



Travel

Arriving in London and need to get around town? No problem

London's Airports

Prices quoted are for single journeys. All fares and times are correct at time of going to press. Please ensure you check times of specific services to and from each airport before beginning your journey. visitlondon.com can help you with planning your journey.

AIRPORT TRANSPORT CONTACTS

Gatwick Express ☎ 08458 501530. www.gatwickexpress.com. **Heathrow Express** ☎ 08456 001515. www.heathrowexpress.com. **Southern** www.southernrailway.co.uk. **National Express Airport** ☎ 08705 757747. www.nationalexpress.com. **Thameslink** ☎ 01332 387601/08457 484950 (UK only). www.thameslink.co.uk. **Stansted Express** ☎ 08458 500150. www.stanstedexpress.com.

GATWICK AIRPORT ☎ 08700 002468. www.baa.co.uk. **Gatwick Express** To and from Victoria, up to four trains an hour. Journey 30 mins. **Southern** To and from Victoria every 15 minutes. Fare £8.20, child £4.10. Journey 40 mins. **National Express Airport** To and from Victoria Coach Station, up to two coaches an hour. Journey 1 hr 20 mins. Fares from £6. **Thameslink** To and from London Bridge, up to four trains an hour. Journey 30 mins. Fare £10, child £5.

HEATHROW AIRPORT ☎ 08700 000123. www.baa.co.uk. **Heathrow Express** To and from Paddington, four trains an hour. Journey 15-20 mins depending on terminal. Fares from £14. **National Express Airport** To and from Victoria Coach Station, three coaches per hour. Journey from 40 mins. Fares from £10. To and from King's Cross, up to two coaches an hour. Fares from £10. The **London Underground's** Piccadilly line (see Underground Map page 98) runs between central London and Heathrow every 4-5 minutes between 05.00 and 00.30. Journey 60 mins. Fares from £3.80, child £1.40. Terminal 4 Tube Station is closed, with a replacement bus shuttle to Hatton Cross until further notice. The tube is still going to Terminals 1, 2 and 3.



LONDON CITY AIRPORT ☎ (020) 7646 0088. www.londoncityairport.com. **DLR** ☎ (020) 7363 9700. Trains to and from Canary Wharf, Bank and other stations every 7 mins.

LONDON LUTON AIRPORT ☎ 01582 405100. www.london-luton.com. **Thameslink** Trains to and from King's Cross Thameslink to Luton Airport Parkway. 24 hour service, up to 11 trains an hour. Journey 35 mins, followed by free shuttlebus to London Luton Airport. Fares from £10.70, child £4.75. **Express Coach 757** ☎ 08706 087261. www.greenline.co.uk. Coaches to London Luton Airport from Victoria Coach Station every 30 mins. Journey 1 hr 30 mins. Fares from £9, child £4. **easyBus.co.uk** ☎ 08701 417217. Buses to and from Baker Street every 40 minutes. Journey 55 mins. Fares from £1.

STANSTED AIRPORT ☎ 08700 000303. www.baa.com. **Stansted Express** To and from Liverpool Street, up to four trains an hour. Journey 45 mins. Fares from £14.50. **National Express Airport** 24 hour service to and from Victoria Coach Station, up to four coaches an hour. Fares from £10.

Coach Services

London's main coach depot is Victoria Coach Station, SW1. ☎ (020) 7730 3466. Victoria. Map: F6. **National Express** ☎ 08705 808080. www.nationalexpress.com. **Green Line**

Coaches ☎ 08706 087261. www.greenline.co.uk.

London Train Services

There are nine main rail stations in London. **Paddington** serves the West Country, Wales and the South Midlands. **Liverpool Street** serves East Anglia and Essex. **Euston**, **King's Cross**, **Marylebone** and **St Pancras** serve north and central Britain. **Charing Cross**, **Waterloo** and **Victoria** serve southern England. For information on timetables, tickets and running reports visit www.nationalrail.co.uk or call ☎ 08457 484950 (UK only)/(020) 7278 5240. Eurostar comes into **Waterloo International**.

General Travel Information

London travel information is available 24 hours ☎ (020) 7222 1234. To plan any journey by any transport mode go to www.tfl.gov.uk/journeyplanner. For information on bars, restaurants, shops, attractions and more go to www.visitlondon.com/tubeguru. Travel Information Centres can be found at Victoria, Euston, Liverpool Street, Piccadilly Circus, Heathrow 123, West Croydon Bus Station, Victoria Coach Station, Camden Direct (by Town Hall) and King's Cross. Travel Information Centres sell Travelcards, Bus Passes, tickets for sightseeing and supply travel maps and guides.

COACHES www.tfl.gov.uk/coaches. For services from Victoria Coach Station, SW1. Map: F6. ☎ (020) 7730 3466. **National Express** ☎ 08705 808080 between 08.00-22.00. www.nationalexpress.com. **Megabus.com** low cost inter city bus travel. For further information on routes, times and bookings visit www.megabus.com.

UK TRAIN SERVICES ☎ 08457 484950 (UK only). www.nationalrail.co.uk.

CAR HIRE Contact: **Avis** ☎ 08700 100287. www.avis.co.uk. **Easyeverything.com** ☎ 09063 333333. www.easycar.com. There is an £8 congestion charge to drive into central London Mon-Fri 07.00-18.30. ☎ 08459 001234 (UK only) or (020) 7649 9122, or visit www.cclondon.com.

DOCKLANDS LIGHT RAILWAY (DLR) ☎ (020) 7363 9700. Every 10-15 mins from (approximately) Mon-Fri 05.30-00.30; Sun 07.00-23.30. Particularly useful for visiting Docklands and Greenwich.

LONDON BUS SERVICES Buses run from 05.00 to 00.30. Night buses (00.00-04.30) operate on many major routes, and several services are 24 hour.

LONDON UNDERGROUND ☎ (020) 7222 1234 (24 hours). www.tfl.gov.uk. In this magazine underground stations are indicated by the symbol Ⓞ. See page 98 for the Underground Map. Services run constantly from around 05.00-00.30 (Sun 07.30-23.30) on most routes.

TAXIS Hail one of London's black cabs (some are multi-coloured) when the yellow 'For Hire' sign is lit. Please note fares increase after 20.00. Private hire or mini cabs must be booked in advance. See www.tfl.gov.uk/pco for contact details.

TRAVELCARDS Travelcards are valid for one, three or seven days and can be purchased from any TFL outlet (7 day travelcards can only be bought on Oyster Cards). The system is divided into six zones with Zone 1 being the central area. Travelcards are valid on Underground (Tube), bus, National Rail, DLR and tram services and offer discounts on river services. See www.tfl.gov.uk/river. Visitors can purchase Travelcards in advance at www.ticket-on-line.com or www.tfl.gov.uk.

RIVER SERVICES www.tfl.gov.uk/river. **Thames Clippers - The Riverline** ☎ 08707 815049. www.thamesclippers.com. Avoid congestion charges and traffic jams. Seven fast modern boats travelling from Savoy Pier, Central London, through Canary Wharf and Greenwich to Woolwich. Fares from £2.50, child £1.25.

Visitor Information



For all you need to know to plan for your trip, visit London's official website visitlondon.com. Or call **08701 LONDON** (08701 566366, UK only). You can also tune in to London TV via visitlondon.com 24 hours a day.

BRITAIN & LONDON VISITOR CENTRE 1 Regent Street, Piccadilly Circus, SW1. Mon 09.30-18.30; Tues-Fri 09.00-18.30; Sat-Sun 10.00-16.00. www.visitbritain.com. English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish spoken. Booking services include: Keith Prowse Ticketing ☎ 08708 422248 for theatre, sightseeing and events tickets. www.lastminute.com ☎ (020) 7808 3861 for hotel and travel bookings. Victoria. Map: D7.

LONDON INFORMATION CENTRE Leicester Square, WC2. ☎ (020) 7292 2333. www.londoninformationcentre.com. Daily 08.00-00.00. All the best deals on hotels, events, tours, restaurants and travel. Victoria. Map: D7.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES Information and tickets, hotel and tour bookings, guidebooks, maps and souvenirs. **City of London** St Paul's Churchyard, EC4. Mon-Fri 09.30-17.00; Sat 09.30-12.30. Victoria. Map: C10. **Greenwich** Cutty Sark Gardens, SE10. Daily 10.00-17.00. Greenwich/DLR Cutty Sark for Maritime Greenwich. Map: D&G Inset. **Southwark** 1 Bank End, SE1. Tues-Sun 10.00-18.00. Victoria. Map: D10. **Waterloo** International Terminal Arrivals Hall, SE1. Daily 08.30-22.30. Map: E8. For other London TICs ☎ (020) 7234 5800 or visitlondon.com.

EMERGENCY SERVICES (24 HOURS) ☎ 999 or 112 for ambulance, fire or police services.

LOST PROPERTY TFL Lost Property Office, 200 Baker Street, NW1. ☎ 08453 309882. Open Mon-Fri 08.30-16.00. Victoria. Map: C6.

MEDICAL HELP NHS Direct ☎ 0845 4647 (for 24 hour advice within UK). MediCentre ☎ 08706 000870. www.medicentre.co.uk.

TELEPHONES Public telephones take coins, telephone cards (available in newsagents, post offices and many bureaux de change) or credit cards. Directory Enquiries ☎ 118 500 (within UK); ☎ 118 505 (international numbers). Operator ☎ 100 (calls within UK and Eire); ☎ 155 (calls abroad or to a ship).

WEATHER A five day weather forecast is available at www.bbc.co.uk/weather.