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In London, the main ways of travelling are:

- The London Underground (The Tube) <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/tube/>
- The London Overground: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/london-overground/>
- Docklands Light Railway (DLR): <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/dlr/>
- Buses: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/buses/>
- Trams: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/trams/>
- Local train services: <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>



Other ways of travelling in London include:

- Taxis: These can be quite expensive, so only use them if you need to.
  - <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/taxis-and-minicabs/>
- Cycling: A good way to keep fit while saving money.
  - <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/>
- Riverboats: See a different side of London while you travel.
  - <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/river/>
- Walking: In Central London, it is often quicker to walk than use public transport - and it gives you the chance to see the sights.
  - <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/walking/>

## Oyster Card

If you are travelling in London, you will probably need an Oyster Card. You can buy an Oyster Card at Tube, Overground and DLR stations and Tram stops, as well as at Oyster Ticket Stops in hundreds of newsagents and other shops in London.

There are two ways of paying for your Oyster Card:

### 1. Pay as you go

You put money on your card at a machine in the station or in a Ticket Stop, and every time you swipe your card it takes the money off it. This is the best option if you don't use public transport very much.



### 2. Travelcard

You pay for unlimited travel for 1 day, 1 week or 1 month. London is split into 9 "fare zones" - Zone 1 is Central London, Zone 2 is the area around Central London etc. For example, if you live in Balham, which is in Zone 3, and want to go to Central London a lot, you should buy a Zone 1 - 3 Travelcard. This is the best option if you use public transport a lot.

## Discounted Travel

If you are 18 years or older and studying for 14 weeks or longer, you can get an 18+ Student Oyster Photocard. This will give you 30% off the price of adult-rate travelcards and bus & tram pass season tickets. To apply online, or to find out more information, visit <https://tfl.gov.uk>

If you are 16 or 17, you can get free and discounted travel with a Zip Oyster Photocard. See <https://tfl.gov.uk> for more information.

If you are 11 - 15 years old, you can get an 11-15 Zip Oyster Photocard. See <https://tfl.gov.uk> for more information.

Please note: your parent or guardian must make this application.

