

London Bus: A Guide to the Iconic Red Double-Decker



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The iconic red London bus is a symbol of the city and a popular tourist attraction. With its distinctive double-decker design and bright red color, the bus is instantly recognizable around the world.

The first London buses were horse-drawn omnibuses that began operating in the early 19th century. These buses were slow and uncomfortable, but they were a popular way to get around the city. In the late 19th century, steam-powered buses were introduced, followed by petrol-powered buses in the early 20th century.

The modern London bus was designed in the 1930s by AEC (Associated Equipment Company). The Routemaster bus, as it was known, was a double-decker bus with an open platform at the back. The Routemaster bus was a popular and iconic vehicle, but it was eventually phased out in the 2000s due to its high operating costs.

Today, London buses are operated by a variety of different companies. The most common type of bus is the New Routemaster bus, which was introduced in 2012. The New Routemaster bus is a modern take on the classic Routemaster bus, with a similar design but with a more accessible interior.

London buses are a convenient and affordable way to get around the city. The buses run on a regular schedule and cover a wide range of destinations. You can use the Transport for London website or app to plan your journey and find the best bus route for you.

How to Ride the London Bus

To ride the London bus, you will need an Oyster card or a contactless payment card. You can purchase an Oyster card at any Underground station or bus stop. You can also use a contactless payment card to pay for your fare, but you will need to touch in and touch out at the start and end of your journey.

Once you have your Oyster card or contactless payment card, you can board the bus and find a seat. You can sit on the upper or lower deck of the bus. The upper deck is usually less crowded, but it can be more difficult to find a seat.

When you are ready to get off the bus, press the stop button. The bus will stop at the next bus stop and you can disembark.

London Bus Routes

There are over 700 bus routes in London. The most popular bus routes are the ones that run between the city center and the suburbs. Some of the

most popular bus routes include:

- Route 1: Victoria to Tower Hill
- Route 2: Notting Hill Gate to Aldgate
- Route 7: Oxford Circus to Paddington
- Route 10: Notting Hill Gate to King's Cross
- Route 11: Chelsea to Liverpool Street

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