



GETTING HERE TRANSPORT AND TRANSFERS

Getting to London

London has 6 airports, so travelling into the city centre is different from each one.

Gatwick Airport

Method	Journey Time + Waiting time	Cost
Gatwick Express (train)	30 minutes + 15 minutes	£19.90
National Express (bus/ coach)	1 hour 40 minutes + 30 minutes	£5-10
Taxi	1 hour 20 minutes + 0 minutes	£80 - 160

Heathrow Airport

Method	Journey Time + Waiting time	Cost
Heathrow Express (train)	15 minutes + 15 minutes	£22 - 32
National Express (bus/ coach)	50 minutes + 25 minutes	£7.50
Taxi	44 minutes + 0 minutes	£66-140

Luton Airport

Method	Journey Time + Waiting time	Cost
Train	15 minutes + 15 minutes	£22 - 32
National Express (bus/ coach)	1 hour 30 minutes + 25 minutes	£12
Taxi	30 minutes + 0 minutes	£83 - 127

Stansted Airport

Method	Journey Time + Waiting time	Cost
Stansted Express (train)	47 minutes + 15 minutes	£18.90
National Express (bus/ coach)	1 hour 50 minutes + 30 minutes	£11
Taxi	1 hour 13 minutes + 0 minutes	£97 - 173

Southend Airport

Method	Journey Time + Waiting time	Cost
Train	47 minutes + 15 minutes	£18.90
National Express (bus/ coach)	2 hours 40 minutes + 30 minutes	£10
Taxi	1 hour 13 minutes + 0 minutes	£27.50 (4-person car share) - 110

London City Airport

Method	Journey Time + Waiting time	Cost
Public transport	5 minutes	Oyster card charges

Travelling around London - Public Transport

Get an Oystercard! It's the cheapest and easiest way to travel around London. It works on buses and the London Underground ('the Tube'), and on other public transport inside London.

Cash doesn't work on buses, and paper tickets are much more expensive on the Tube.

Contactless credit and debit cards work on buses and the Tube.

London Underground ('The Tube')

1. Most Tube lines are open between 5 am and midnight.
2. The Night Tube runs on Fridays and Saturdays on the Victoria, Jubilee, and most of the Central, Northern and Piccadilly lines.
3. Sections of some Tube lines are sometimes closed for repairs, especially during the weekend. To check the service, go to <https://tfl.gov.uk/>
4. Only use one card to 'touch in' and touch out' for a journey or it will be more expensive!
5. The London Underground is divided into zones, starting from Zone 1 in the centre and going to Zone 7 at the edge. Crossing more zones makes your journey more expensive.
6. On escalators, stand on the right, walk on the left.

Buses

1. Travelling by bus is usually cheaper than the Tube.
2. Only 'touch in' on buses.

3. A single bus journey always costs the same price and you can catch more than one bus in an hour for the same price.

4. Check the number on the front of the bus. Information about frequency and routes is available on the side of the bus stop.

5. Night buses are available 24 hours and have N before the number. [Here](#) is a useful map of the routes from close to UK College of English.

Taxis

1. Black cabs (taxis) are a famous sight in London, but are expensive. They are convenient because you can call one on the street, if the yellow 'TAXI' light is on.

2. You can order mini-cabs (taxis that look like normal cars) from a licensed company. You can try

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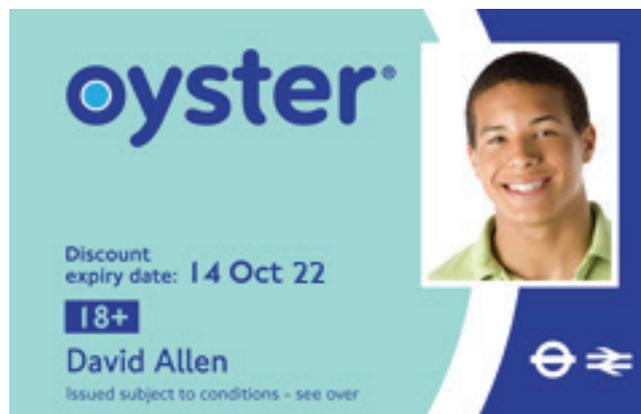
Dial-A-Cab 020 7253 5000

Computer Cab 020 7432 1432

3. NEVER use unlicensed minicabs. This is like sitting in a stranger's car.

4. Recently Uber is the most popular choice. The app can be downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play.

18+ Student Oyster Card



You can get 30% off seven-day, monthly and longer period Travelcard and Bus & Tram Pass season tickets if:

- you are 18 years of age or over
- your course is at least 15 hours per week, Monday to Friday only
- your course is at least 14 weeks in length
- you are living in London.

If you wish to apply for the 18+Student Oyster Photocard, you need to go online here.: <https://photocard.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/showLogon.do> and follow the instructions.

You will need:

- your UK College of English student number and course dates
- your address in London
- to upload a digital colour photo
- to pay the £20 fee by credit/debit card.

Give your correct course dates, because your application can be rejected. (The dates are checked by student services at UK College of English).

Your 18+ Student Oyster Photocard will be posted to your London address, so please make sure that you give the correct address.

If you do not receive your Photocard within two weeks, call the TFL helpline: 0343 222 1234.

Please read the terms and conditions online.

Please note: You must pay a non-refundable £20 administration fee for every application, even if replacing a lost, stolen or damaged Photocard.

If your Oyster Photocard is lost, stolen or damaged, visit: www.tfl.gov.uk/photocard where you can report it missing and order a replacement.

If you leave UK College of English before the end of your course, you must tell Transport for London immediately. They will then stop the student discount on your 18+ Student Oyster Photocard. If you move to another school, you will have to apply for a new 18+ Student Oyster Photocard.

Privacy notice

We keep records of the students and will share only necessary details with Transport for London to offer the discount. If you are unhappy about this sharing, we cannot offer the student Oyster card.