

Happy birthday Emirates Air Line

LONDON's cable car celebrated its third birthday this weekend.

Opening shortly before the 2012 Games, it gave spectators a unique way to get to events at ExCeL and Greenwich. Three years on, it's become both a popular attraction and a handy way to cross the Thames.

From marriage proposals through to themed events, some interesting stories have emerged:

- It's played host to many famous visitors including HRH Princess Anne, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, tennis player Novak Djokovic and Arsenal football stars Mesut Ozil and Per Mertesacker. Wrestler Hulk Hogan and his entourage



also found it a great way to get to the O2 for a WWE WrestleMania event

- Almost 5.5million passengers have so far experienced cable car's breath-taking views and it is

often referenced as one of London's 'must do' experiences

- For two years in succession the cable car has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence by TripAdvisor. The accolade is given to attractions that consistently earn great reviews (4.5 stars or more out of 5)
- On summer evenings, journey times are extended to give people a 25-minute round-trip allowing more time to enjoy London's spectacular skyline at sunset and after dark. Flights run until 11pm on Fridays and Saturdays and as late as 10pm during the rest of the week
- As the highest observation point over the Thames, some of the sights and attractions that can be seen from the cable car include Canary Wharf, St Paul's

Cathedral, the Shard, The O2, the Thames Barrier, Royal Docks, Maritime Greenwich and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

■ To find out more about tickets and local attractions, visit tfl.gov.uk/emiratesairline



Speed safety trial starts

NEW technology designed to reduce speeds will be trialled on London's buses from next month, as part of work to halve the number of people killed or injured on the city's roads.

The Mayor and TfL have announced that Intelligent Speed Adaptation, an innovative technology that ensures vehicles can't exceed speed limits, will be trialled on 47 London buses in a UK-first.

The trials will take place on routes 19 (Battersea to Finsbury Park) and 486 (North Greenwich to Bexleyheath).

Leon Daniels, managing director of Surface Transport at TfL, said: 'Intelligent Speed Adaptation improves road safety by reducing incidences of speeding for all road users, allowing drivers to focus on looking out for potential issues on the road rather than checking their speed limit. If this trial confirms that this technology could be beneficial to the safety of London's roads, it could be introduced across our bus fleet.'

■ Find out what TfL is doing to improve road safety at tfl.gov.uk/roadsafety



Hailing 150 years of The Knowledge

THE Mayor marked a century and a half since the launch of the world-famous Knowledge test for black cab drivers at City Hall last week.

Meeting new drivers who had just received their taxi badge, the Mayor set out future commitments to the trade. This includes £65million to help

drivers upgrade to the latest zero-emission capable vehicles and to remove the most polluting vehicles from the capital's streets.

The numbers of officers in the TfL Compliance Team will also be doubled, further boosting efforts to tackle illegal minicab activity.

Taking The Knowledge involves memorising 25,000 streets and 100,000 landmarks, within a six mile radius of Charing Cross. Started in 1865, 'The Knowledge of London' is the most advanced and well-known taxi driver test in the world. It has been overseen by TfL since 2000 – before this it was the responsibility of the Metropolitan Police Service.

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