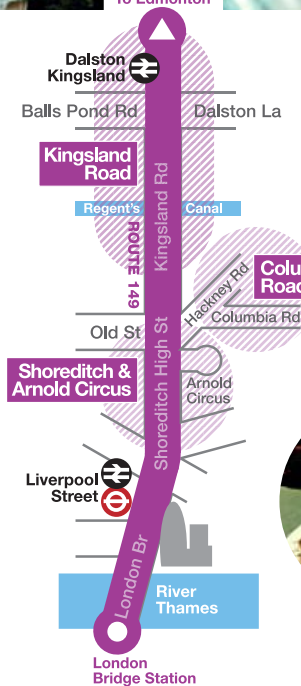


Fashion to flowers

Route 149: Shoreditch to Dalston



To Edmonton



trendy shops of Shoreditch High Street (stop off for Columbia Road Flower Market). Then ever northwards, to Kingsland Road, Dalston and Stoke Newington, and finally through Tottenham to Edmonton Green.

Shoreditch/Arnold Circus

Shoreditch High Street is being livened up with a clutch of new shops and bars. One of the newest shops is **Squint** (020 7739 9275, map: R5), with colourful original designer upholstery and accessories. On the east side of the street, Calvert Avenue leads to



Arnold Circus (map: R4), a garden with a bandstand at the centre of the Grade II-listed Boundary Estate. No longer a locals' secret, Modern British restaurant **Rochelle Canteen** (020 7729 5677, map: R4) is here, in a former school with gardens inside.

Columbia Road

Just north of Calvert Avenue, take the main road that turns into Hackney Road and you'll find Columbia Road. The **Flower Market** (see Markets,

right, map: R4) is heaving every Sunday, when nearby shops and cafés do a one-in-one-out trade. Pizza spot **The Globe** (109 Columbia Rd, E2 7RL, 020 7613 1141, map: S4) is open daily, **Treacle** at number 112 (Sun only, map: S4) is a cake shop that also sells kitchenware, and lovely little **Jones Dairy** (23 Ezra St, E2 7RH, 020 7739 5372, open Fri-Sun, map: S4) has drinks, food and seats outside.

Kingsland Road

The bus now goes up Shoreditch High Street; get off at Hackney Road for beer and table football at **Bar Kick** at number 127 (020 7739 8700, map: R4), or drink cocktails out of teacups Prohibition-style at **The Last Days Of Decadence** at number 145 (020 7729 2896, map: R4). Kingsland Road follows, with some great Vietnamese restaurants (we rate **Song Que**, 134 Kingsland Rd, E2 8DY, 020 7613 3222, map: R3) and the excellent **Geffrye Museum** (020 7739 9893, map: R3), which recreates period home interiors. Foodie supermarket and café **The Grocery** (020 7729 6855, map: R4) is at number 52.

I ♥... Columbia Road



Kirsten Harris
Owner of **Bob & Blossom**

I love the mixture of people and the independent shops on Columbia Road. Early Sunday morning when the flower market is setting up is the best time. There's something different in every season. In spring the market is filled with blossom.