

This event has been organized by Tony Colclough

The Event. We take a Thames Clipper from the London Eye to the O₂ Centre (the Dome). On the way we sail under Tower Bridge and shall see a great deal of London's historical riverscape from the comfort of our covered



vessel (see map). At the North Greenwich Pier, we disembark and have lunch in the Dome at one of the many places to eat. Following lunch, we walk the short distance to the Emirates Cable Car taking a 'flight' over the Thames from the Greenwich Peninsula to the Royal Docks on the north side and back. From the suspended gondolas it is possible to see the great panorama of London's new commercial centre, the City Airport on the River and the Thames Barrier. It is also possible to visit an Emirate Airlines exhibition on modern aviation as part of the 'Emirates Experience'.

Our more intrepid members may like to organise a trek across the top of the Dome. This costs very roughly £30 and trekkers must weigh less than 130 kg and have maximum measurements of 125 cm (waist) and 75 cm (upper thigh). If you are interested and qualify, see: <http://merchandise.theo2.co.uk/up-at-the-o2---climb-experience-gift-card-478-p.asp> and make your own arrangements.

Where and when to meet. We assemble at the London Eye Pier, a short walk from Waterloo Station, and take the 11:08 KPMG Clipper to North Greenwich Pier for the O₂ Centre (the Dome). Allow time for queuing.

Travel. Tickets for the KPMG Clippers can be bought at the London Eye Pier, but to minimise queuing, it is recommended that you purchase them on-line in advance and print them off at home. With a Travel Card a single adult fare is currently quoted as £4.50 (June 2014). For details and to book see: <https://booking.thamesclippers.com/thames-clippers-tickets/timetable-tickets.html> . Clippers sail about every 20 minutes.

Tickets for the Emirates Cable Car can be purchased at the Emirates terminal near the Dome or in advance on line. See: <https://emiratesairline.theo2.co.uk/emirates-airline-tickets-html/emirates-airline-experience.html>. An adult return cost £8.80 less a discount when paying with a valid Oyster card. You can stay on board for the round trip or break your journey on the other side at the Royal Docks. The 'Emirates Experience' costs £10.00 and includes the round trip and admission to an exhibition on modern aviation on the Peninsula side.

To return to central London by Tube, take the Jubilee Line from North Greenwich which stops at London Bridge and Waterloo.

Lunch. There are many places to eat under the Dome and in Peninsula Square. Garfunkel's is recommended. See: <http://www.allthingsgreenwich.co.uk/businesses/garfunkels-id-753.html> .

Timetable

11:00	Be ready to embark at the London Eye Pier <u>with your ticket</u> .
11:08	Embark (if you miss the boat, catch the next one)
11:53	Disembark at North Greenwich Pier for the O ₂
12:00 – 14:00	Tour the site and the O ₂ Centre, go to Garfunkel’s or another restaurant and take lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Take your return ‘flight’ on the Emirates Cable Car at least once and visit the exhibition
15:30	Refreshments before departure, e.g. at Costa or Garfunkel’s again
16:00	Suggested departure time from North Greenwich Tube Station

Size of party: 10 – 25

Contacts. Before the event contact Organiser Tony Colclough at tonycolclough@tiscali.co.uk or on 020 8398 0766 (answerphone). On the morning only call Tony Colclough 07930 171307.

Cost. Free apart from the above mentioned fares for the Clipper and the Emirates Cable Car. Lunch is at cost.

