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Roman Road

This wonderful three-bedroom house can be found on historic Roman Road in Bow. An artful renovation by Jack Cruickshank Architects has introduced colourful modern interventions to the Victorian interiors, creating a series of elegant interior spaces. The house has a private south-facing garden, with a newly finished studio room, and a large cellar.

This house is positioned just west of Roman Road market, and is of the lovely two-storey period houses that define the East End vernacular. The house measures over 1,200 sq ft internally, and the interior spaces have been imaginatively rethought to make sense for modern life. Using a palette of pink, green and deep red inspired by Hieronymus Bosch's 'The Garden of Earthly Delights' the current owner has transformed the ground floor spaces, creating an open sense of flow while maintaining a distinct sensibility in each room.

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Entry is on the ground floor, and a hallway leads directly into the dining room. This space, painted deep red with blue woodwork, retains its period proportions. Throughout the house any period features have been restored, and carefully-chosen alternatives introduced where they are none. As such there are reclaimed Georgian shutters, cast-iron radiators and a gilt fireplace in the wonderfully bright living room. Black-painted original floorboards run underfoot, providing a sense of connectedness with the dining room.

The newly-extended rear of the house takes inspiration from the lighter tones in Bosch's painting, with soft pink walls and a green chequerboard linoleum floor. This is a voluminous space, with a large kitchen and a further reception room beyond it, which is framed by Crittal doors onto the garden. The kitchen is fitted in aluminium, with Italian stone worktops and contrasting handles.

Outside, the garden is shaded by two beautiful fruit trees, and a gravel path leads to the summer house. This has both heating and mains electricity, and could be well-used as a home gym or office.

The red-hued hallway leads upstairs, where there are three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Each bedroom has bespoke joinery and painted original floorboards underfoot.

This part of Roman Road has a wonderful sense of community, with new additions such as Mae + Harvey alongside the traditional street market, making Bow an engaging part of London's East End. Whole Fresh, just across the road, is an excellent greengrocer and Roman Road market runs three times a week. Established in 1888, the market survived the influx of covered shopping centres in the 1970s, and continues to thrive as an East London tradition.

Victoria Park, home to Pavilion Café and Chisenhale Gallery, is a five-minute walk away. Just the other side of the locally-loved green space, Victoria Park Village has a wonderful local food and drink scene, with Ginger Pig butchers on Lauriston Road, Bottle Apostle and Jonathan Norris Fishmonger's. This part of town has some excellent pubs, and there are also many lovely parks. Regent's canal connects Victoria park to Mile End park and further east is the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Liveable Streets Bow is a £5million project being delivered by Tower Hamlets Council and TfL in consultation with The Roman Road Trust. Now in the final phase of consultation, they propose various measures to reduce traffic in Bow, including making Roman Road pedestrianised from 10am to 4.30pm everyday, while also widening pavements, planting trees and creating more public space.

Mile End and Bow Road stations (Central Line, District and Hammersmith & City) are a short walk away to the south.

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