

Oh, what a night!



FOLLOWING the successful launch of the Night Tube, here's a round-up of the weekend's events:

- More than 100,000 people used Night Tube services over its first weekend
- Oxford Circus was one of the busiest stations on Friday with 6,500 customers tapping in while Stratford station saw 4,250 customers tapping out
- Eight new 24-hour bus services launched to ensure customers have more options to get home
- Services cut late-night journey times by an average of 20 minutes

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From pier to eternity

The Thames offers the perfect way to make your journey through the capital. MetroTravel looks at what you can enjoy at some of the main piers.

ALIGHTING at any of the piers along the river will land you within a stone's throw of some of London's most recognisable landmarks. With river bus and tour services running frequently up and down stream, there are plenty of options to enjoy your perfect day on the water.

North Greenwich pier

As an area undergoing a great deal of development and investment, there is plenty to see and do. At the heart of the action is The O2, one of the most iconic live venues in London, which boasts a great array of food and drink options and a cinema.

No trip to North Greenwich would be complete without a flight on the Emirates Air Line. Soaring 90metres over the river, it gives a great vantage point to admire the area. Passengers can also get the best of both worlds with combined tickets to travel on the river bus and cable car.

River services: MBNA Thames Clippers RB1, RB1X and RB5 and Thames RIB Experience speedboat tours.

Canary Wharf pier

The towering skyscrapers of this business hub are one of the most familiar sights on the London skyline. At the heart of it, One Canada Square was once the tallest building in the UK. While it may have lost its title to the Shard, it is still an impressive building and well worth a closer look. As well as the architecture, there are some excellent food and drink offerings in

the wharf to help keep you refreshed for your journey down the river.

Rivers services: MBNA Thames Clippers RB1, RB4 cross river ferry and selected RB6 services.

Tower pier

A must-see stop on any journey down the Thames, this pier offers river passengers the perfect chance to disembark and explore the magnificence of the Tower of London and Tower Bridge. There are also perfect views of City Hall and warship-turned-museum HMS Belfast.

Rivers services: MBNA Thames Clippers RB1 and RB1X, City Cruises river tours and dining cruises and Thames RIB Experience speedboat tours.

Bankside pier

Just past Southwark Bridge, the recently extended Bankside pier is a cultural goldmine. Passengers alighting here can explore Shakespeare's Globe, which stages numerous productions throughout the year. The pier is also just a short walk to the Tate Modern, which houses the best in modern art and recently opened a new extension with many new exhibits.

Rivers services: MBNA Thames Clippers RB1 and RB2, Circular Cruise Westminster river tours and City Cruises circular tour.

Embankment pier

This pier is a gateway to some of London's finest attractions. Passengers are never far from

something to do, with a ten-minute walk to Trafalgar Square where you can explore the sights, take in the National Gallery or enjoy a West End show.

River services: MBNA Thames Clippers RB1, RB1X RB6, Circular Cruise Westminster river tours, Thames RIB Experience speedboat tours and Bateaux London dining cruises.

Westminster pier

Sit back, relax and enjoy fantastic views of London's famous landmarks including Houses of Parliament, Big Ben and the London Eye.

The recently extended pier means now both river bus and river tour services can take you to/from Westminster.

River services: MBNA Thames Clippers RB1, RB1X, RB2, Circular Cruise Westminster and Thames River Services river tours, City Cruises river tours and dining cruises and Thamesjet speedboat tours.

Greenwich Pier

Finding itself at the end of the popular Westminster to Greenwich sightseeing route, this is a key destination.

See the Cutty Sark, the various maritime museums, Greenwich Meantime and Greenwich Park.

River Services: MBNA Thames Clippers RB1, RB1X, City Cruises and Thames River Services river tours.

■ **For more information and to plan your trip on the river, visit tfl.gov.uk/river**



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