

Posters from the archive

WHEN the Victoria line opened in 1968 it was the first new line to be built under central London for 60 years. With it came the innovations of computer-controlled trains, automatic ticket barriers that opened with encoded tickets, and faster journeys.

This is one of several posters produced to promote the new service. It shows a familiar sight on the Tube, both then and today: the sleepy commuter. Above the man who has nodded off, leaning against his fellow commuter, is the word 'WARNING' in giant red letters, with the message: 'Doze off for 20 minutes and you'll end up in Walthamstow.'

The poster goes on to advise 'The new automatic trains are so quick that you're liable to miss your stop. Of course if you're awake and in a hurry you're going to find this new rapid route across London a great blessing.'

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Scaling new sights

Continuing our series on top trips in London, MetroTravel looks at three ways to experience the best of the capital.

JOURNEYS around London can offer more than simply getting from A to B. Try these excursions and see some of our city's famous sights.

Ride the No 11 bus

Travelling through the heart of central London and past many of the city's most iconic buildings, there is no better regular bus route than the Number 11 to enjoy an inexpensive sightseeing tour.

Where do I start?

Either in the City, at Liverpool Street bus station, or nearby while the work to the station is carried out, or at the other end of the route at Fulham Town Hall.

What should I be looking out for?

There's no shortage of sights, including the Bank of England, the Royal Exchange, the Royal Courts of Justice, the Strand, the Savoy Hotel, Nelson's Column, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral and New Scotland Yard. For the best vantage point, make sure you're sitting at the front of the top deck for the best possible views.

Anything else I should know?

This bus route made an appearance in the film The Da Vinci Code.

A RIB ride along the Thames

Who wouldn't want to pretend to be James Bond for a morning or afternoon, starring in the closest thing that most people will ever come to a boat chase through London? It's enough to send adrenaline levels spiking, but there is more to this experience than pure exhilaration; taking a RIB along the Thames also offers the chance to enjoy the city's riverside buildings from a new angle (though they may be a little blurred as you pass at great speed).

Where do I start?

There is a choice of routes and experiences. Before deciding which company to go with, take a look at ThamesRIBexperience.com, LondonRIBvoyages.com, RIBToursLondon.com and ThamesJet.com

What should I be looking out for?

Is there any better way to see the Houses of Parliament than from the river? The sights of London come thick and fast, and with the addition of guided commentary and amusing anecdotes, even the most knowledgeable Londoner is sure to enjoy something new.

Anything else I should know?

TfL manages eight piers along the Thames. This number will increase to nine once the takeover of North Greenwich is complete.

Walk up Primrose Hill

Your reward for reaching the summit – some 78 metres above sea level on the northern side of Regent's Park – is a panoramic view of central London, regarded by many as the best view of the capital.

Where do I start?

Take the Tube to Chalk Farm station and then start walking. The route is less than one mile, but be warned it's not the gentlest of slopes.



What should I be looking out for?

A viewing panel at the top tells you about the buildings in front of you. A copy of the latest glossy magazine will help you to spot the celebrity residents.

Anything else I should know?

Primrose Hill offers a protected view of St Paul's Cathedral.

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