



ABOUT CLERKENWELL/FARRINGDON

Traversing the worlds of commerce and creativity with ease, Clerkenwell seems to attract the best of both. Modern office blocks jostle with Dickensian-era streets and a wealth of amazing restaurants, cafes, bars and boutiques cater to the dense concentration of architecture and design businesses around here. Once at the forefront of all things trendy (although East London may be taking that crown), if you want to know where the ubiquitous industrial-chic aesthetic of converted warehouses, exposed brick and bare-bulb lighting has come from, Clerkenwell is a great place to start.



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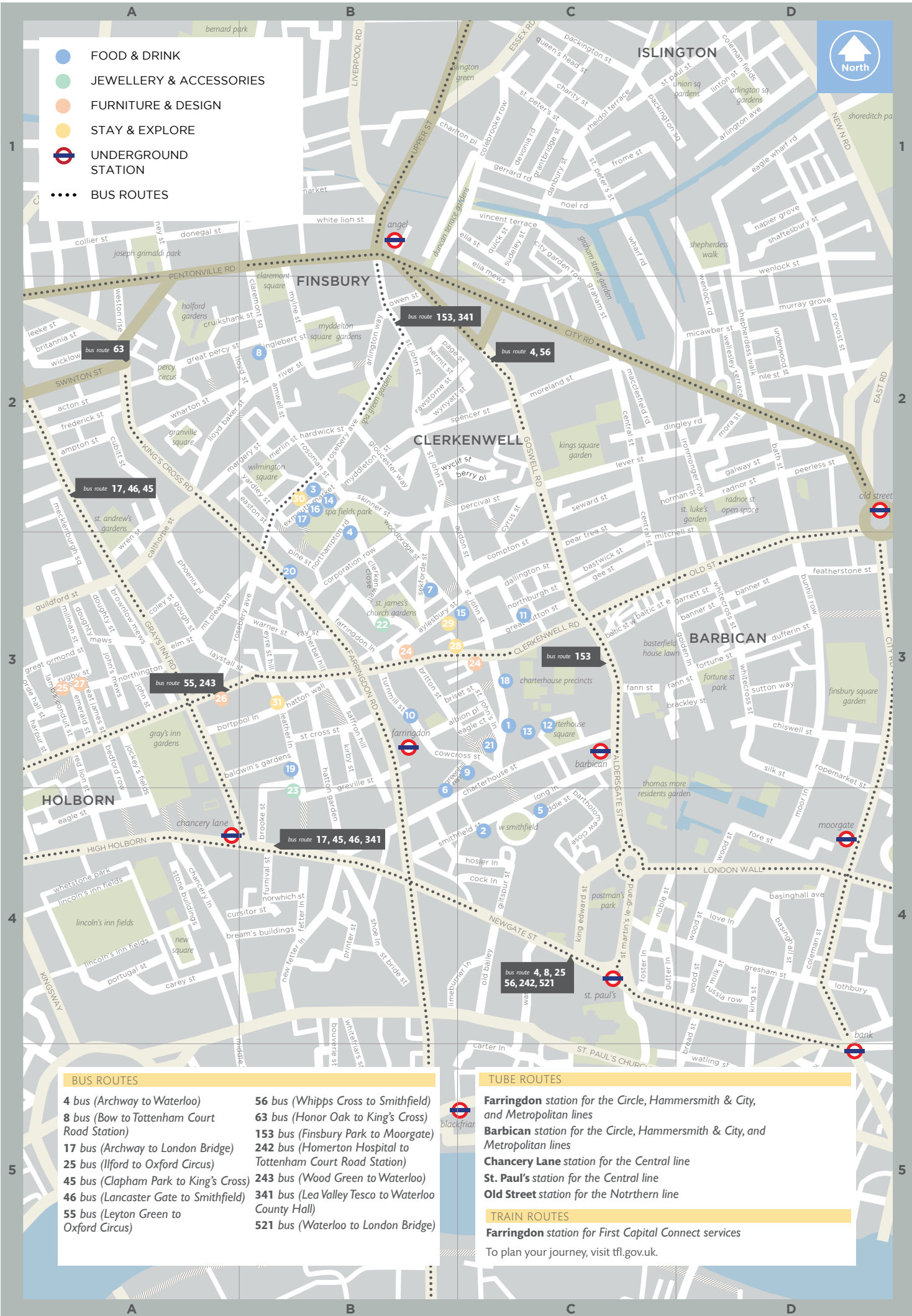
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BUS ROUTES

- 4 bus (Archway to Waterloo)
- 8 bus (Bow to Tottenham Court Road Station)
- 17 bus (Archway to London Bridge)
- 25 bus (Ilford to Oxford Circus)
- 45 bus (Clapham Park to King's Cross)
- 46 bus (Lancaster Gate to Smithfield)
- 55 bus (Leyton Green to Oxford Circus)
- 56 bus (Whipps Cross to Smithfield)
- 63 bus (Honor Oak to King's Cross)
- 153 bus (Finsbury Park to Moorgate)
- 242 bus (Homerton Hospital to Tottenham Court Road Station)
- 243 bus (Wood Green to Waterloo)
- 341 bus (Lea Valley Tesco to Waterloo County Hall)
- 521 bus (Waterloo to London Bridge)

TUBE ROUTES

- Farringdon station for the Circle, Hammersmith & City, and Metropolitan lines
- Barbican station for the Circle, Hammersmith & City, and Metropolitan lines
- Chancery Lane station for the Central line
- St. Paul's station for the Central line
- Old Street station for the Northern line

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- Farringdon station for First Capital Connect services
- To plan your journey, visit tfl.gov.uk.

FOOD & DRINK

- Barsmith** C3
Cocktail bar
18-20 St John Street, London EC1M 4AY
T: 020 7336 6099
barsmith.co.uk
M to Sa 11am-late
- Bird of Smithfield** C4
Restaurant, Bar & Private Dining
26 Smithfield Street, London EC1A 9LB
T: 020 7559 5100
birdofsmithfield.com
M to F 7.30am-12am Sa 10am-12am
- Bonnie Gull** B2
Seafood Cafe
55-57 Exmouth Market, London EC1R 4QL
T: 020 3122 0047
bonniegull.com
M to Sa 12pm-11pm Su 12pm-5pm
- Bourne & Hollingsworth Buildings** B2
Modern All-day Brasserie and Bar
42 Northampton Road, London EC1R 0HU
T: 020 3174 1156
bandhbuildings.com
M to Th 9am-12am F Sa 9am-1am Su 9am-5pm
- Club Gascon** C4
Imaginative Michelin-starred French Restaurant
57 West Smithfield, London EC1A 9DS
T: 020 7600 6144
clubgascon.com
M to Th 12pm-2pm & 6.30pm-10pm F 12pm-2pm & 6.30pm-10.30pm Sa 6.30pm-10.30pm
- Comptoir Gascon** B4
Gourmet bistro and delicatessen
63 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6HJ
T: 020 7608 0851
comptoirgascon.com
Tu to Sa 12pm-2.30pm & 6.30pm-10pm Deli 9am-10pm daily
- Granger & Co** B3
Friendly neighbourhood restaurant
50 Sekforde Street, London EC1R 0HA
T: 020 7251 9032
grangerandco.com
M to F 8am-10pm Sa 9am-10pm Su 10am-5pm
- Ground Control** B2
Ethiopian Coffee + Fine Eats
61 Amwell Street, London EC1R 1UR
T: 020 7502 1201
theethiopiancoffeecompany.co.uk
M 7.30am-4pm Tu to F 7.30am-5pm Sa 8am-5pm Su 9am-4pm
- HIX Oyster & Chop House** C3
Great British food, simply cooked
36-37 Greenhill Rents, Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6BN
T: 020 7017 1930
hixoysterandchophouse.co.uk
M to Sa 12pm-11pm Su 12pm-9pm
- Ibérica Farringdon** B3
Authentic Spanish gastronomy
89 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5QU
T: 020 7636 8650
ibericarestaurants.com
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- J+A Cafe + Bar** C3
Home Cooking & Baking
1+4 Sutton Lane, London EC1M 5PU
T: 020 7490 2992
jandacafe.com
M Tu 8am-6pm W to F 8am-11pm Sa Su 9am-5pm & Private Hire

- Le Café Du Marché** C3
Established, independent French restaurant
22 Charterhouse Mews, London EC1M 6DX
T: 020 7608 1609
cafedumarche.co.uk
M to F 12pm-2.30pm & 6pm-10pm Sa 6pm-10pm

- Le Rendezvous** C3
Le Café Du Marché's sister cafe and brasserie
121 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6AA
T: 020 7336 8836
caferv.com
M to F 7.30am-3.30pm

- Medcalf** B2
Award winning independent bar & restaurant
38/40 Exmouth Market, London EC1R 4QE
T: 020 7833 3533
medcalfbar.co.uk
M to Th 12pm-11.30pm F 12pm-12am Sa 9.30am-12am Su 9.30am-6pm

- The Modern Pantry** C3
NZ Inspired Restaurant & Traiteur
47-48 St John's Square, London EC1V 4JJ
T: 020 7553 9210
themodernpantry.co.uk
M 8am-10pm Tu to F 8am-10.30pm Sa 9am-10.30pm Su 10am-10pm

- Moro** B2
Moorish cuisine
34-36 Exmouth Market, London EC1R 4QE
T: 020 7833 8336
moro.co.uk
M to Sa 12pm-2.30pm & 6pm-10.30pm Su 12.30pm-2.45pm

- Paesan** B2
Italian kitchen & bar
2 Exmouth Market, London EC1R 4PX
T: 020 7837 7139
paesanlondon.com
M to Sa 12pm-11pm Su 12pm-10pm

- Portal Restaurant and Bar** C3
Portuguese Fine Dining
88 St John Street, London EC1M 4EH
T: 020 7253 6950
portalrestaurant.com
M to F 12pm-11pm Sa 6pm-11pm

- Prufrock Coffee** B3
Speciality coffee and barista training
23-25 Leather Lane, London EC1N 7TE
T: 020 7242 0467
prufrockcoffee.com
M to F 8am-6pm Sa Su 10am-5pm After hours by appointment.

- The Quality Chop House** B3
Dining Room, Wine Bar, Butchers & Shop
92-94 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3EA
T: 020 7278 1452
thequalitychophouse.com
M to Sa 12pm-3pm & 6pm-11pm Su 12pm-4pm

- Vinoteca** C3
Wine bar, restaurant and shop
7 St John Street, London EC1M 4AA
T: 020 7253 8786
vinoteca.co.uk
M to Sa 12pm-11pm

JEWELLERY & ACCESSORIES

- Lesley Craze Gallery** B3
Internationally recognised contemporary jewellery gallery
34 Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DU
T: 020 7608 0393
lesleycrazegallery.co.uk
Tu to F 10.30-6 Th 10.30-7 Sa 11-5.30

- London Rocks** B4
Contemporary Jewellery Studio & Boutique
9-15 Leather Lane, London EC1N 7ST
T: 020 7242 1117
londonrocksjewellery.co.uk
M to Sa 10-6

FURNITURE & DESIGN

- Craft Central** C3
Craft and design charity
33-35 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DS
T: 020 7251 0276
craftcentral.org.uk
M to F 9am-5pm (office only) Also at 21 Clerkenwell Green, B3 London EC1R 0DX

- Darkroom** A3
Men's, women's and home accessories
52 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3LL
T: 020 7831 7244
darkroomlondon.com
M to F 11-7 Sa 11-6 Su 12-5

TOP FIVE CLERKENWELL/FARRINGDON

- GO ON A HISTORIC TOUR** Take a trip down memory lane as you wander the historic streets that Dickens once frequented. The two-mile Clerkenwell Historic Trail is one of the best walks in the borough.

- DINE AT A GASTROPUB** In the area that produced what is widely credited as the world's first gastropub – The Eagle – Clerkenwell's foodie reputation extends beyond its restaurants.

- VISIT THE MARKETS** Don't miss lunchtimes on Leather Lane and Exmouth Market. Firm favourites with hungry office workers, you'll find stallholders dishing out tasty street food that caters to all tastes.

- DIP INTO DESIGN** See Clerkenwell's design heritage up close as festivals and open studios take place throughout the year. The biggest, Clerkenwell Design week, rolls into town in May each year.

- TRY A SMITHFIELDS PUB BREAKFAST** Have breakfast alongside workers coming off their shift from Smithfields market – some pubs have special dispensation to sell breakfast and booze from 7am.