

London's river services ride a wave of success



LATEST Transport for London (TfL) figures reveal that river travel is at an all time high.

Nearly five million passengers travelled in the six month period from April to September - the highest number since London River Services was formed in 1999 - showing real progress is being made towards the Mayor's target of 12 million journeys a year by 2020.

To help maintain this momentum TfL has published an updated guide that highlights the services and activities that operate all year round on the River Thames. So, whether it's your daily commute on a fast and frequent River Bus service or a more leisurely trip on a River Tour, you can enjoy it from the warmth and comfort of the many boats that offer a different perspective of the capital.

Andy Thompson, general manager for London River Services, said: 'The River Thames is one of London's greatest assets, so I am so pleased that more and more Londoners and visitors to our city are making the most of the River Bus and River Tours that are available. With ambitious plans over the next seven years I look forward to these services going from strength to strength and attracting more people on to the river.'

In February, the Mayor published his River Action Plan. This document details a £10m programme of improvements designed to increase passenger journeys. Future plans include adding new piers to the river services network, in locations such as Battersea in the west of London and Enderby Wharf in East Greenwich.

Already, passengers are able to benefit from real-time boat arrival information, called iBoat, which is available at London piers, meaning passengers can now more easily plan and time their river journeys.

■ For more information on London's river services, visit tfl.gov.uk/river or pick up one of the new guides from some London River Services' piers and London Underground stations

Transport at a glance

A breath of fresh air



A NEW website has been launched by the Mayor of London to help people find out more about air pollution in the capital and what they can do to help reduce it.

The site includes personalised tools to help Londoners and businesses to play their part in reducing emissions and their exposure to pollution.

It includes data from monitoring stations across the capital, as well as handy hints on easy ways to go green, such as walking or cycling to work, or making more informed choices about helping to improve air quality and reduce exposure to harmful pollutants.

■ For more information, go to www.cleanerairforlondon.org.uk

Improvement works

CHANCERY Lane Tube station will be closed on three consecutive Sundays from this weekend, and between Christmas Day and December 30, while improvement works are carried out.

Walls, floors and tiling will be spruced up and woodwork re-painted at the Central line station. New cables will also be installed to support extra

lighting and a PA system.

Customers are being advised to use Holborn station, which is approximately a 10-minute walk along High Holborn. Alternatively any bus from stop F on High Holborn goes to Holborn.

■ To plan ahead during the works visit tfl.gov.uk/journeyplanner



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