tattoo artists to ceramists, with an interesting programme of talks, [cutting-edge](#) exhibitions, open-studio events and workshops.

Glossary

- **commuters** = pendolari
- **Dangleway** = penzolare
- **Gherkin** = cetriolino
- **skyscraper** = grattacieli
- **leisure** = svago, tempo libero
- **craft artists** = artigiani
- **scheme** = piano
- **lanes** = corsie
- **bold** = audace
- **Tide** = marea
- **nestled in** = incastonata in
- **bend** = ansa
- **devised** = concepire
- **stroll** = passeggiata
- **cable car** = funivia
- **landmarks** = punti di riferimento, attrazioni
- **venue** = locale
- **cutting-edge** = innovativo, all'avanguardia
- **thriving** = florido, prospero
- **singled out** = individuare
- **state-of-the-art** = all'avanguardia
- **sail** = navigare
- **arguably** = probabilmente
- **affordable** = accessibile, conveniente
- **boasts** = vantarsi