Getting Around

From the iconic red buses to the modernised London Underground, London’s public transport system is as much a part of the capital as Big Ben.

To save money and time, even if you’re only in London for a couple of days, it’s going to be a great idea to buy an Oyster card. These are electronic smartcards that allow cheaper travel on all of London’s public transport, from the buses and the Tube to overground trains, trams and the Docklands Light Railway.

Pick up one from any Tube station, add credit with either cash or a debit/credit card and you’ll soon be zipping your way across London.

To tip up as you go, buy and renew Travelcards, and for more information on using an Oyster card as well as the latest travel news for public transport throughout London visit tfl.gov.uk.

On Your Bike

See the capital from the comfort of a saddle! The Barclays Cycle Hire scheme gives you access to 6,000 bikes dotted around the city centre.

How to hire a bike:

- **Membership**: Register on the Transport for London website, which grants three levels of access: daily (£1), weekly (£5) or yearly (£45). You’ll then be sent a key that you insert into a docking point key slot, giving you access to any bike at any station around London.

- **Causal Hire**: Just walk up and use a credit or debit card at the docking stations following simple on-screen instructions to collect a bike. The bike is yours until you unlock a bike. Casual users can pay for anything from 1 hour (£1) to 24 hours (£50). If returned within half an hour, the journey is free.

How to be a Green Londoner

It’s easy to experience the capital in a way that minimises your impact on the environment. Here are five steps for how to go green:

1. **Transport for London provides free local cycle guides and information on six designated walking routes, including the Capital Ring and the Thames Path.**
2. **Eat and book seasonal, organic food from ethical eateries or try one of London’s fabulous farmers markets.**
3. **City Cruises operates eco-friendly sightseeing, lunch, dinner & dance cruises on the River Thames, a perfect way to view London.**
4. **London’s residential squares are a great way to discover a hidden side of London.**
5. **Soak up London’s unique culture with London’s street art scene – including performances in Covent Garden, South Bank and Trafalgar Square.**

Green Facts about London

- London has over 3,000 parks and open spaces.
- London has the first go-ped/cycle to be certified by the SA Association.
- Registered electric and dual-fuel or hybrid vehicles are exempt from the central London Congestion Charge.
- Thames 4-5 Anne powered by hydrogen fuel on the route RP2 between Covent Garden and Greenwich.
- It takes just 13 minutes to travel by River Bus from London Bridge to Canary Wharf.

Adverts

- **The Natural Shoestore**: A farm store café, offering British home cooked food
- **Natural Kitchen Marylebone**: An urban oasis with farm animals, vegetable garden, environmental skills courses, café and shop
- **London Canal Museum**: The heritage, people, horses, and canals of the canals in a water-based former ice warehouse
- **Natural Baby**: Green Baby is the exclusive UK stockist of Green Cotton baby clothes
- **The Bumpkin Group**: Authentic, British home cooked food
- **Bumpkin Notting Hill**: British home cooked food
- **Green Boutique**: Green Baby designer clothes
- **Green Baby**: Organic baby clothes made by hand in Devon for babies, children and mothers

More Green Fun

- **Sustainable dõner kebab**: If you can do without meat, then try some delicious sustainable food at the Sustainable(9,135),(992,994). This guide has been created with support from Visit London and the Green Tourism Business Scheme.

Feedback

If you have suggestions of other green businesses in London, please email info@greentraveller.co.uk or write to: Greentraveller Limited, The Hub, 5 Tonners Street, London EC1V 1NQ.

For more information about how to be a greener traveller, see: sustainable.tourism@visitengland.org

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- Refurbished hotel that uses eco-friendly & fair trade products
- Boutique hotel in leafy South Kensington
- Luxury hotel combines Edwardian and Art Deco design

Chelsea Physic Garden

- London's oldest botanic garden
- Hospital Rd
- Focuses on organic, seasonal produce
- Restaurant and bar built around vegan and raw food
- Organic drinks and cocktails

As Nature Intended

- Organic beauty and skincare store
- French brand specialising in organic women's footwear and accessories

Artisan and Vine

- 186 Kings Rd
- British outpost of chic and sustainable American brand

Eco Age

- 213 Chiswick High Rd
- Sustainable fashion and lifestyle store

Maggie & Tom

- 167 Lordship Lane
- Eco homewares and gifts

Vantra

- 21 Neal St
- Organic and natural beauty products

Passing Clouds

- 250 Camden High Street
- Vegetarian restaurant and bar
- Offers a great view of the flood barrier

Chelsea Girls

- 69 Swinton St
- Vegan restaurant
- Specialises in seasonal produce

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- Thames Barrier Park
- Planet-friendly park
- Recycles over 80% of its waste

Elizabeth Walk

- The best urban wildlife site
- Helps create new habitats for wildlife
- Home to a great view of the flood barrier

Green Tourism Certification

- The UK's first Soil Association-certified hotel
- Staff training programme
- Spa toiletries and efficient boiler system

The Zetter

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- Jurys Inn Islington
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