

Dip your toe into river travel

There's more to the capital's transport network than taking the bus or Tube. Set sail and navigate a new commute by making part - or all - of your journey by boat.

MORE people than ever are making the switch to river with 3.8million passengers now travelling by river bus, an increase of half a million since 2014. This year, the figure is expected to rise to more than 4.3million.



It's easy to see why. With stunning views from the Thames, a guaranteed seat and

drinks and snacks available on board, river travel is one of London's most enjoyable ways to travel.

And commuter river services have never

been better. Running from early morning until late evening, five MBNA Thames Clippers services

ferry people between Putney and Woolwich stopping at 20 piers along the way. There's not too long to wait either, with boats departing from major piers as frequently as every 20 minutes. All services are wheelchair accessible and have space for bikes.

In November, London's newest pier opened at Plantation Wharf in Battersea providing an extra stopping point between Putney and Blackfriars.

The route is served by two high-speed catamarans. The ships, called Galaxy Clipper and Neptune Clipper, are the most technically advanced and energy efficient fast ferries in the world. They are

designed to cope with the unique tidal conditions of the River Thames, its shallow reaches and low bridges.

There's a raft of ways to pay - customers can use Oyster pay as you go, buy tickets in advance at www.thamesclippers.com, use the Thames Clippers phone app or buy on the day at a pier ticket office or machine. Regular river bus passengers can make savings of

up to 70 per cent by buying a weekly, monthly or annual season ticket. This can work out as little as £2 per journey. You'll also get exclusive offers from attractions and restaurants and a 15 per cent discount at the Costa Coffee bars on board.

■ For details and timetables, visit www.thamesclippers.com

River bus routes

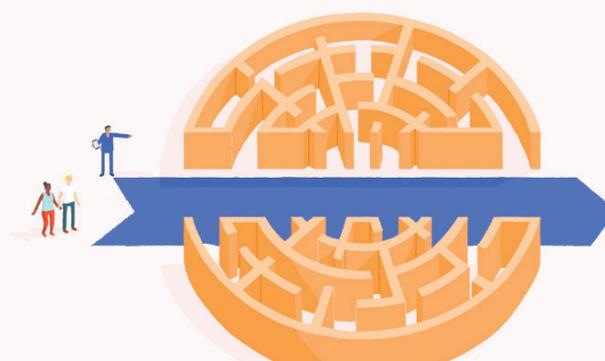
RB1: Embankment to Woolwich

RB2: St George Wharf to Bankside (Tate to Tate)

RB4: Canary Wharf to Doubletree Docklands Nelson Dock

RB5: North Greenwich to Woolwich

RB6: Putney to Blackfriars



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Walking in a winter wonderland

LONDONERS can get fit and enjoy spectacular views of the city by joining one of the free guided walks taking place across the capital this weekend.

The 43 'Winter Wanders' are led by experienced Walk London guides and take in famous landmarks, hidden gems and green parkland. From short strolls to more challenging routes, all walks are free and start and finish within easy reach of public transport.

There are six new walks for this year including a design-led walk to celebrate TfL's Transported by Design programme, which follows the Piccadilly line above ground

from Green Park station to Covent Garden Tube.

■ Find out more about the guided walks near you at www.walklondon.org.uk

Winter Wanders is one of three TfL-sponsored walking weekends held each year to help Londoners enjoy the city's best routes and motivate people to walk more often. Further weekends will take place in May and October.

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