

The South Bank

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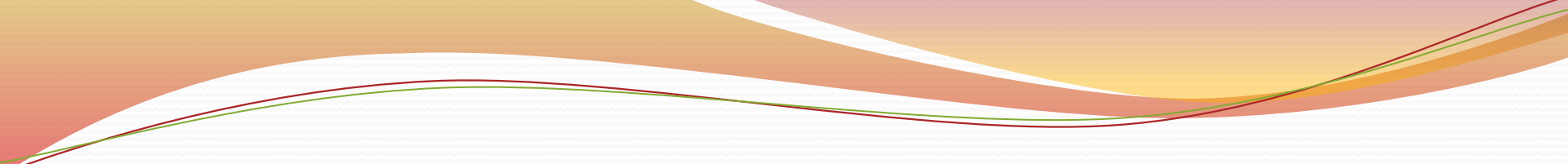
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What is the South Bank?



The London Borough of Lambeth and the London Borough of Southwark





The South bank developed much more slowly than the North bank of the river due to adverse conditions (for example, because sunlight favoured the North bank and the deep channel of the Thames was alongside it). Throughout its history the South bank has twice functioned as an entertainment district, separated by a hundred years of use as a location for industry.

The London Eye

- The **London Eye** is a giant Ferris wheel situated on the banks of the River Thames in London. The entire structure is 135 metres (443 ft) tall and the wheel has a diameter of 120 metres (394 ft).
- It is the tallest Ferris wheel in Europe, and the most popular paid tourist attraction in the United Kingdom, visited by over 3.5 million people annually.





City Hall



City Hall is the headquarters of the Greater London Authority (GLA) which comprises the Mayor of London and the London Assembly. It is located in Southwark, on the south bank of the River Thames near Tower Bridge.



Shakespeare's Globe



Shakespeare's Globe is a reconstruction of the Globe Theatre, an Elizabethan playhouse in the London Borough of Southwark.



Tate Modern



Tate Modern is a modern art gallery located in London. It is Britain's national gallery of international modern art. It is the most-visited modern art gallery in the world, with around 4.7 million visitors per year. Tate holds the national collection of British art from 1500 to the present day and international modern and contemporary art.



The Shard

The Shard, also referred to as the **Shard of Glass**, **Shard London Bridge** and formerly **London Bridge Tower**, is a 95-storey skyscraper in London.

Standing 309.6 metres (1,016 ft) high, the Shard is the tallest building in the European Union, the second-tallest in Europe, and the second-tallest free-standing structure in the United Kingdom.





The Royal National Theatre

The **National Theatre** in London, officially known as the **Royal National Theatre** is, along with the Royal Shakespeare Company, one of the most famous publically funded theatre companies in the UK.





The Queen Elizabeth Hall

The Queen Elizabeth Hall is the second largest concert hall at Southbank Centre, presenting a diverse programme that covers the whole range of music and performing arts. It hosts daily classical, jazz, and avant-garde music and dance performances.

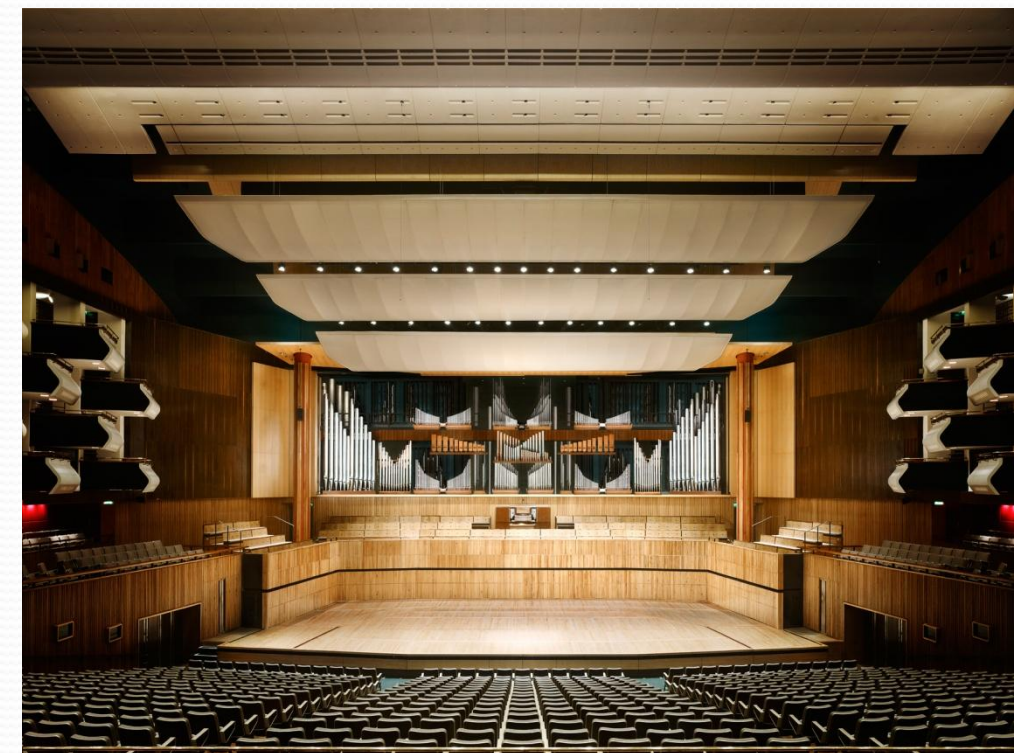
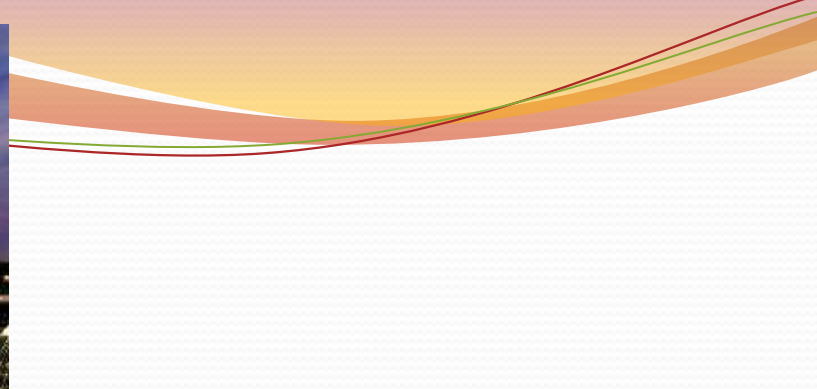
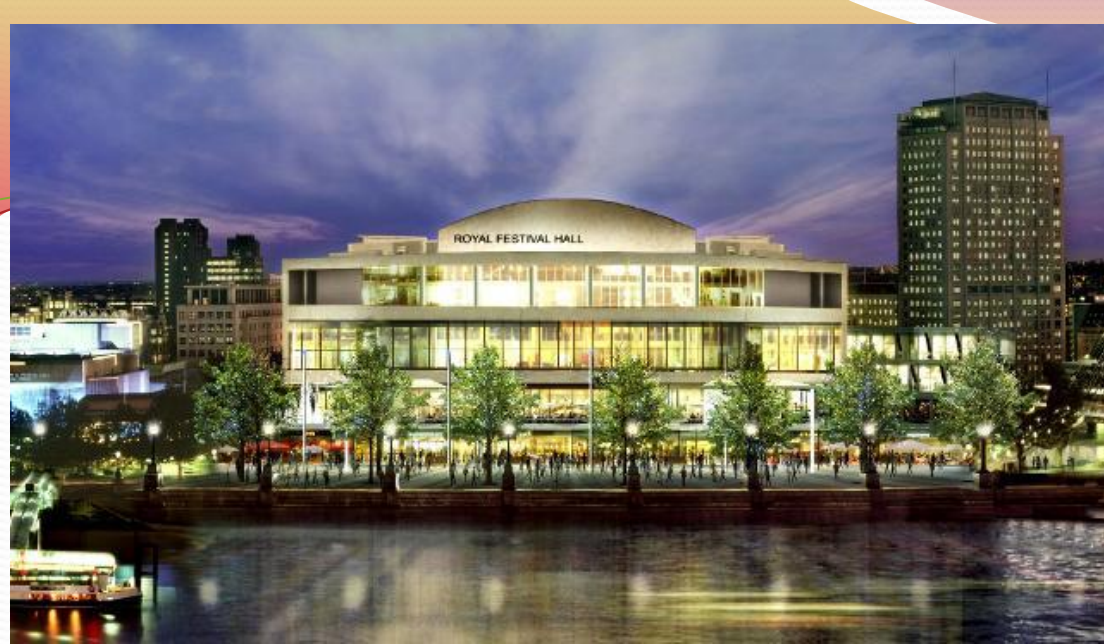




The Royal Festival Hall

Within the Southbank Centre the **Royal Festival Hall**, one of the world's leading concert venues, stands at the heart of the site. It's the home of the Philharmonia orchestra, the site of the annual Meltdown Festival and the place to go for hundreds of concerts, gigs, operas, ballets and other performances put on each year.

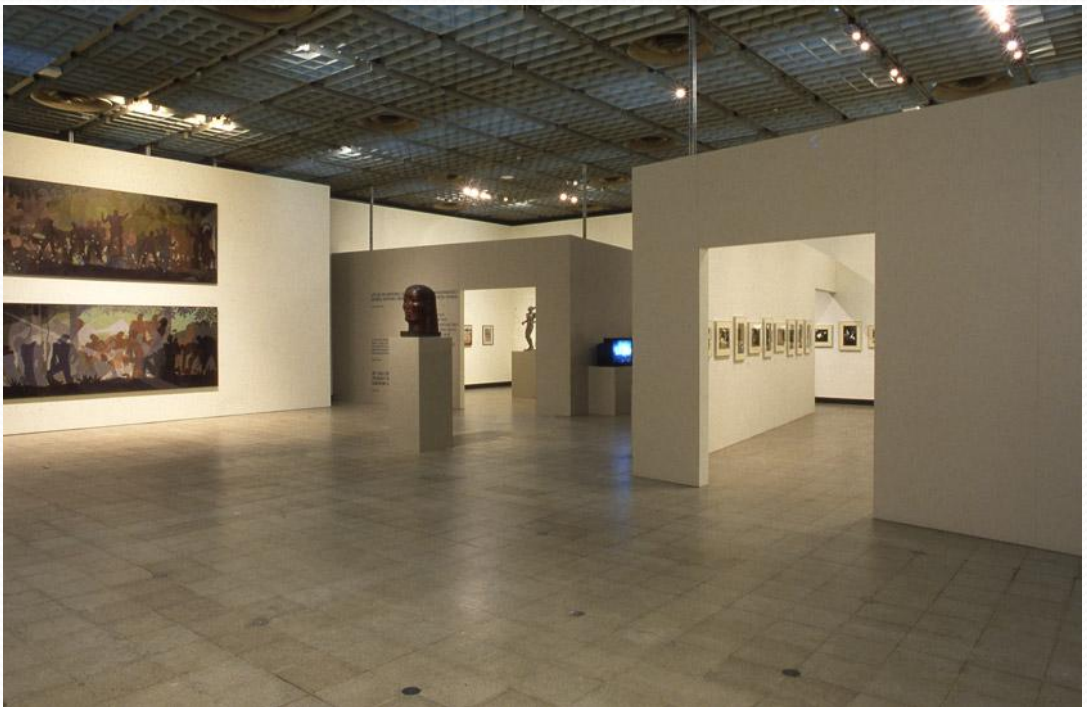




The Hayward Gallery

The **Hayward Gallery** is part of the South Bank Centre which includes the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, the Purcell Rooms and the Poetry Library. The Gallery was opened by Her Majesty The Queen in 1968. It is an icon of sixties brutalist architecture and is one of the few remaining buildings of this style.





The End

