

Sample fares as of 2015

Day in London (any zone) only using buses:

Cash fare: not available on buses, but £12 day travelcard is valid

Oyster fare: £1.50 per journey. Maximum payable: £4.40 per day or £21 per week

Day in central London (zones 1 and 2) using all modes:

Cash fare: £12 (you need to buy a Zone 1-4 ticket if you want a paper ticket)

Oyster fare: £6.40 maximum

Day in central London (zones 1 to 4) using all modes:

Cash fare: £12

Oyster fare: £9.20 maximum

Please remember that the Oyster fare for the day might be less than the maximum if you have not made many journeys. A tube journey in zone 1 from, say, Oxford Circus to Tower Hill will be charged at £2.30 on Oyster.

(All prices correct as of August 2015).

Oyster works by deducting the maximum payment on your first touch and re-crediting what you have not used on your second. So always make sure you touch out when travelling by train or tube. If using contactless, use the same card all day.

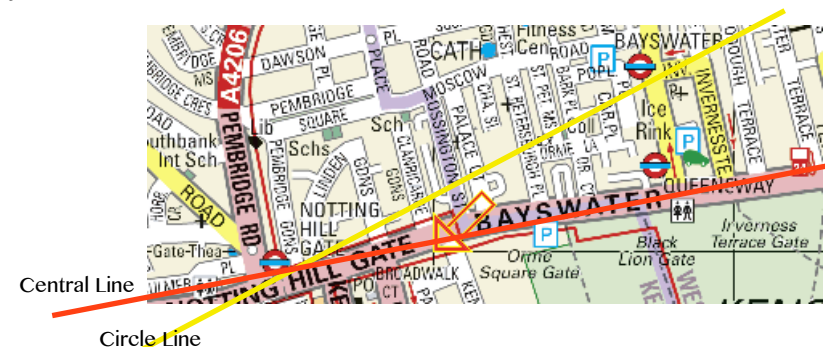
JOURNEY PLANNER

Transport for London has an online journey planner on tfl.gov.uk that will get you from A to B.

TfL makes its timetables open access so that developers can produce smartphone apps to get you around. One such is Tube Tamer, but there are many others.

Topological... walking might be quicker

The world famous Tube map (now a bit crowded since the Overground lines have been added) is topological, not geographical. The central areas are stretched out and the outer areas, where the distance between stops is much longer, has been squashed in. It's sometimes much quicker to walk between stops. For instance, on the section of the map printed here, Bayswater station and Queensway are just a hundred yards apart, as can be seen on the street map below.



Zone 1 covers all of the cities of London and Westminster, which together include all the famous sights of London.

Zone 2 adds in trips to the Canary Wharf/Docklands district and Greenwich (by bus, rail or Docklands Light Rail)

Zone 3 will get you to the Queen Elizabeth II Olympic Park at Stratford in the northeast of London or Kew Gardens in the southwest

Londoners do not talk about 'the Red Line' or the 'Blue Line', and may not know what you are talking about if you do. All the lines have names. So the line coloured red on the map is the Central Line, the light blue is the Victoria and the dark blue the Piccadilly. There is a key with the names on all Tube maps.



Most tube stations have barriers, but many National Rail stations do not. Make sure you find the Oyster reader (such as the one in the photo, left) to touch in and touch out if the station has no automatic barriers.

