

Night Tube is the Pic of the bunch

The Piccadilly line will become the fifth Night Tube service when it launches tomorrow. MetroTravel takes a look at some of the late-night hotspots along the route.

HERE are just a few stations and corresponding local highlights.

Arsenal

Arsenal Tube station is just minutes from the Emirates Stadium, home to Arsenal Football Club. Finsbury Park is also nearby. Both stations will be familiar to fans of the club, but as well as sport the venue plays host to big-name concerts. Bruce Springsteen, Coldplay and Muse have all performed there in recent years.

King's Cross St. Pancras

Besides the Eurostar, St. Pancras station offers a couple of 24/7 cafés, which can be easily reached via King's Cross St. Pancras station.



Regulars at the area's nightclubs will also appreciate the all-night Piccadilly line.

Covent Garden

It may have begun life as a fruit and vegetable market, but Covent Garden (right) is now crammed with designer boutiques and market stalls selling handmade items, from cards and jewellery to cosmetics and clothing. There are daily street performances, as well as the Royal Opera House and London Transport Museum.

Leicester Square

At the heart of West End theatreland, Leicester Square is home to many late-night bars and clubs. The Piccadilly line joins the Northern line, which already serves the station on Friday and Saturday nights.

Piccadilly Circus

This month will be the final chance to enjoy the iconic neon and LED displays (pictured left), which create one of London's most iconic landmarks, before they are switched off for an upgrade in January. They are best viewed after dark. Piccadilly Circus station is also a stone's throw from Gerrard Street, home to Chinatown, plus a huge choice of places to eat and drink.

Green Park

As well as the boutiques and designer stores of New Bond Street, Green Park is the nearest port of call for many of the capital's most famous Royal Landmarks. Buckingham Palace is on the other side of the park to the Tube station, which is also close to St. James's Palace and Clarence House.

Knightsbridge

Knightsbridge is famed the world over for its high-end shopping, with Harrods (above) and Harvey Nichols among two of its most famous stores. It's also home to some suitably refined dining options, with Heston Blumenthal, Gordon Ramsay and



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Marcus Wareing all having restaurants in the vicinity.

Hammersmith

Eventim Apollo, more commonly known as the Hammersmith Apollo, is one of London's most famous gig venues. Kate Bush played 22 nights there in 2014 for her Before the Dawn run of shows. Hammersmith Tube often gets busy after the venue closes, but this will be eased by the night-time service at weekends.

Heathrow Terminals 2, 3 and 5

Depending on your starting point, one of the downsides of having a 6am check-in at Heathrow is working out how you will get there in the early hours of the morning.

The weekend Piccadilly line service will now stop at Heathrow Terminals 2, 3 and 5. Buses and shuttle trains connect to Terminal 4.

From tomorrow, trains will run between Cockfosters and Heathrow Terminal 5 about every ten minutes throughout the night on Fridays and Saturdays.

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