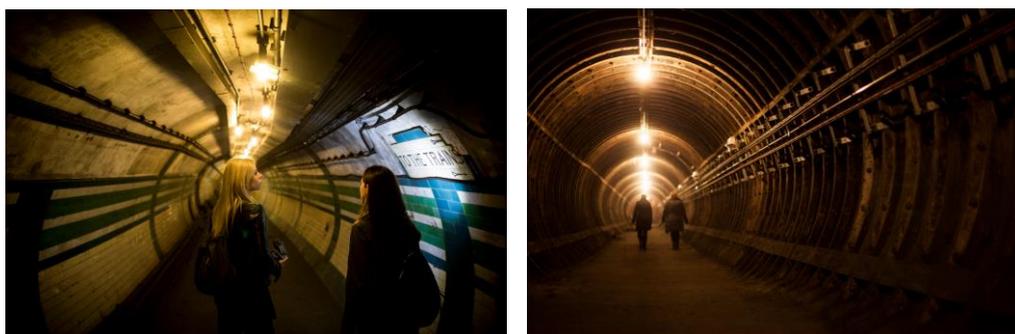


**PRESS RELEASE****5 March 2020****Explore a secret world beneath London's streets****New season of Hidden London tours to go on sale Friday 6 March**

- **New season of tours running from April to August 2020 – 17 different events to choose from**
- **Includes the latest disused station tour - Moorgate Metropolitan Maze**
- **Launch of new walking tour 'Secrets of Central London'**
- **Film screenings and dining packages available**

Tickets for London Transport Museum's new season of Hidden London tours will go on sale to the public this Friday 6 March.

Hidden London is the Museum's programme of exclusive tours and events across the capital at locations rarely seen by, and usually off limits to, the public. Venturing beyond secret entrances and unassuming doorways, visitors will be led on atmospheric journeys into disused 'ghost' stations and concealed spaces on the Tube network, and to places steeped in history hidden in plain sight around the city.

From Clapham South's eerie passageways, once a subterranean shelter for those seeking refuge during World War II and a temporary home to Caribbean migrants arriving on the Empire Windrush, to the wilderness of Highgate station, a railway now reclaimed by nature, or Piccadilly Circus – an iconic station whose tunnels were once used for the top-secret storage of priceless artefacts – expert guides will bring fascinating stories from London's

past to life for lovers of social history, visitors to the city, and those seeking a unique experience in London.

The upcoming tour season will include Hidden London's latest disused station experience - **Moorgate Metropolitan maze tour**. Visitors will discover a secret underworld of dark passages as they explore the wonders of Moorgate, a portal into the City and one of the Capital's first Underground stations. Highlights include getting up close to an original tunnel digging machine abandoned on site in 1904, and the only complete one of its kind on the London Underground network, and the chance to see corridors lined with the original glass tiles of the City and South London Railway – the world's first deep-level Underground 'Tube' railway.

The latest series will include a brand-new walking tour, **Secrets of Central London**, that will take visitors off the beaten path around Covent Garden, Kingsway, and Victoria Embankment, to unearth fascinating tales about the history of the area. Visitors will discover how these locations have been transformed over the last 200 years with the growth of public transport, see abandoned transport infrastructure, and learn about the remarkable feats of engineering that have shaped London.

Hidden London also offers a range of add-on tour packages. Film buffs can enjoy a 'behind-the-scenes' peek into the disused Underground spaces that have served as backdrops for iconic movie moments, then see them in context up on the big screen back at the Museum. Bond fans will love the Charing Cross tour and *Skyfall* (2012) screening, where they'll get to see the escalator Daniel Craig famously slid down in the film's 'Tube chase' scene before heading to the Museum to watch the film in full while sipping on a classic Martini – shaken not stirred, of course!

For foodies and those looking to top-off their tour with a meal or sweet treat, a variety of dining packages are available. Visitors can indulge in the delicate delights of a traditional afternoon tea at the historic Amba hotel following a tour of Charing Cross station, or tuck into a 'lunch that rocks' at the famous Hard Rock Café after a tour of Piccadilly. Those interested in making their tour of Down Street extra special will be spoilt for choice, with afternoon tea at The Athenaeum Hotel, a traditional tapas lunch at Mayfair's El Pirata or a meal at the Ormer restaurant at the Flemings Hotel all on offer.

**All Hidden London tour tickets include either a free or half-price day pass (discount rate is dependent on the tour) to London Transport Museum within a month of the**

**tour date. More information on this and the individual Hidden London tours, dates and prices for the new season can be found at [www.ltmuseum.co.uk/hidden-london](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/hidden-london)**

The new 2020 Hidden London Spring programme from April to July includes the following tours:

- **Charing Cross – Access all areas**
- **Charing Cross – Tour & complimentary Skyfall film screening**
- **Charing Cross – Tour & afternoon tea**
- **Clapham South – Subterranean shelter**
- **Clapham South – Subterranean shelter tour & film clip**
- **Down Street – Churchill’s secret station**
- **Down Street – Tour & afternoon tea**
- **Down Street – Tour & lunch (two lunch options available)**
- **Euston – The lost tunnels**
- **Highgate – Wilderness walkabout**
- **Moorgate – Metropolitan Maze**
- **Piccadilly Circus – The heart of London**
- **Piccadilly Circus – Tour & lunch that rocks**
- **Walking Tour: Secrets of Central London**
- **Walking Tour: CW Clark’s Gateways to Metroland**
- **Walking Tour: Holden Goes West**

## **Hidden London: the Exhibition**

In addition to the tours, London Transport Museum has opened a bold new temporary exhibition inspired by some of London’s most secret spaces belonging to the oldest subterranean railway in the world. On display in the Global Gallery, ***Hidden London: the Exhibition*** brings together the largest number of rare archive photos, objects, vintage posters, diagrams and decorative tiles from disused stations in one location for the first time. Atmospheric and immersive, visitors will enter a warren of passageways and recreated secret spaces to discover ‘forgotten’ parts of the Tube network that have incredible stories to tell about London’s past and present.

The Museum is hosting a series of Lates in 2020 inspired by the exhibition. Visit after hours and enjoy talks, tours, crafts, workshops, quizzes and cocktails all in a relaxed and fun-filled Friday night atmosphere. Visit [ltmuseum.co.uk/friday-lates](http://ltmuseum.co.uk/friday-lates) for details on upcoming Lates.

Hidden London ticket holders can obtain a 10% discount on all merchandise at London Transport Museum shop, both online and in store, within one month of their Hidden London event date. This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

Tickets can be booked via [www.ltmuseum.co.uk/hidden-london](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/hidden-london). For further information please email [bookings@ltmuseum.co.uk](mailto:bookings@ltmuseum.co.uk) or call 0343 222 5000. Subscribe to London Transport Museum's newsletter for advanced booking opportunities for Hidden London tours and new exhibitions and other events. Go to [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk) for more information.

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**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.

**Travel to London Transport Museum:**

- Address: Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB.
- The nearest stations to London Transport Museum are:
  - **Underground:** Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Charing Cross, Embankment, Holborn
  - **National Rail:** Charing Cross and Waterloo
  - **Boat:** Embankment or Westminster pier
  - **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, including the Hidden London exhibition set to open in the Museum in Covent Garden on 11 October 2019.

#### **Public information:**

- Switchboard: +44 (0)343 222 5000 - general information  
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