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Christmas and New Year buses

Whether you're commuting to and from work, looking for that special Christmas gift, or visiting friends and family as part of your bubble, we have your festive travel needs wrapped up.

Our buses are clean, safe and comfy – and our services will run to normal timetables right up to, and including, Wednesday 23 December with some changes over the Christmas and New Year period.

Get on board with us for a better than ever journey to help bust congestion and improve air quality – we've made major upgrades to our buses, tickets, website, app and much more.

Here's our guide to service levels for the Christmas and New Year period...

- Tuesday 22 December buses will run to normal timetables.
- Wednesday 23 December buses will run to normal timetables.
- Christmas Eve buses will run to Saturday timetables, with the majority of last departures between 6pm and 7pm – you can view our Christmas Eve timetables by heading to our <u>timetables</u> and <u>maps</u> section, selecting your service and changing the date to 24 December.
- Christmas Day no buses will run on Christmas Day.
- Boxing Day some services will be running to special timetables, including services 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 10A, 10B, 16A, 20, 21, 26, 27, 35A, 45, 49, 49A, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 60, 61, 97, 311, M6, Q1, Q2, Q3, X1, X5, X21, X30 and X66 view timetables by selecting your service and changing the date to 26 December.
- **Sunday 27 December** buses will run to normal Sunday timetables.
- Monday 28 December buses will run to Sunday timetables.
- Tuesday 29 December buses will run to Saturday timetables with minor exceptions.
 - Late journeys on service 74 will not run
- Wednesday 30 December buses will run to Saturday timetables with minor exceptions.
 - Late journeys on service 74 will not run
- New Year's Eve buses will run to Saturday timetables, with the majority of last departures between 6pm and 7pm you can view our New Year's timetables by heading to our timetables and maps section, selecting your service and changing the date to 31 December.
- New Year's Day no buses will run on New Year's Day.
- Saturday 2 January onwards buses will return to normal timetables.

Not sure which service you need to catch for your festive travel needs? Check out our handy <u>Journey Planner</u>, which will not only show you the bus you need, but also how much CO2 your journey will save.

Worried about whether there will be any seats left on the bus?

With our handy website tools, you can check the best times to travel.

Our <u>When2Travel</u> tool uses a dynamic prediction engine to forecast which journeys will be quieter, or busier, when and where, whilst capacities are restricted due to social distancing on board our buses – allowing you to search up to two weeks in advance.

Then, on the day, you can also <u>check live data</u> whilst you're at the bus stop or waiting to set off from home to see how many seats are left on your bus in real-time. It'll also show if the bus is a single or double-decker, what colour it is, and what features it has, such as free Wi-Fi and USB charging.

Not travelling as often and looking for the right ticket for you?

Check out our <u>Flexi 5 tickets</u> – our flexible range of tickets where you can use 5 separate day tickets over the space of a month, so there's no need to worry about using them on consecutive days.

View our Flexi 5 range of tickets

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