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The real neighbourhood guide:
Where to eat, drink, live and
work, straight from the streets.

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Top Picks

A

Everything worth knowing: Where to eat, drink, move and work.



01

Ozone Coffee Roasters

11 Leonard Street, EC2A 4AQ

Industrial-chic roastery café with on-site roasting, seasonal brunch plates and serious single-origin filter. Mushroom on toast with fermented chilli is a local staple.

02

Flying Horse Coffee

Unit 14, 52-54 Kingsland Road, E2 8DP

Mare Street Market roasters with a proper brunch menu — pancake stacks, Mexican breakfasts, trout on sourdough. Pavement seating perfect for sunny mornings.

03

Franzè & Evans

92 Redchurch Street, E2 7DP

Airy, gallery-like café with daily-baked quiches and seasonal plates. Great cappuccinos, strong vegan and gluten-free offering.

04

Gecko Coffeehouse

352 Bethnal Green Road, E2 0AG

The go-to for plant-based brunch. Rotating single-origin beans, açai bowls, tacos and proper vegan breakfasts.



■ RESTAURANTS

CASUAL

01

Dishoom Shoreditch

7 Boundary Street, E2 7JE

Bombay café classics. The bacon naan roll and masala beans are iconic. Yes, there's a queue — yes, it's worth it.

02

Padella

Phipp Street, EC2A 4NP

Hand-rolled pasta in a tiny spot. Tagliarini with chilli and pangrattato is the one to order.

03

Smoking Goat

64 Shoreditch High Street, E1 6JJ

Thai-leaning menu. Chilli fish sauce wings, drunken noodles, open late. A proper local favourite.

DATE NIGHT

01

Brat

1st Floor, 4 Redchurch Street, E1 6JL

Michelin-starred Basque wood-fired cooking. The whole turbot is legendary. Book ahead.

02

Singburi

64 Shoreditch High Street, E1 6JJ

19 counter seats, fiery flavours and natural wines. One of the most exciting spots in East London.

QUICK BITES

01

Keu

332 Old Street, EC1V 9DR

Bánh mì specialists. Fast, bold, iconic. The best quick bite in the area.

02

Mr Bao

293 Rye Lane, SE15 4UA

Taiwanese bao buns, crispy pork belly. Cosy, stylish, highly snackable.

01

Blok Shoreditch

The Bower, 211 Old Street, EC1V 9NR

Victorian tram depot conversion. 20+ classes — yoga, Pilates, boxing, barre, strength. Beautiful space.

02

Gymbox

134-146 Curtain Road, EC2A 3AR

London's most creative gym — live DJs, sword play classes. Irreverent and genuinely fun.

03

Triyoga Shoreditch

372-378 Old Street, EC1V 9LT

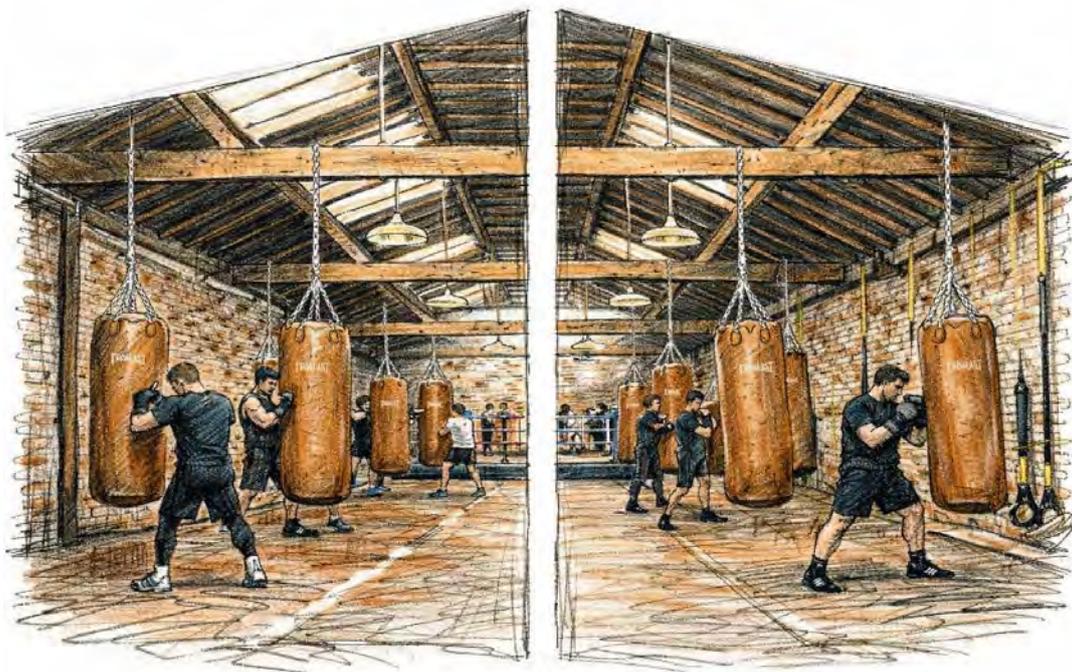
One of the most respected yoga studios in London. Strong focus on mental health.

04

PureGym Shoreditch

1-13 Adler Street, E1 1EG

No-contract, budget-friendly. 200+ pieces of kit, free classes included. From £20/month.



CHILLED

01

Old Fountain

3 Baldwin Street, EC1V 9NU

15 rotating craft beers, leafy heated rooftop terrace. Great Sunday roasts. The proper local pub.

02

Nightjar

129 City Road, EC1V 1JB

Legendary speakeasy-style cocktail bar. Jazz-era atmosphere, live swing bands after 9pm.

NIGHTLIFE

01

XOYO

32-37 Cowper Street, EC2A 4AP

Rotating DJ residencies, two rooms, serious sound system. Fridays and Saturdays until 4am.

02

The Old Blue Last

38 Great Eastern Street, EC2A 3ES

300-year-old pub with legendary upstairs music venue. Cheap beer, free gigs, raucous energy.



01

Allen Gardens

Allen Gardens, E2 8EU

The neighbourhood's main green lung — lawns, play area, community gardens. Close to markets.

02

Hoxton Square

Hoxton Square, N1 6NU

Small but well-kept square with benches, grass and playground. Surrounded by bars and galleries.

03

Bethnal Green Gardens

Cambridge Heath Road, E2 9PA

Quieter and less discovered. Tennis courts, mature trees, genuine calm.



01

The Trampery

239 Old Street, EC1V 9EY

Boutique, community-first coworking. Local art, pitch nights, useful workshops.

02

Second Home Shoreditch

68-80 Hanbury Street, E1 5JL

Stunning interiors — curved desks, plants everywhere, natural light. Cultural talks, wellness programmes.

03

Shoreditch Exchange

Scrutton Street, EC2A 4RT

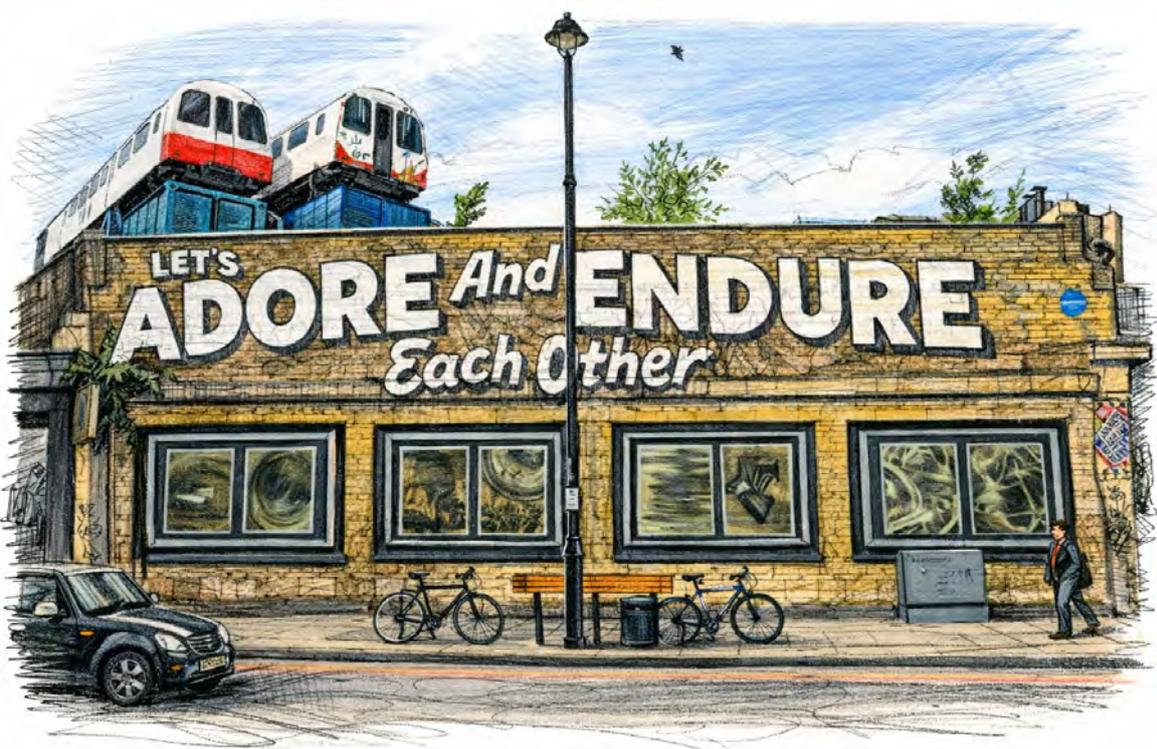
Eight floors, 90+ meeting rooms, rooftop terrace. Scales well from solo freelancers to teams.



The Vibe

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What Shoreditch actually feels like, not the brochure version.



DAYTIME

Calm in the pockets

Side streets off Curtain Road and around Hoxton Square have a relaxed, almost village-like feel on a weekday morning. Lots of coffee, lots of laptops, the occasional artist hauling a canvas. The main drag is busier — street art tourists, market browsers, lunchtime queues.

NIGHTLIFE

Where the reputation lives

From Thursday night onwards, the energy shifts. Warehouse clubs, speakeasies, rooftop bars, live music venues — it runs until very late and it runs loud. If you live on certain streets, expect noise on weekends.

WEEKENDS

Markets, brunch, pub gardens

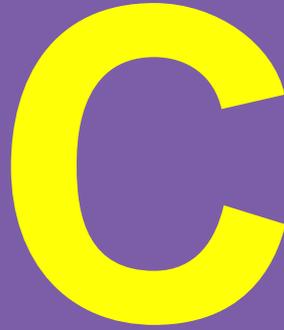
Saturday is market day and brunch day. Columbia Road Flower Market on Sunday is an institution. Brick Lane on Sunday morning is chaotic in the best way. Afternoons drift into pub gardens and late afternoons into bars.

WHO LIVES HERE

A genuine mix

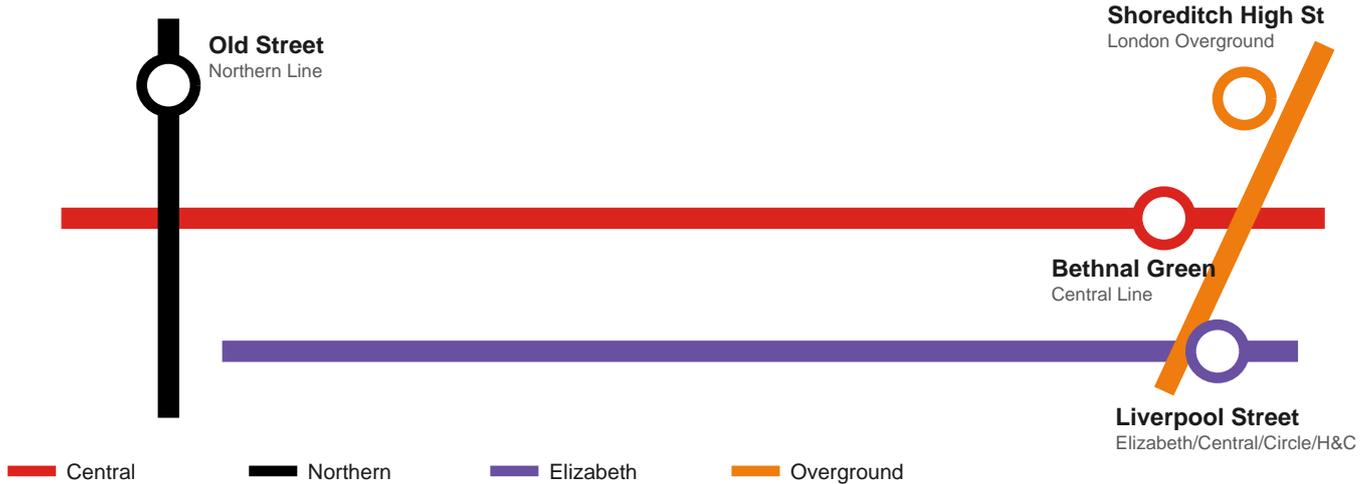
Tech founders and startup people near Silicon Roundabout. Creative professionals; designers, photographers, musicians, writers. City workers wanting something more interesting. Young families drawn by the pace of change. And still, stubbornly, some genuine artists who have been here since before it was expensive.

Transport



Written for people who actually live here, not a timetable.

Shoreditch Transport Links



YOUR NEAREST STATIONS

Shoreditch High St

Overground

Your main station. Connects north to Highbury & Islington and south towards Whitechapel. Zone 1.

Liverpool Street

Elizabeth · Central

10-min walk south. The big one — Elizabeth, Central, Circle, H&C, Metropolitan, National Rail. Your gateway to London.

Old Street

Northern

15-min walk west. Useful for heading north or central. Also the heart of Silicon Roundabout.

Bethnal Green

Central

12-min walk east. Handy for journeys west into the City and beyond.

TYPICAL COMMUTE TIMES

Liverpool Street	5–10 min walk	<i>Most people just walk.</i>
Bank	10–15 min (Central via Liverpool St)	<i>One change or short walk.</i>
London Bridge	15–20 min (via Liverpool St)	<i>Budget 25 min rush hour.</i>
King's Cross	20–25 min (Northern via Old St)	<i>Walk to Old St, straight up Northern.</i>
Canary Wharf	25–35 min (Elizabeth Line)	<i>Elizabeth Line is a game-changer.</i>

■ Getting Around

Shoreditch is very walkable day-to-day. Most of the neighbourhood is flat and compact — coffee to coworking to lunch is often quicker on foot.

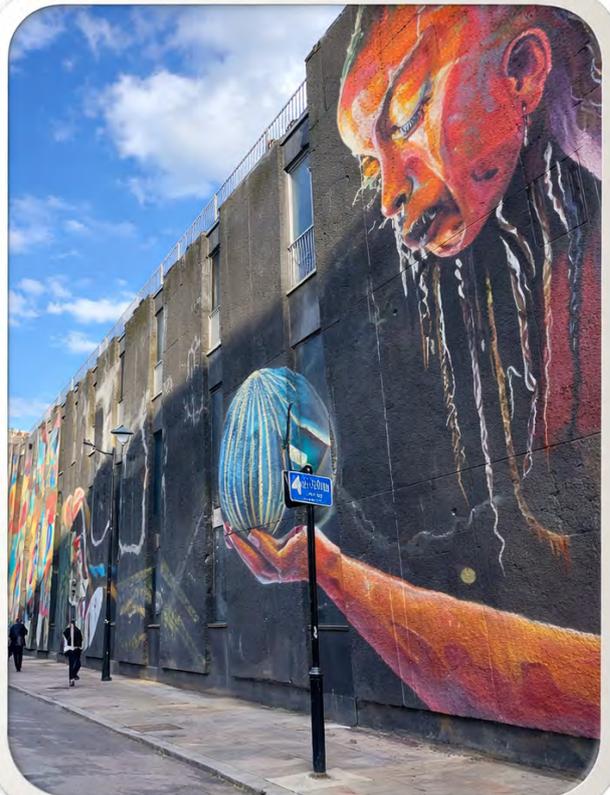
Cycling is popular and there are plenty of bike racks.

For a car: don't. Parking is heavily restricted (CPZ throughout), permits are expensive and spaces are scarce.

Best Streets & Pockets

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The insider bit. This is what separates a good guide from a Google search.



Best for quiet living

The streets around Arnold Circus and Pitfield Street. Protected by a conservation area, these are leafy, calm and genuinely residential. You can hear yourself think here, rare in Shoreditch.

Best for new builds

Around Shoreditch High Street and near Liverpool Street. Modern, well-specified, often with concierge services. Less character, more convenience.

Where it gets noisy late

Brick Lane, Shoreditch High Street, and anything near Old Street. Light sleepers: avoid ground floors and front-facing rooms on these streets. Friday and Saturday nights are the main event.

Best for warehouse conversions

Curtain Road, Charlotte Road and the Shoreditch Triangle. The best industrial-to-residential conversions; high ceilings, steel beams, huge windows, serious character. Premium prices to match.

Best for value

The northern fringes bordering Hackney; streets around Hackney Road towards Dalston. Still close to everything but noticeably cheaper. A smart move if budget matters.

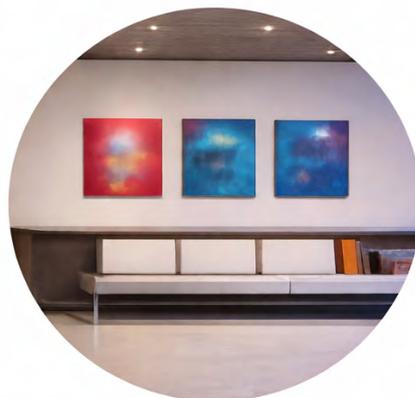
The Shoreditch Triangle

Bounded by Curtain Road, Great Eastern Street and Shoreditch High Street. The densest concentration of independent shops, restaurants, galleries and cafes. Living here puts you bang in the middle of everything.

Things to Do

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Markets, galleries, culture and the best two-hour route in East London.



MARKETS

01

Brick Lane Market

Brick Lane, E1 6QL

Sunday mornings. Vintage clothing, street food, independent stalls. Chaotic, colourful, unmissably Shoreditch.

02

Columbia Road Flower Market

Columbia Road, E2 7RG

Sunday mornings. One of London's great weekly rituals — stalls bursting with flowers, buskers, locals chatting.

03

Old Spitalfields Market

16 Horner Square, E1 6EW

Historic covered market with fashion, food, antiques and vintage finds. Better on weekends.

04

Boxpark Shoreditch

2-10 Bethnal Green Road, E1 6GY

Pop-up retail and food hub built from shipping containers. Independent brands, street food, DJ sets.

GALLERIES & CULTURE

01

The Truman Brewery

91 Brick Lane, E1 6QL

Art exhibitions, pop-ups, cultural events in a converted Victorian brewery. Check what's on.

02

Street Art

Rivington Street & Brick Lane area

London's street art capital. The alleyways are an ever-changing outdoor gallery.

03

Village Underground

54 Holywell Lane, EC2A 3PQ

Converted Victorian warehouse. One of London's best live music and club venues.

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THE 2-HOUR ROUTE

If you've only got two hours, do this.

1

Coffee at Ozone on Leonard Street. Fuel up.

2

Walk south along Great Eastern Street — take in the street art as you go.

3

Browse the stalls at Boxpark. Grab a banh mi from Keu for a mid-morning snack.

4

Wander up to Brick Lane. Poke around the vintage shops, check out the Truman Brewery.

5

If it's Sunday — detour to Columbia Road for the flower market.

6

Finish with a coffee (or a glass of wine) at one of the independent cafes on Redchurch Street. Done.

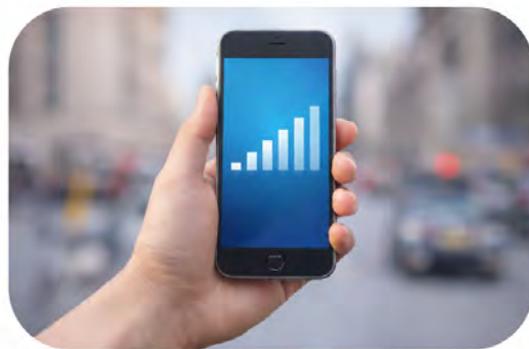
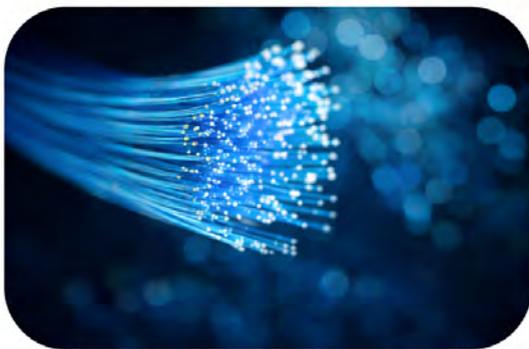
ALSO WORTH CHECKING OUT

Shoreditch Town Hall: Beautifully restored Victorian venue hosting live music, comedy, art exhibitions and community events. A true neighbourhood anchor.

Quick Practicals

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The bits you need to know before you sign anything.





Broadband

Generally very good. Being part of Tech City / Silicon Roundabout means fibre infrastructure has been prioritised here. Most properties have access to full fibre or at least superfast broadband. Worth checking the specific building before you sign anything.



Mobile Signal

Strong across most of the area, particularly on the main streets and near Liverpool Street. Basement flats and the quieter back streets can be patchy — worth testing with your network before committing to a property.



Parking

Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) cover most of Shoreditch. Residents permits are available but expensive and spaces are competitive. Visitor parking is limited. Honestly: budget for a car-free life here and you will be happier.



Safety

Shoreditch is broadly safe during the day and well-policed. Like anywhere in central London, be sensible late at night — particularly around Brick Lane and Old Street on weekends when the crowds thin out after closing time.

Ready to make your move?

Explore what's available in Shoreditch right now.

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