

**This is a time of considerable investment in King's Cross.**

**This investment will build on the strengths of the area – adding to renowned cultural institutions, a wide range of shops and restaurants, pockets of green space and a diverse and dynamic community. It will bring new services and amenities creating more choice for those already here but also attracting new visitors, residents and workers.**

**CULTURAL SCENE**

King's Cross possesses an exceptional array of cultural amenities and other gems. These include the Wellcome Collection, a unique mix of galleries and events focusing upon what it means to be human. While the British Library holds fragile treasures of extraordinary antiquity, beauty and of vital historic importance.

Contemporary art lovers can head for the Gagolian Gallery and Sartorial Contemporary Art, while there are further galleries at Kings Place, including the Pangolin Art Gallery.

Kings Place also boasts two world-class orchestras, the London Sinfonietta and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, showcasing the best in both classical and contemporary music. Since opening to the public in September 2008, a diverse and open-minded programme has been established at Kings Place.

There's art house cinema at the Renoir, dance at The Place, while the legendary live music, club and arts venue The Scala satisfies the alternative arts scene.

The newly opened Platform Theatre in the Granary Building hosts innovative performances. It is part of the University of the Arts London.

And what's more, due to King's Cross' central location, you are only a short walk away from the Brunei Gallery and British Museum near Russell Square and the Petrie, Pollock Toy and Jewish Museums of Camden.



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Barrackhorse Basin © John Sturrock



St Pancras Station, Great Northern Hotel © John Sturrock



Scala © C. Talbot

**AN EXCEPTIONAL TRANSPORT HUB**

King's Cross St Pancras links six London underground lines with two national mainline train stations – just 500 yards away – and you have a point of unrivalled connectivity. King's Cross St Pancras is also London's only station with a direct line to Europe. It is home to the hugely successful Eurostar, which will be joined by the German 'ICE' high speed service from 2015.

After a long journey, the wide range of hotels in the area serve as excellent resting stops - including the delightfully original Rough Luxe, and the colourful Meagro Hotel. There's also the sumptuous St Pancras Renaissance Hotel, truly a Gothic revival, and the splendid newly reopened Great Northern Hotel.



St Pancras Renaissance London Hotel © Shandil/Alamy

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Two of Britain's most celebrated Victorian structures are here: the St Pancras train shed completed in 1868 and engineered by William Barlow. At the time it was the largest single-span structure ever built. And the frontage of the station built in 1877, formerly the Midland Grand Hotel, designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott and heralded at the time as a 'grand' destination for the thrilling age of steam, and the striking termination of the Midland Railway's new route.

First and foremost, King's Cross was Britain's first intermodal transport hub, combining rail, road and canal, and today it remains an outstanding focal point for transport.



St Pancras International © John Sturrock

**EXPLORING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**

Set in one of London's most historic and culturally exciting villages, the Grade II listed Brunswick Centre allows you to shop, eat and meet in the glorious surroundings of Bloomsbury.

You can indulge in some serious retail therapy browsing the eclectic offering of fashion and home stores and later catch your favourite film at the famous Renoir art house cinema.

The Brunswick Centre is adjacent to Coram's Fields, a seven-acre oasis of green, a children's playground and park with its very own city farm. No adult can enter without accompanying a child. Adjacent is The Foundling Museum, originally a home for abandoned children established by 18th Century campaigning philanthropist, Captain Thomas Coram.

Further north into Bloomsbury is Woburn Walk, an attractive, peaceful pedestrian street. Centre stage are its beautifully preserved bow-fronted buildings designed by architect Thomas Cubitt in 1822. A plaque on one of the buildings marks the house of W B Yeats, who lived here between 1895 and 1919. The small street is home to restaurants, bookshops, and galleries, and offers a pleasant retreat from the noise and traffic of nearby Euston Road.



Brunswick Centre © Clive Sawyer



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Granary Square © John Sturrock

**A RICH PAST**

King's Cross has a fascinating history - from warrior Queen Boudicca's final battle with the Roman legions to the marshalling yards of the industrial revolution.

If you want to delve into the history of King's Cross, visit the churchyard of the largely Victorian St Pancras Old Church, built upon what is thought to be one of the oldest sites of Christian worship in Northern Europe. The restful churchyard features architect Sir John Soane's Mausoleum, inspiration for the iconic red telephone box.

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The other side of the nearby railway tracks reveals another instant antidote to the hustle and bustle of the metropolis which also gives a nod to the past: the London Wildlife Trust's Camley Street Natural Park, a delightful oasis for birds, butterflies, amphibians and plant life, created from an old coal yard in 1984.



St Pancras Old Church © Sine Davidson



Sir John Soane's Mausoleum © Sine Davidson



The Rotunda, Kings Place © Clive Sawyer

**EATING, DRINKING, SHOPPING**

King's Cross is fast establishing itself as a food destination. There are plenty of eateries to suit the pocket and the palette - from street food to elegant fine dining and everything in between. Last year saw the opening of Shrimpy's at the King's Cross Filling Station and Caravan at Granary Square. The latest additions are Grain Store, the new bistro from Bruno Loubet, also on Granary Square and Plum + Spilt Milk in the newly reopened Great Northern Hotel. KERB continues to serve up London's best street food on King's Boulevard while the local area offers up everything from Valencian paella at Camino to canal-side dining at Rotunda in King's Place.

**An eclectic mix of restaurants, cafés and bars are emerging at King's Cross.**

Caledonian Road and the Regent Quarter Caledonian Road - affectionately known as the Cally Road - which leads on to Regent Quarter, has an invigorating mix of refurbished Georgian and Victorian buildings and state of the art new constructions. This colourful area has a fabulous selection of diverse, often trendy shops,

augmented by those at Regent Quarter, as well as an exciting range of restaurants, cafés and bars to tickle anyone's taste buds. New this year was the Cally Market - a Saturday street market featuring wonderful variety of fresh produce, arts and crafts. For sustenance, try the boutique gastropub The Driver, and Canal 125, where you can chill out on the terrace overlooking the canal, enjoying live music and DJs.

**St Pancras International and King's Cross Stations**

The sleek new home of Eurostar isn't just for travellers. As well as a range of retailers offering fashion, beauty, stationary, books and gifts, there is a superb selection of the best of popular food chains like Carluccio's, Starbucks and YO! Sushi. You can also drop in on less familiar outlets, like Le Pain Quotidien, Peyton and Byrne and Sourced Market. St Pancras also boasts the longest champagne bar in Europe, and the glamorous Searcys at St Pancras Grand. And if that wasn't enough, one of Britain's most celebrated chefs, Marcus Wareing, runs the new Gilbert Scott Restaurant at the St Pancras Renaissance Hotel.

The refurbished King's Cross Station hosts numerous delights including favourites such as Giraffe,



St Pancras Grand Brasserie, Oyster and Champagne Bar Usage rights courtesy of Searcys



Regent Quarter © John Sturrock

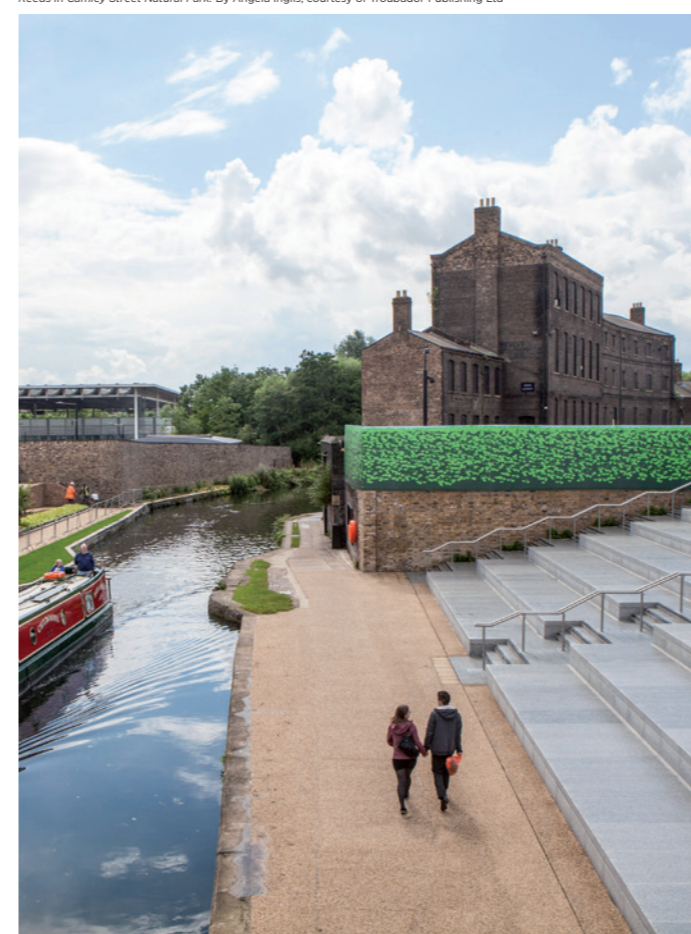
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Leon and Pret a Manger as well as The Parcel Yard Bar and the new bar and restaurant at the Great Northern Hotel. While shirt makers TM Lewin, trendy American Apparel, Oliver Bonas and the fine cosmetics at Kiehl's will keep you looking (and smelling) your best. There is plenty of scope to travel the street markets, such as Chilton Street and its array of stalls with cut-price fashion and other goods or popular Camden Market - just a mile away.

Over the next few years many more shops and restaurants will appear throughout King's Cross, from high street shopping on King's Boulevard to the quirky mix of specialist and independent retailers at the Coal Drops.



Views in Camley Street Natural Park. By Angela Inghin, courtesy of Troubadour Publishing Ltd



Regent's Canal © John Sturrock



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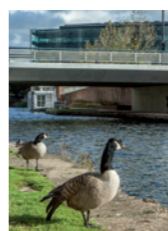
**Ambling along the towpath**

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If exploration is what you crave, the Regent's Canal flows past Camley Street Natural Park. For more than 100 years, it has cut through the northern section of the King's Cross estate, its colourful narrow boats set against the flowing waters.

The fantastic central location of King's Cross means that you are never far from other enticing London locations. For example, walk west a mile along the towpath and you reach ever popular Camden Lock; while a mile east takes you to buzzing Islington and its exceptional restaurants, theatres and shops.

Over the next few years, 20 new streets and 10 new squares will be built here, adding to the surprising menagerie of open spaces in and around the area.



Wildlife on Regent's Canal © John Sturrock

**King's Cross**

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