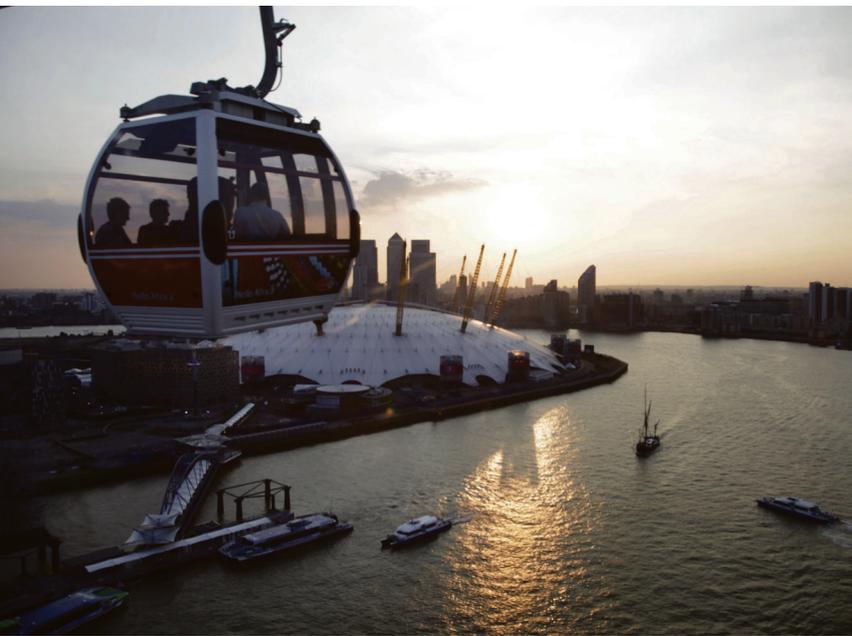


Sightseeing from Emirates Air Line



TAKING a trip across the Thames on London's cable car is a fun thing to do and a spectacular way of seeing the city skyline.

But the experience doesn't have to end there. Why not take time to explore some of the places of interest at either end.

The Emirates Air Line crosses the river between Greenwich Peninsula and the Royal Docks, with cabins leaving every 30 seconds. The ten-minute flight takes you to the fascinating Crystal exhibition, river gardens and water sports in the north, and an ecology park, rooftop walks and brewery tours in the south.

North The Crystal

Just a stone's throw from the Royal Docks is The Crystal, the world's largest exhibition dedicated to urban sustainability. It explores the future of cities.

The modern glass building holds a host of interactive exhibits, films, animations and models which highlight issues that affect how we live. It covers urban planning and smart buildings, energy, safety, water and healthy living.

Find out how our cities could look in 2050 - and try to create your own functioning metropolis.

Thames Barrier Park

Follow the path over a footbridge from the cable car to ExCeL and you will soon come to the Thames Barrier Park.

Described as the first riverside park to be built in London for more than 50 years, it provides a sheltered microclimate for a 'rainbow garden' with strips of different coloured plants and a large green trench that represents its docklands heritage.

See the Pavilion of Remembrance up close - and don't miss the most dramatic view of the Thames Flood Barrier.

WakeUp Docklands

For something a little more active, visit WakeUp Docklands and try

wakeboarding or paddleboarding on the river.

It's London's first Cable Wake Park and Stand Up Paddleboard venue. Whether you are a beginner or a professional, the sheltered waters of the Royal Victoria Docks offer an unusual venue to experience these water sports.

South The Emirates Aviation Experience

Next door to the cable car is the new Emirates Aviation Experience featuring flight simulators, interactive aviation displays and life-sized aircraft models. Covering almost 300 square metres, it provides an insight into the operations and modern achievements of commercial air travel.

Up at The O2

Just a short walk from the cable car is The O2 where you can book a tour to climb over the roof, kitted out in special suits, shoes and safety harnesses.

See the spectacular views and some of London's landmarks up to 15 miles away. You can also take the trip at night to see the city lights.

Now Gallery

Art lovers may enjoy visiting the Now Gallery in the Greenwich Peninsula. It hosts a series of commissions, each lasting three months. There's a cinema too.

Meantime Brewery

Brewery tours and tutored tastings are on tap at the nearby Meantime Brewery in Blackwall Lane. The largest new brewery to open in London since the 1930s, all the beers are draft.

Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park

This freshwater habitat, provides a haven for many different species of bird, plants and bugs. On reclaimed marshland and fields, the 11 hectares of parkland is home to frogs, newts, toads, dragonflies, damselflies and birds.



Cable car visitors can now enjoy some festive cheer as part of their trip. Running until January 4, cabins have been adorned with characters from Raymond Briggs' classic Christmas animation The Snowman and The Snowdog. Younger passengers will be treated to a free goody bag and there will be the opportunity to pose for a picture with a life-sized Snowman or on a replica ski lift complete with snow machine.

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