



Public Transportation in London

London has one of the largest urban transport networks in the world, with integrated bus, river, and road systems spanning the city's 32 boroughs.

A poll of world travelers by TripAdvisor reveals that people outside the UK believe that [the capital's transport system](#) is one of the safest and most efficient public transport networks in the world.

LONDON BUSES

London's iconic double-decker buses are a quick, convenient, and cheap way to travel around the city, with plenty of sightseeing opportunities along the way.



- London buses are all cashless, so you need an Oyster card, Travelcard, or contactless payment to ride them
- Bus fare is £1.65, and a day of bus-only travel will cost a maximum of £4.95
- You can hop on unlimited buses or trams for free within one hour of touching in for your first journey
- Night buses run all night between the close of the Tube and the start of daytime bus services
- There are several different London tours by bus
- London's bus route network covers the entire city with a 24-hour service



LONDON UNDERGROUND

The London Underground rail network, or "the Tube," is a great way to travel to and from central London and will be an integral part of most people's stay in the city.



- The Underground is divided into nine zones: central London is covered by zones 1 and 2
- There are 11 Tube lines
- Tube fare depends on how far you travel, the time of day, and how you pay
- Oyster or contactless payments are the cheapest ways to pay for single fares
- Tube services usually run from 5am until midnight, with Night Tube services on some lines on Friday and Saturday evenings, with reduced operating hours on Sunday

Greater London is served by 11 Tube lines, along with the Docklands Light Railway (DLR), London Overground line, and an interconnected local train network.

LONDON UNDERGROUND ZONES

London's public transport network is divided into nine travel zones. Zones 1 and 2 cover all of central London and zones 6 to 9 are on the outskirts of the city.

LONDON OYSTER CARD



You will be given an Oyster card as part of your program. This is a permanent reusable electronic ticket of credit card size which is pre-loaded so that you have unlimited use of it within your designated zones for the duration of your program.

If you are living in CAPA housing, you will have a card that covers train travel in zones 1-2 for apartments and 1-4 for homestays. Note that the Oyster card covers zones 1-6 for buses.



To use this card: simply tap your card on the reader at the turnstiles in the stations at the start and end of your journey on the trains and at the start only of your journey on the buses.

Read CAPA alum James's [experience as a New Yorker using the Underground](#) to get a taste of what you can expect on the Tube during your time in London!