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## ***New line-up of days out on a vintage London bus***



- **London Transport Museum is reviving the classic tradition of bus excursions with a new line-up of day trips to iconic London attractions**
- **Climb aboard a beautifully restored double decker bus to enjoy tailored days out around the Capital – tickets on sale now!**

London Transport Museum is reviving the tradition of bus excursions with the launch of a new line-up of tailored days out around the Capital on classic heritage vehicles. Tickets are now available on London Transport Museum's website for a spring excursion to Kew Gardens and an autumn excursion to Greenwich.

The development of efficient modes of transport in London changed the way people were able to spend their leisure time, paving the way for an institution we hold dear: the great British day trip. London Transport Museum's new line-up of heritage days out will give passengers the opportunity to hop aboard a vintage vehicle and explore some of the Capital's most iconic attractions.

Visitors will start their day at London Transport Museum in Covent Garden with a talk about the golden age of early 20<sup>th</sup> century poster art commissioned by London Transport to encourage Londoners and tourists to make the most of their leisure time by using public transport to explore the Capital and its surrounding countryside.

Guests will then board a beautifully restored red RTW bus – a predecessor to the Routemaster – and take in iconic London sights as they journey to their destination. Upon arrival, passengers will enjoy a line-up of exclusive private tours or expert talks before taking a break to enjoy lunch from an historic local eatery.

- **Excursion to Kew Gardens – Thursday 16 May 2019**

At Kew Gardens, visitors will take a private walking tour with an expert guide, taking in the sights and scents of spring as they explore Kew's rich history of art, science and leisure. Highlights include the newly restored Temperate House and Dale Chihuly's stunning botanical-inspired glass sculptures among the flowers. A picnic lunch will be provided courtesy of local tea room *Newens – the original Maids of Honour*, which has been serving freshly baked goods in Kew since the early 18th century.

- **Excursion to Greenwich – Thursday 17 October 2019**

In Greenwich, passengers can choose from one of three exclusive activities: a guided tour of the Royal Observatory and Meridian Garden with the Curator of Time; a guided tour of the Queen's House exploring this stunning building and its art collection; or a demonstration of Tudor and Stuart clothing in the Queen's House private parlour. A riverside lunch will be served at the Old Brewery in the autumnal grounds of the Old Royal Naval College.

Visitors will board the RTW bus for the return journey to London Transport Museum, where they can explore 200 years of the Capital's transport history.

Tickets for London Transport Museum's heritage days out cost £90 (£85 for concessions). Price includes a talk by London Transport Museum's Head Curator and morning refreshments, entry and access to exclusive activities at each destination, lunch, a one-day pass to the London Transport Museum (to be redeemed within a month of the event date) and a 10% discount in the Museum's shop, to be used in store on the day or online within a week of the event date.

**Ends**

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**Notes to editors**

**About London Transport Museum**

- London Transport Museum is situated in the heart of Covent Garden and filled with stunning exhibits; the Museum explores the powerful link between transport and the growth of modern London, culture and society since 1800. Historic vehicles, world-famous posters and the very best objects from the Museum's extraordinary collection are brought together to tell the story of London's development and the part transport played in defining the unique identity of the city.
- The Museum is an educational and heritage preservation charity. Its purpose is to conserve and explain the history of London's transport, to offer people an understanding of the Capital's past development and to engage them in the debate about its future. The Museum's charity number is 1123122.
- London Transport Museum is supported by public funding from Arts Council England.
- London Transport Museum opening hours:
  - Daily 10.00 to 18.00 (last admission 17.15)
- Tickets start from £16.50 online – kids go free!
- Public information:
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