



VISUAL GUIDE

Welcome to the Old Red Lion Theatre Pub!

This visual guide has been designed to prepare you for your visit to our venue.



Getting to the Old Red Lion Theatre Pub:

Travel by public transport.

You can get the Old Red Lion by train, tube, bus, and bike.

Train:



Tube:

The Old Red Lion is a two minute walk from **Angel Tube Station** (Northern Line, Bank Branch) Just turn left out of the station.



Bus:

Stop M is on St John Street, the same side of the road as us. Here you can get on or off bus number 19, 38, 153, 341, N19, N38 and N41:



Parking:

We recommend that you do not drive to the venue, as there is no nearby parking. For more information please visit:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/parking/where-to-park>

Bike:

If you cycle you can lock your bike to one of these racks on Goswell Road. They are right by our back entrance:



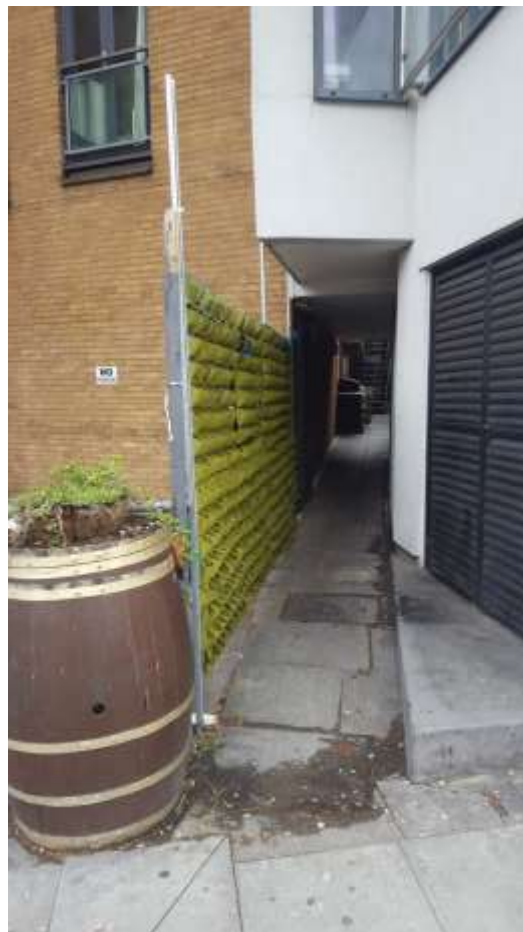
The Old Red Lion Pub is one of London's oldest and most beloved boozers. There has been a pub on this site for over 600 years!



This is the front entrance on St John Street:



This is the back entrance on Goswell Road:



The back entrance leads to our beer garden, a nice hidden-away sunny spot at the back of the pub, where smoking is allowed. There's lots of potted plants and some lovely tables and even a TV so you won't miss any action if you're watching sports while waiting for the show to start:



If you enter the pub through the back beer garden entrance then you will immediately see the box office to your right. If you arrive through the front entrance the box office will be straight ahead and to your left:



There will be a member of staff in the box office 30 minutes before each performance. Please collect your ticket from them. They will assist everyone in the queue in the order they arrive.

There are lots of tables and seats available in the pub, where you can wait until the theatre is open.





There is a dog that lives in the pub. His name is Rolo. He is friendly and does not bark.



The pub may be quite noisy, depending on what day or time you visit. Sometimes we have sports playing on big projector screens and people might be cheering. Some parts of the venue may have low lighting.

Sometimes we have live music playing after the show has finished. Some people might dance and sing along with them.



Inside the pub you can order a drink or buy some food.

The pub sells alcoholic drinks, soft drinks, and teas/coffees. You can take drinks into the theatre. We just ask that you take your glasses and cups back down to the bar at the end of the show.

The pub also sells pies and sausage rolls, including vegan and vegetarian options, but you cannot take food into the theatre. You can get a discount off food if you show the bar staff your theatre ticket.



Toilets:

If you need the toilet, you will find these downstairs in the pub.

The men's toilet can be found past the box office, at the very bottom of the staircase. The sign on the door says GENTLEMEN.



The ladies toilet is just one cubicle, which can be found to the right of the back pub exit, behind the sofas. The sign on the door says LADIES.



Unfortunately, there are no disabled toilets or nappy changing facilities, because we are an old historic building.

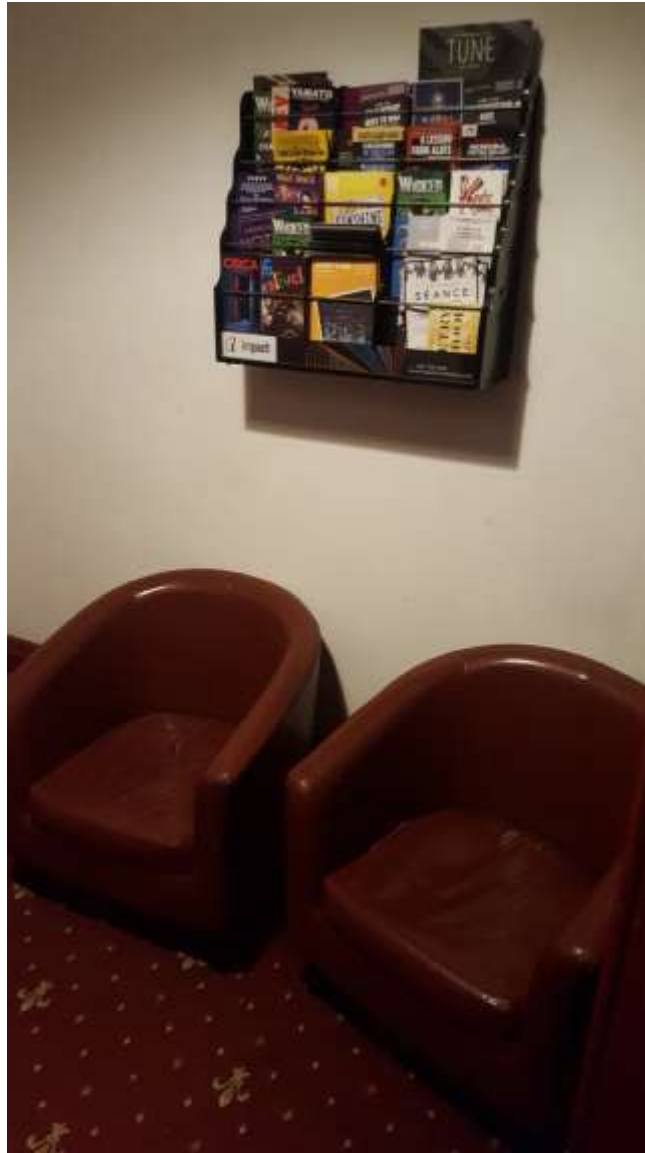
The theatre is on the first floor above the pub. You can get to the theatre through the pub, past the box office and up a staircase with two 90° bends.





As a listed historical building we unfortunately have limited mobility access – so please do contact us in advance of your visit with access requirements on info@oldredliontheatre.co.uk and we will offer as much support as possible.

The pub might be quite busy, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please let our friendly box office staff know if you would like to head upstairs early. We have 2 red chairs outside the main theatre entrance if you need a quiet, comfortable area to relax away from the crowd.



You will be allowed to head upstairs into the theatre between 5-10 minutes before the show starts. You will hear a loud bell to signal that the auditorium is open for access.

The Stage Manager will collect your ticket at the theatre doors upstairs:



What happens inside the theatre:

When you enter you will see that there is a small lip less than an inch high around the edge of the stage area where it raises up in front of the seating. Please be careful that you don't trip over it.

Seating is unreserved, which means you can sit anywhere on the bench seating of the auditorium.

Other audience members may sit next to you, in front of you or behind you.

Please make sure that you move right along your row, so others can sit down, and – if we are sold out – please make sure that you move your coats and bags off the seats to make room for everyone.



We have easy exit seats next to the theatre entrance. Please sit here if you think you might need to leave during the performance:



As soon as you arrive inside the theatre and find your seat in the auditorium, please turn off your mobile phone.

Please do not film or take photos of the performance.

We will let you know if we are filming the performance.



What happens when the performance starts:

The performance will start at the time stated on your ticket.

The house lights will go down, so the audience is in darkness.

Please be as quiet as you can during this time. If you make a noise, the actors are unlikely to respond.



Some of our shows have flashing lights and loud noises. You can ask the box office staff or Stage Manager how much there is in the show you are about to watch. If you are coming for a relaxed performance we will turn these down.

During the performance there may be clapping and laughing, which might be noisy, but you don't have to clap unless you want to and you can cover your ears if you need to. It won't last long.



If you need a break or need to go the toilet, please feel free to leave at any time and head back downstairs.



If you are not sat in the easy exit seats then you will need to walk across the stage to leave and may not be able to come back to your seat. The actors might be using the same entrance that you used during the play. This means that sometimes it's tricky to let you back in if you leave the space during the show. Please ask the Stage Manager if you are able to return.

Some of our shows have intervals. This is a ten to fifteen-minute break in the middle of the performance where you can get up, leave the space, and get a drink or go to the toilet. You can sometimes also stay in your seat.

If there is a fire evacuation, please listen to the Stage Manager's instructions and follow them and the rest of the theatre crowd. You will go through one of these fire exit doors:

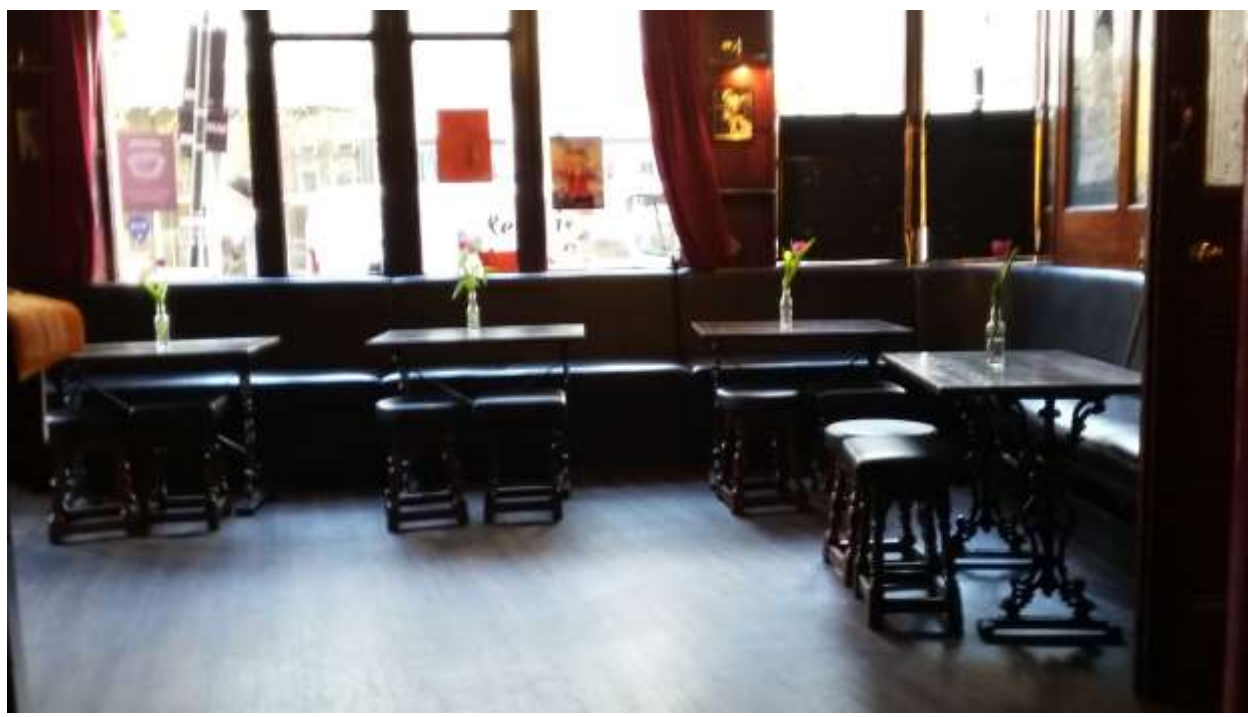


When the performance ends the audience will clap and may even cheer. Again, you don't have to join in if you don't want to.

You will leave the theatre the same way you came in. If it feels crowded, then you can wait in your seat until everyone has left.

You can also stay for another drink in the pub, if you like. If you are with a group and you would like a private area, which can be separated from the rest of the pub, you may be able to reserve our 'snug' area free of charge. Just give the pub a call on 020 7837 781 and ask our friendly staff if it will be available.





We hope you enjoy the performance.

General Information:

We offer concession tickets to Senior Citizens and people with registered disabilities. If you need an essential companion to come with you to the theatre then we will provide your companion with a complimentary ticket.