

Terminal 2 Plaque locations



- 1 London's first civil airport**
This is where London's first civil airport was created on 1 January 1946, when the RAF officially handed the aerodrome over to the Air Ministry. Modern air travel took off right here.
Location
T2 Departures.
- 2 Official opening**
On 31 May 1946, the airport was officially opened for civilian use – at the time we were known as 'London Airport'.
Location
T2 Departures.
- 3 Princess returned as The Queen**
This is where a Princess returned as The Queen. Her Majesty stepped onto her sovereign soil in February 1952 as Queen Elizabeth II.
Location
T2 Arrivals.
- 4 One million passengers**
This is where in December 1953, we reached one million passengers after a total of 62,000 flights were completed over the year. Last year we handled more than 75 million passengers alone.
Location
T2 Departures.
- 8 Tom Jones**
This is where Tom Jones got mobbed by fans in 1970 as he returned from the biggest tour in US history. The boy from the valley done good.
Location
T2 Arrivals.
- 12 The Beatles**
This is where The Beatles returned from America as global icons in 1964. The fab Liverpool four were met by thousands of fanatical fans.
Location
T2 Departures.
- 16 Ziggy Stardust**
This is where Ziggy Stardust flew from in 1972 to begin his tour of the US. Rumour has it, David Bowie was on the same flight.
Location
T2 Arrivals.
- 17 Star Wars**
This is where George Lucas flew a long time ago to a country far far away to film 'Star Wars' in 1976. (He flew to Djerba, Tunisia).
Location
T2B Departures.
- 19 Labyrinth**
This is where Jim Henson touched down in 1978 to begin filming 'Labyrinth' at Elstree Studios, London. He also made 'The Muppet Show' there.
Location
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- 22 GB Paralympic team**
This is where the GB Paralympic team arrived back from the Beijing Paralympics in 2009 with 102 medals and bags of smiles.
Location
T2 Departures.
- 23 Sir Edmund Hillary**
This is where Sir Edmund Hillary returned in 1953 after his conquest of Everest. He was accompanied by his Sherpa, Tenzing Norgay.
Location
T2 Arrivals.
- 24 John Travolta**
This is where John Travolta landed his own(!) Boeing-707 in 2002. He had recently completed his flight training. Fact, not pulp fiction.
Location
T2 Departures.
- 25 Bob Geldof**
This is where Bob Geldof left for Ethiopia in 1985. A journey that started with Michael Burke's iconic news report and ended with Live Aid.
Location
T2 Departures.
- 27 Phil Collins**
This is where Phil Collins flew to NYC on Concorde to perform at the UK and US Live Aid concerts, on the same day in 1985.
Location
T2 Arrivals.
- 30 Louis Armstrong**
This is where Louis Armstrong touched down with his wife in 1959. He spent 18 days in the UK, and then flew to Ghana. What a wonderful world.
Location
T2 Arrivals.
- 40 Eddie Izzard Marathon Man**
This is where Eddie Izzard flew 8,242 miles from to start his 707 mile run across South Africa in 2016. He completed 27 marathons in 27 days in temperatures in excess of 40°C.
Location
T2 Departures.
- 45 Jason Bourne**
Spoiler Alert. This is where Jason Bourne hunted down an agent who stole his identity in 'The Bourne Ultimatum' in 2007.
Location
T2B Departures.
- 49 The Who**
This is where The Who arrived after their Italian Tour in 1967. Who are you? Well their old passport photos were a bit embarrassing.
Location
T2 Arrivals.
- 53 Superman**
This is where Superman Christopher Reeve flew in to meet his girlfriend in August, 1979. Was it a bird? No. Was it a plane? Yes, a 747.
Location
T2 Arrivals.
- 64 Slipstream**
This sculpture 'Slipstream' was created by Richard Wilson in 2014 and inspired by the way planes slice through the air. It's the most viewed public artwork in Europe.
Location
T2 Departures.
- 65 The Queen's Terminal**
This is The Queen's Terminal that opened on 4th June 2014. It's sustainably heated by 25,000 tonnes of local wood chips which provide fertiliser for local agriculture.
Location
T2 Arrivals.
- 69 European Ryder Cup team**
This is where a victorious European Ryder Cup team arrived on September 25, 2006. They used trolleys not caddies to carry their luggage.
Location
T2 Arrivals.

