



Battersea Power Station: The area is a vibrant hub, and home to a new Tube station

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THE capital is home to some of the country's most distinctive and iconic buildings; from the harsh Brutalist design of the Barbican to the sleek modern style of The Shard, there is something for everyone across London's skyline.

THE SHARD

It is hard to miss Western Europe's tallest building, standing more than 300metres high. This colossus among London's skyscrapers was formally inaugurated in July 2012.

The building comprises offices, restaurants, bars and a viewing gallery, from which visitors can see for 40 miles on a clear day.

Instantly recognisable by its glass and steel spire, it has become a modern classic and a must-see for visitors to the city.

Getting there: The nearest station is London Bridge (Jubilee and Northern lines, and National Rail).

BATTERSEA POWER STATION

In its heyday, Battersea Power Station supplied a fifth of the capital's electricity before it stopped generating in 1983.

After falling derelict, the power station was granted Grade-II listed status in 2007.

Works began in 2013 to redevelop the 42-acre site surrounding the station to create a new community of homes, shops, cafés, restaurants, cultural venues and open space for the city.

The area is now a vibrant hub of leisure and entertainment venues.

Last September, it was also the site for the first major Tube extension this century, as TfL opened the doors to two new Tube stations at Battersea Power Station and Nine Elms.

Getting there: The newly opened Battersea Power Station (Northern line) is the closest Tube station, while Uber Boat by Thames Clippers also stop nearby.

THE GHERKIN

This Sir Norman Foster designed modern and impressive icon of the city's skyline opened in 2004. Otherwise known as 30 St Mary Axe, it is home to offices, a restaurant and a cocktail bar.

The Gherkin is 180metres tall across 41 floors. Despite its distinctive shape, which gives it its popular name, the lens at the very top of the tower is the only piece of curved glass used on the building.

While it isn't normally open to the public, guests can visit the restaurant and bar on the top floors, which boast amazing views across the city.

Getting there: Liverpool Street (Central, Circle, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines, London Overground and National Rail services) and Aldgate (Circle and Metropolitan lines) stations are located nearby.



The Shard: Makes an impact on the city skyline VISITLONDON.COM/JON REID

BARBICAN CENTRE

As well as being home to about 4,000 residents across 2,000 flats, the Barbican site also boasts a church, a plant-filled conservatory, an arts centre, theatre and cinemas.

The site architects, Chamberlain, Powell and Bon, wanted to radically transform how we live and use our buildings. Developing a site that was almost completely razed by the Blitz, they set about creating a city within a city.

In 2001, the entire Barbican complex was given Grade-II listed status, while visitors can still explore the centre's many public spaces, cafés and restaurants. There are also interesting and insightful 90-minute architecture tours, led by expert guides.

Getting there: The closest station is Barbican (Circle, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines).

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