

Explore the beautiful south

South London is a hotbed of art, culture and food. MetroTravel looks at some of the best mini-tours that can be done using the transport network.

FROM Clapham to Crystal Palace, there is plenty to discover south of the river. Here are some top picks:

Bermondsey to Battersea

Start at the London Bridge end of Bermondsey Street, SE1. This area is a magnet for discerning food and drink lovers, with a range of quirky independent bars and restaurants, as well as the Fashion and Textile Museum.

From here, head south towards Bermondsey Square. On Abbey Street, catch the C10 for the 30-minute journey to the Imperial War Museum

on Lambeth Road. This acclaimed institute offers a sobering reflection on war and the roles played by the armed forces over the decades.

Outside the museum, catch the 344 bus to Battersea Park Road. From here, you can explore Battersea Park by foot. It features a boating lake, children's zoo and a distinctive Buddhist Peace Pagoda.

Art and anthropology

Boosted by the nearby presence of Camberwell College of Art and Goldsmiths College, Peckham has seen a rise in the number of small, local art



galleries in recent years. Check out the South London Gallery at 65-67 Peckham Road, SE5, for a range of contemporary art. The Peckhamplex cinema and Hanna Barry Gallery are also worth a visit.

From Peckham Rye station, catch the 12 or 197 bus towards Dulwich Library. From here, explore Lordship Lane, which has become popular with boutique retailers, cafés and restaurants.

From Lordship Lane, take the 176 or 185 bus for the 20-minute southwards journey to the Horniman Museum. Dating back to Victorian times, it boasts an internationally renowned collection of anthropological objects and natural history artefacts.

European masterpieces and world cuisine

Clapham Common is one of the largest green spaces in south London. It features children's play areas, sports pitches, ponds and cafés. Explore it by foot or hire a bike from the Santander Cycles docking station at Clapham Common North Side.

Afterwards, head for Clapham Common Tube station to catch a northbound train

to Stockwell, then change to the southbound Victoria line to Brixton. Outside the station is Brixton Market

(left), which is packed with food outlets and small independent retailers.

Walk back to Brixton station and bus stop N where you can get on the P4, which will take you all the way to Dulwich Picture Gallery. Opened in 1817, the gallery has a collection of more than 600 works, including

many European masterpieces by the likes of Gainsborough and Rembrandt.

Historic Greenwich and Jurassic Crystal Park

Start your mini-tour in Greenwich (pictured top), exploring the banks area around the Cutty Sark and Greenwich Market, which has more than 100 shops offering art, antiques, clothing and food.

From Cutty Sark for Maritime Greenwich station, take the DLR to Deptford Bridge. Here you can browse Deptford Market or enjoy food and drink in nearby restaurants.

Wander north up Deptford High Street to Evelyn Street. Catch the 47, 188 or 199

to Surrey Quays station. From here you can take the London Overground to Crystal Palace. Crystal Palace Park is famed for its Victoria-era dinosaur statues, a children's farm, boating lake and London's largest maze.

■ To plan your mini-tour, visit tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey

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