

QX GAY LONDON EAST

EAST LONDON is the wickedly seductive side of the city, where everyone's an artist of some sort or other (mostly other), flamboyant fashion wins you flamingo points and you might just find the hot rudeboy in the cap you picked up wants to discuss philosophy post-lay, or speaks French. Evidently, given these credentials, the more creative and/or unemployed gays have flocked here in their droves and the homosexual nightlife in the East End is not to be missed, whether you drop in for a stellar night, or live here twenty-four seven. Here we present our comprehensive map to everywhere you might want to be seen on the East scene...

ENTER THE BELLY OF THE EAST

BARS

1. GEORGE AND DRAGON

2-4 Hackney Road, Shoreditch E2 7NS

A fabulous, polysexual pub where any night of the week you can run into the reigning royalty of the East End scene tapping their toes to some wicked tunes. Cutting-edge fashion collides with a down and dirty crowd and quirky décor to create both a party vibe and a den of chilled-out drinkage.

2. THE VICTORIA

188 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 4QH

At the weekends this unassuming Walthamstow institution becomes as gay as you like with fabulous drag queens and sexy East End geezers wading through the queers and glitter.

4. NELSON'S HEAD

32 Horatio Street, Hackney E2 7EH

A fab and quirky local boozer, which attracts a chilled out, mixed crowd in the evening. On Friday and Saturday nights, the gayers descend to get in the mood for the weekend. A friendly and ridiculously fun atmosphere.

5. OLD SHIP

17 Barnes Street, Limehouse E14 7NW

A traditional style pub with an excellent range of beers, real ales and wines, a big screen TV, pool room and beer garden. Under new management, look out for exciting developments to come and the occasional dollop of good old-fashioned drag cabaret...

LATE BARS

7. BJ'S WHITE SWAN

556 Commercial Road, Limehouse E14 7JD

A legend in its own lifetime and steeped in history, this huge bar-cum-club attracts an always-up-for-it crowd of eclectic, friendly gayers and lovely Limehouse lads. From Wednesday's infamous Amateur Strip Contest to Strictly Sunday, with camp cabaret for good measure and a huge garden/smoking terrace.

8. JOINER'S ARMS

116 Hackney Road, Shoreditch E2 7QL

One of the original homo hotspots for the denizens of the 'ditch. Hugely popular with fashionistas, party animals and laid-back lovelies alike, it's always heaving with hotties at the weekend. A varied mix of tuneage from live DJs and a good dollop of trashy glamour makes the 'Arms a must-visit.

9. STAR OF BETHNAL GREEN

359 Bethnal Green Rd, Bethnal Green E2 6LG

A great venue offering food, drinks, events, gigs and exhibitions for a creative crowd. Their diverse line-up includes a genre-bending roster of music, a karaoke room, quiz nights and plenty more metrosexual delights. Look out for special queer evenings like Douche Bag!

CLUBS

10. BETHNAL GREEN WORKING MEN'S CLUB

42 Pollard Row, Bethnal Green E2 6NB

Local Bethnal Green venue that plays host to gay and gay-friendly events, this former Working Men's Club is fast becoming a hub of diverse discos and polysexual parties, with the magnificent Sink the Pink crew holding a monthly residency.

11. EAST BLOC

217 City Road, Shoreditch EC1V 1JN

NYC's East Village meets East London in this ever-pumping, trendy basement venue. A plethora of alternative gay and polysexual club nights such as GutterSlut, Dish, Songs of Praise, TheMenWhoFell2Earth, TrannyShack East and Handsome, which all alternate on Saturdays. Sunday is all about Hot 2 Trot, while Friday night is SEPM! Party-lovin' Hoxtonistas make this late night venue snap, crackle and pop!



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OLD SHIP
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 Quiz with Saucy Sophie Weds 9.30
Cabaret every Sunday
 Open 7 days a week
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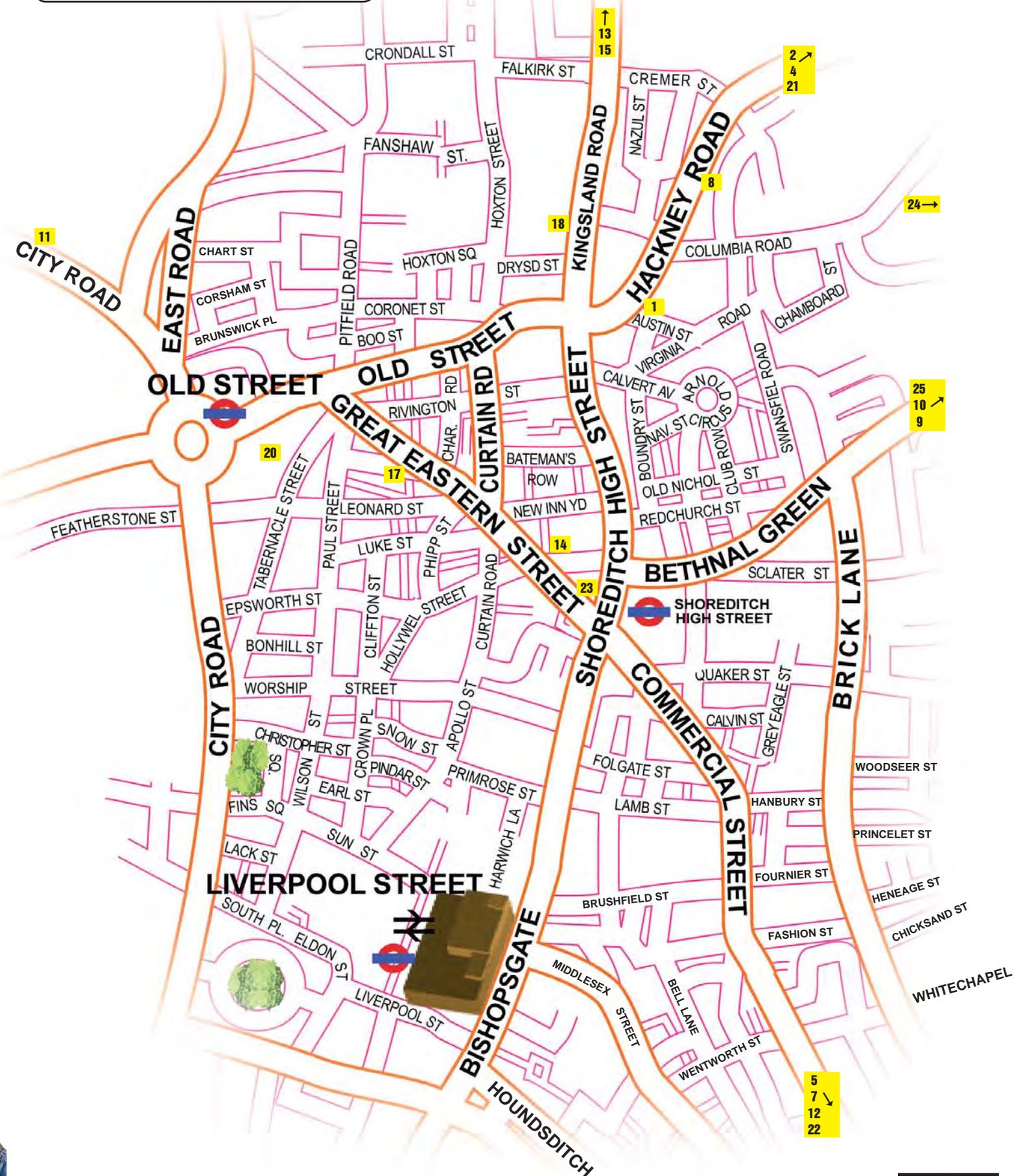


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12. STUDIO SPACES

**110 Pennington Street,
Shadwell E1W 2BB**

One of the most up and coming new club spaces in the East, this massive and very cool warehouse space has hosted nights like Kris di Angelis's 'War' and the phenomenal Blocheads party, with Tom Stephen and Hannah Holland.

13. DALSTON SUPERSTORE

**117 Kingsland Road, Dalston
E8 2PB**

Shoreditch chic collides with trashy glam in one of the hottest venues of the moment. The polysexual fashionable/artty crowd are a party lovin' yet laid back bunch, and the venue plays host to a raft of eclectic nights over two floors. With diverse décor, long bar and seating upstairs, plus a club space downstairs that plays host to a raft of big name DJs and cutting edge tuneage. Check weekly listings for updates of which nights are on... there's more variety here than a box of Quality Street with schizophrenia... on acid!

14. VILLAGE UNDERGROUND

**54 Holywell Lane,
Shoreditch EC2A 3PQ**

Wonderfully unique club, culture, art and studio space in the heart of edgy Shoreditch, check website for details of events.

15. VOGUE FABRICS

**68 Stoke Newington Road,
Dalston N16 7XB**

Underground East London clubbing in the truest sense of the term! Home to hip-hop homo night R&she and other fantastic gay nights like Dirtbox and Dirty Diana, plus now also offering an exciting arts programme with mid-week nights like 'Spoken Word London', nude literary salon 'Naked Boys Reading' and even one-person plays. Check the website/ mailing list for details.

16. WAYOUT CLUB

**Yager Bar, EC4M 8EN or Gift
Bar, EC3N 7NA (alternates
weeks)**

One of the capital's longest running nights for TV and TS girls and their admirers. A fabulous night of cabaret, performance, dancing and fun every Saturday.

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17. EXPECTATIONS

**75 Great Eastern Street,
EC2A 3RY**

The UK's largest fetish store with 30 years experience of offering the widest range of rubber and leather gear, fetish clothing, accessories, hard DVD's, aromas, sports, military and work wear, lubes, toys and playroom equipment.

18. VODOO RAYS

**95 Kingsland High Street,
Dalston, E8 2PB**

Dalston Superstore's fearsome little sister offers some of the most delicious pizza slices our tastebuds are yet to orgasm over, and downstairs you may find a little space named the 'Dance Tunnel' open at the weekends... Who knows who will be DJing?

20. XOYO

**32-37 Cowper Street,
Shoreditch, EC2A 4AP**

A diverse events space across two floors, profiling a mixture of art, music, culture and media events. Has some of the current coolest gay/mixed nights with an East End twist in London town.

SAUNAS

21. 800 SAUNA

800 Leabridge Rd, E17 9DN

East London sauna for the local East End gentlemen. Sauna, Jacuzzi, steam room and more. Thursdays and Saturdays are for TVs and their admirers.

22. CHARIOTS LIMEHOUSE

**574 Commercial Road, E14
7JD**

Sauna, hydro pool, steam room and wet area – all situated over three themed floors of carnal delights.

23. CHARIOTS SHOREDITCH

1 Fairchild Street, EC2A 3NS

Featuring a heated pool, huge sauna, two steam rooms, two Jacuzzis, 50 private rooms, internet, café and plenty of cruise space. From local blokes to suited guys mid-week, you'll also find loads of horny Shoreditch stunners slipping out of their skinny jeans for some naughty fun here.

24. E15 SAUNA

**6 Leytonstone Road, E15
1SE**

Jumbo spa, sauna, steam room, cafe, TV room, and a blacked-out basement for underground fun for a local crowd of East London-style lads and gay gents.

MEN ONLY BARS

25. MA1 THE BACKSTREET

Wentworth Mews, E3 4UA

The UK's longest running, gay leather and rubber fetish club. Host to a number of parties and special events outside of regular opening hours.

