

Press release

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Friday Late: new Hidden London exhibition launch party

Venue: London Transport Museum

Friday 11 October 2019

18:45 to 22:00 (last admission 21:15)



London Transport Museum is kicking off its series of **Friday Lates** with a special launch party in celebration of its **new Hidden London exhibition** which opens to the public on **Friday 11 October 2019**. Guests to the opening night will be among the first to see this latest exhibition which explores untold stories from the past and the many secrets that lurk beneath our streets in these long forgotten London Underground spaces belonging to the oldest subterranean railway in the world.

With a cocktail in hand, visitors will get to meet the brains behind the Hidden London tour programme and gain behind-the-scenes insights from experienced tour guides and researchers, all in a relaxed and fun-filled Friday night atmosphere.

As well as enjoying gallery tours of the Museum, expert talks on subjects such as Art deco, object handling and a Museum scavenger hunt, visitors can test their knowledge of London at the quiz, join in with creative crafts such as mosaic making and 3D collages, and mingle among the Museum's collection after hours with music and drinks from the pop-up bar.

Highlights at the Friday Late include:

- For one night only Hidden London tour guides share their secrets while guests enjoy a tour of the Hidden London exhibition.

- Listen to a talk about *The Making Of Hidden London*. Get an exclusive behind-the-scenes insight with the creators of the Hidden London tours and writers of the newly released Hidden London book. See photographs of long abandoned spaces and hear the stories that come to the surface when you dig deep into underground history. With Siddy Holloway, Hidden London Engagement Manager, and Chris Nix, Assistant Director: Collections and Engagement, London Transport Museum.
- Discover London's first skyscraper and other Art deco gems of London architecture with an illustrated talk that will take you inside Charles Holden's 55 Broadway and explore some fascinating architectural discoveries. Speaker Oliver Green is a Research Fellow for London Transport Museum and a freelance historian and curator, who has published several books on transport history, art, design, and architecture.
- Get hands on at the Museum's Object Handling station and discover close up quirky aspects of the Museum's collection, with knowledgeable London Transport Museum volunteers.
- Make your own 3D reveal collages, creating pictures of contemporary London with three-dimensional windows into the past. This art workshop is run by the Bedroom Collective.
- Make your own mosaics to take home, inspired by the intricate tile designs of London Underground stations. This art workshop is led by artist Fran Herrick.
- Test your knowledge and win Hidden London tour tickets in Geoff Marshall's exclusive Secrets of London quiz. Geoff is a videographer, author and the man who visited All The Stations in the UK in 2017.
- Take part in a scavenger hunt and discover layers of history in the Museum galleries.
- Dance to the Museum's DJ's selection of hidden gems and London anthems.
- Treat yourself to a Hidden London themed cocktail from the Museum's pop-up bar.

The fun continues into next year with a series of Hidden London **2020 Museum Lates** inspired by the new exhibition. Guests will enjoy talks, tours, craft workshops, quizzes and drinks at the evening events below.

The *Night on the Tiles Friday Late* (28 February 2020) explores the rich nightlife of London through the ages from Victorian music halls and night clubs, to subcultures which have influenced London and the world.

The *Blackout Friday Late* (22 May 2020) looks at how stations and tunnels served as air-raid shelters in the Second World War. Guests get to print their very own anti-war propaganda on an original 1940s printing press.

The *Get Lost Friday Late* (18 September 2020) uncovers London's secret tunnels, overgrown railway tracks and lost rivers. This event invites guests to turn off their smartphones and rediscover the 'art of getting lost'.

The *Subterranea Friday Late* (30 October 2020) will take guests on a 'trip' underground with a Halloween twist! Hear about myths and ghost stories of the Underground and explore the ways death surfaces into our lives through rituals and stories. Journalist Erica Buist talks about how she travelled to seven death festivals in Mexico and other countries to learn how different cultures confront mortality.

Special offer

Friday Late fans can get a discount when they book more than one Late at once. Guests can get 10% off when they book two, 15% off when they book three, 20% off when they book four or 25% when you book all five at once. This makes an adult ticket £15 for one, £27 for two, £38.25 for three, £48 for four or £56.25 for five events! Discounts are automatically applied at checkout.

Those wishing to take a bit of disused station history home can treat themselves to a new illustrated **Hidden London book** (Hardback, £25) published by Yale University Press which will be on sale from 10 September at London Transport Museum's shop in Covent Garden, online at www.ltmuseumshop.co.uk and other stores nationwide. The book is an exploration of the abandoned spaces of London's vast and vital transportation network with breath-taking images and unexpected stories.

Visitors wishing to continue their Hidden London experience can also join exclusive tours of disused stations such as the brand new Piccadilly Circus disused station tour, Aldwych, Charing Cross, Clapham South, Down Street, Euston, 55 Broadway, Highgate. Visit www.ltmuseum.co.uk/hidden-london to book a ticket.

Look out for new Hidden London events and experiences by subscribing to the Museum's newsletter. A new range of products to accompany the new Hidden London exhibition will be launched in autumn 2019 to complement the Hidden London range of exclusive gifts and souvenirs, which currently include stylish crockery inspired by beautiful station tiles.

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Notes to Editors:

About London Transport Museum

- London Transport Museum's purpose is to ignite curiosity to shape the future. The 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 a charity and the world's leading museum of urban transport and a place for everyone to come to understand and enjoy the story of London's journey. No other capital city is defined and shaped so much by its transport as London. Yet the scale of influence of transport can be invisible to those who use it every day. The Museum's collections, together with its lively events and learning programme are a window into the past, present and future of how transport keeps London moving, working and growing, and makes life in our city better. The Museum's charity number is 1123122.
- London Transport Museum is supported by public funding from Arts Council England.
- Hidden London - The Exhibition closes in January 2021.

Travel to London Transport Museum:

- Address: Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB.
- The nearest stations to London Transport Museum are:
 - o **Underground:** Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Charing Cross, Embankment, Holborn
 - o **National Rail:** Charing Cross and Waterloo
 - o **Boat:** Embankment or Westminster pier
 - o **Bus:** Strand or Aldwych

Tickets for London Transport Museum:

- Museum open daily from 10:00-18:00.
- Cheapest tickets available online – kids go free!
- Tickets include unlimited daytime access to the Museum for a whole year – visit as many times as you like to enjoy new exhibitions and family fun activities.

Public information:

- Booking office, events and 24-hour information +44 (0) 343 222 5000

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