

## **A Guide to Traveling in London Using Public Transport**

### **Children Under 5**

- Children under five travel free with a fare-paying adult.

### **Children aged 5-10**

- Up to four children under 11 travel free with a fare-paying adult.
- Children don't need a photocard to:
  - Travel free on buses and trams (unless they look older than 10).
  - Buy child-rate paper tickets (unless they look older than 10).
  - Travel accompanied by an adult on certain National Rail Services (see map downloadable on the London District Website).
  - Get a 50% discount on other National Rail Services.
- If a child looks older than 10, their parent must apply for a 5-10 Zip Oyster photocard.
- A zip oyster photocard provides:
  - Free travel on Tube, DLR, London Overground and Elizabeth Line (excluding between West Drayton and Reading)
  - 50% off adult rate tickets on the River Bus Services
  - Child Rate on the Cable Car.
- When travelling on the Underground or National Rail services with a group in this age group, we recommend approaching a staff member and requesting to be let through the side gate at a station.

### **Young People aged 11-15**

- Young people aged 11-15 require an 11-15 Zip Oyster Photocard to:
  - Travel free on buses and trams.
  - Pay child rate pay-as-you-go fares on the Tube, DLR, London Overground, Elizabeth Line (excluding between West Drayton and Reading) and the Cable Car.
  - Get 50% off adult rate tickets on River Bus Services.
- Young people do not require an 11-15 Zip Oyster Photocard to get a 50% discount on most national rail tickets. Still, it is recommended that young people who look 16 or over carry a form of ID with them to show they are entitled to a child rate fare.
- When travelling on the Underground with this age group, they must tap in and out individually with their Oyster Card.

### **Young People aged 16-18**

- Young People aged 16-18 require a 16+ Zip Oyster Photocard to:
  - Get 50% off adult pay-as-you-go fares on bus, Tube, DLR, London Overground, Elizabeth Line (excluding between West Drayton and Reading), and most National Rail Services in London.
  - Get free travel on buses and trams for those living in London.

## Visitor Oyster Cards

- A Visitor Oyster card is a smart card that must be purchased before arriving in London.
- It's a quick and easy way to pay for journeys on bus, Tube, tram, DLR, London Overground, Elizabeth line, River Bus and most National Rail services in London.
- A Visitor Oyster card costs **£5** (plus postage) and is pre-loaded with pay-as-you-go credit for you to spend on travel.
- The credit on your card never expires - it stays there until you use it.
- If you run out of credit on your card, it's easy to top it up and use it again.
- TfL recommends that:
  - If you're visiting London for two days, start with £15 credit.
  - If you're visiting London for four days, start with £30 credit.
- If travelling with young people aged 11-14, buy a Visitor Oyster card before you leave home. When you arrive in London, you can ask a member of our staff to add a Young Visitor discount to a Visitor Oyster card at:
  - Most Tube stations.
  - TfL Visitor Centres (located at Heathrow, Kings Cross St Pancras, Liverpool Street, Piccadilly Circus, Victoria).
  - Victoria National Rail station ticket office.
- Young People must be present when adding a Young Visitor Discount.
- The Young Visitor Discount gives your child a half-adult rate pay-as-you-go discount for up to 14 days.

## Paper Travelcards

- Day Travelcards or Group Day Travelcards might work out cheaper for your group than an oyster, so we recommend visiting the TfL visitor shop to view all the options.

Please note that the information provided was accurate as of the date at the bottom of the page. We recommend checking the TfL and National Rail websites for the most up-to-date information before travelling.