

**THAMES CRUISE TO THE BRUNEL MUSEUM AND ROTHERHITHE
on Thursday 23rd May 2013**

This visit has been organised by Tony Colclough

The Thames Cruise and the Visits. The outing begins with a river trip departing from Embankment Pier, passing under three Brunel bridges and over a Brunel tunnel under the Thames. We disembark at Masthouse Terrace on the Isle of Dogs where we can see the remains of the ramp used for the launch of his Great Eastern in 1858. From there we walk to Island Gardens DLR Station (about 10 min) and take the DLR to Shadwell where we transfer to the Overground Railway to Rotherhithe, home of the Brunel Museum. This line passes under the Thames through Brunel's original tunnel over which we cruised earlier in the morning and it is possible to see some of the original architectural work which has been left visible from the Wapping platform. At the Museum, originally the home of a steam-driven pump which drained the tunnel, there will be a short presentation and time to see the exhibits. The more intrepid members can also enter the great shaft which originally descended to the tunnel below. Others may prefer to see a film on Brunel and his works. For lunch we cross the road to 'The Mayflower' which claims to be oldest pub on the river and eat in the upper room where Sir Marc Brunel entertained members of the Royal Society on his 65th birthday. In the afternoon there will be a guided tour around Rotherhithe village which is rich in history.

Where and when to meet: Meet at 10:30 for an 11:03 departure in the waiting room on Embankment Pier. Buy your single tickets to Masthouse Terrace on arrival. For more details on the Pier, see:

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/piers/21289.aspx>

Getting there: The Pier is close to Embankment Tube Station and reachable on foot from Main Line Stations Charing Cross and, for the energetic, Waterloo via Hungerford Bridge. Embankment is one stop north of Waterloo by the Northern or Bakerloo line. It is also served by the District and Circle lines. Travel by car is impracticable.

Lunch arrangements: Lunch is at the Mayflower pub just over the road from the Brunel Museum. An upstairs room will be reserved for us. We order and pay individually.

Provisional Timetable:

10:30: Assemble on Embankment Pier and buy single tickets for Masthouse Terrace.

11:03: Depart.

11:41: Arrive at Masthouse Terrace.

See Great Eastern launch site. Keeping together, take rail transport to Brunel Museum, Rotherhithe.

12:15: Brunel Museum

13:30: Lunch at the Mayflower.

15:00: Guided tour of historical Rotherhithe

16:00: Depart

Getting back: Suggest Overground from nearby Rotherhithe Station one stop south to Canada Water. Then Jubilee line to London Bridge and Waterloo. TfL's journey planner is at:

http://journeyplanner.tfl.gov.uk/user/XSLT_TRIP_REQUEST2?language=en

Numbers: Maximum: 25. Minimum: 15.

Costs: the charge for the basic trip and the Museum is £10 per head to which members will need to add the price of a boat ticket, about £4 (or £3 for OAPs), and a train ticket. If you do not already have a Travel Card or a Freedom Pass it will save money to buy a Zone 1 & 2 one-day Travel Card. Lunches at the Mayflower can be paid for individually at the time.

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Late arrivals: Try Tony's mobile first, then John's.

Location of Embankment Pier (green arrow)



Brunel Museum



The Mayflower



Great Eastern Launch Site

