

Panoramic London

Do you have a head for heights? Check out MetroTravel's recommended destinations for the best panoramic views of London.

Emirates Air Line

At just under 300ft, the cable car is the highest observation point over the Thames. Some of the sights and attractions that can be seen include Canary Wharf, St Paul's Cathedral, the Shard, historic Greenwich, The O2, the Thames Barrier, Royal Docks and Queen Elizabeth Park. Journeys run longer and later on summer evenings with 25-minute round trips running until 11pm on Fridays and Saturdays, and as late as 10pm the rest of the week.

How to get there: head to North Greenwich station on the Jubilee line, Royal Victoria DLR or travel by river to North Greenwich Pier.

The Shard

Designed by Renzo Piano, The Shard is western Europe's tallest building. Unsurprisingly, it offers incredible views over the entire city from its level 72 viewing platform. From here, 240metres up, you're on one of the capital's most elevated vantage points. Just keep your fingers crossed for no low clouds!

How to get there: get the Tube or bus to London Bridge. Once outside the station, you can't miss it.

The Sky Garden at 20 Fenchurch Street

The 'Walkie Talkie' building, otherwise known as The Sky Garden, is one of London's newest tourist attractions. Admission is free, but you must book ahead –



potentially up to four weeks in advance. The indoor garden itself spans three floors and includes an outdoor terrace.

How to get there: the nearest Tube station is Monument on the District and Circle lines. Alternatively, hire a Santander cycles bike and ride to the Great Tower Street docking station.

Primrose Hill

Located on the north side of Regent's Park, Primrose Hill has an elevation of 78metres. Climb to the top for a view of landmarks including the BT Tower, the Shard and the Gherkin.

How to get there: take the 274 bus to the base of the hill, or the C11 or 31 to Primrose Hill Road and walk down to the park. Alternatively, it's a 15-minute walk from Chalk Farm station.

Greenwich Park

On a clear day, a trip to Greenwich Park offers one of the most

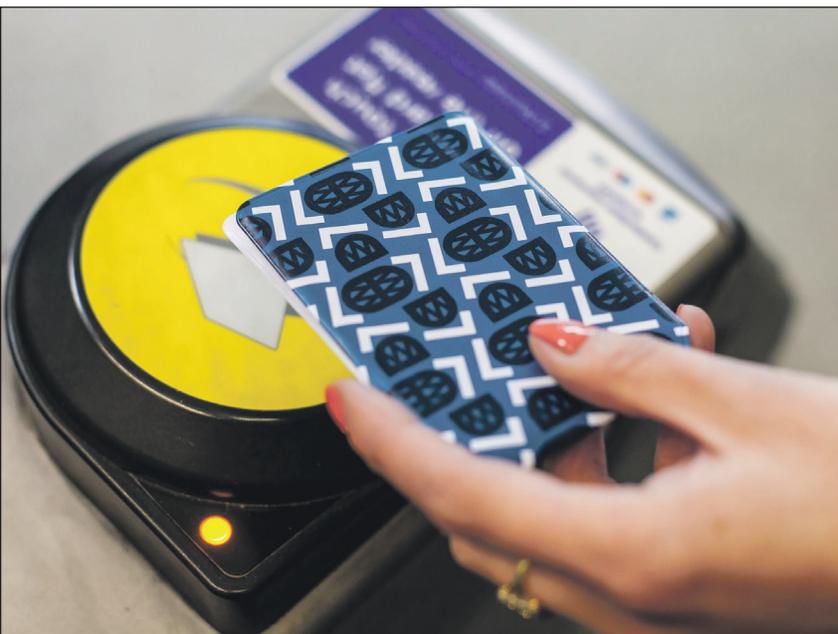
breathtaking views of London – particularly of Canary Wharf. To enjoy it, simply head up the hill towards the Royal Observatory. Entry is free to the Astronomy Centre, while charges apply to Flamsteed House and the Meridian Courtyard.

How to get there: the Royal Observatory is about a 25-minute walk from Greenwich DLR station. Alternatively, take a River Bus to Greenwich Pier.

Alexandra Palace

Located between Muswell Hill and Wood Green, 'Ally Pally' was first opened in 1873 as a North London 'People's Palace' to rival Crystal Palace in the south. It continues to host concerts, exhibitions and festivals, but is worth a visit simply for the amazing view over London.

How to get there: the W3 bus runs closest to Alexandra Palace. You can catch it from Wood Green or Finsbury Park Tube stations.



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