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## Canteen at London Transport Museum

**New cafe bar opening 29 November 2019**



- . **Quintessentially British classics inspired menu**
- . **Contemporary new space reflecting the rich design heritage of London Transport**
- . **All day dining and bar - from breakfast to pre-theatre meals and cocktails**
- . **New cocktail: the Elizabeth Line**
- . **Children's menu, including locomotive shaped pasta**
- . **Fabulous views of Covent Garden Piazza**

It's All Change! at London Transport Museum as a new cafe bar overlooking Covent Garden Piazza opens on 29 November 2019. **Canteen** at London Transport Museum takes its name from the static and mobile canteens that used to cater for London Transport workers during the 1940s and 1950s.

Run by high-street favourite Benugo, Canteen offers an all-day menu that features British classics, and cocktails that pay homage to iconic moments in the development of London's transport network - the Elizabeth Line and the Routemaster.

The stylish interior celebrates London Transport's design legacy as one of the world's most recognisable brands, making use of iconic poster artwork, Tube maps, reclaimed signs, tiles and original seats. Light fittings include some that were planned, but never installed at Embankment station. These reflect the design of the Bostwick gate which is used to secure Tube stations during closing hours, and down lighters from the Bond Street station upgrade project. Canteen also features wooden benches that were found in the basements of Wembley Park and Gloucester Road stations as well as salvaged luggage racks from 1960s decommissioned A stock trains. And Mind the Gap! as you grab that Instagrammable moment on the train track floor graphic!



Canteen is open to the public as well as visitors to the Museum from 09:30 to 19:30 Wednesday to Saturday and 09:30 to 18:30 Sunday to Tuesday. Visitors can enjoy breakfast, snacks, lunch, afternoon tea, pre-theatre dining, nibbles or just drinks from the bar, and a special menu for children including Locomotive shaped pasta. The full menu can be viewed here [https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/assets/downloads/Canteen\\_menu.pdf](https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/assets/downloads/Canteen_menu.pdf)

For those wishing to visit the Museum tickets cost £18.00 (concessions £17.00) or £16.50 (concessions £15.50) if booked online. Kids go free and adult tickets allow unlimited daytime entry to all of London Transport Museum's galleries for a whole year - including the Museum's new Hidden London temporary exhibition.

**Ends**

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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.

### About Benugo

- . Benugo was founded in 1998 in Clerkenwell, London by brothers Ben and Hugo. They had a vision to create superb, natural food to give London something that was a real experience. This vision has remained unchanged and Benugo continues to innovate. Clerkenwell remains the original Benugo café and now the Benugo brand has over 100 sites stretching the UK in locations such as London, Manchester, Oxford and Edinburgh, from their award-winning high street stores to concessions within some of the most iconic buildings in the UK including The Natural History Museum, Science Museum and Edinburgh Castle.

### About the Decommissioned Originals collection

The Museum's Decommissioned Originals collection is available to buy online. All items are taken directly from stations and trains meaning that they are all authentic, limited edition and highly collectable. Each piece is given a surface clean, so any imperfections from being in service on the network are left intact. Prices are graded according to the condition, and stock changes all the time depending on availability.

### Travel to Canteen at 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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