

Night Overground returns on Friday

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Night Overground services between Highbury & Islington and New Cross Gate return this Friday (17 December), making night time journeys faster and easier and providing another safe travel option for thousands of Londoners to get around.

Having been suspended in 2020 due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the Night Overground will now run every 15 minutes throughout the night on Fridays and Saturdays providing an easy interchange with Night Tube services on the Victoria line at Highbury & Islington station and helping link key areas in the city's night-time economy such as Shoreditch, Hoxton and Upper Street in Islington.

Restoring this service will help the 1.6 million people who work at night in London travel around, and will provide another safe transport option for all Londoners.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: "As the Mayor who first opened the Night Overground in 2017, it's great to see the Night Overground returning this weekend, which will make a huge difference for Londoners.

"Returning just in time for the key festive period, this is another milestone in London's recovery, linking up diverse and vibrant areas of the city and offering a quick, easy and safe way to get around."

Rory O'Neill, TfL's General Manager of London Overground, said: "It's great to see the return of Night Overground helping to make it easier for our customers to get around. An extra safe, green and affordable transport option for those working late or enjoying London at night will help all those that need it."

Customers are reminded that Night Tube services on the Central and Victoria lines are set to be disrupted by planned RMT strike action again this Friday night (17 December) and planned 24-hour strike action on the Central, Jubilee, Northern, Piccadilly and Victoria lines will also impact shoppers and those enjoying the city's nightlife from 04:30 on Saturday 18 December. Customers are advised to check before they travel and use buses to complete their journeys where required. Further information will be available ahead of, and during, the strikes at tfl.gov.uk/tube-strike as well as on the TfL Go app, TfL website and Journey Planner.

The RMT is taking this action over new rosters, which TfL says have been agreed by the other recognised union, and mean Tube drivers will be rostered to work up to four night-shift weekends every year, which they'll be able to swap with colleagues as they wish. Talks between TfL and the RMT have been ongoing for months, and TfL remains open to further talks in the hope that strike action at a crucial time for the capital can be called off.

In addition to the returning Night Overground and Night Tube services on the Victoria and Central lines, TfL operates one of the most extensive night bus networks in the world, with more than 100 routes running to ensure everyone can travel around the capital whatever the hour. The Tube continues to operate between approximately 05:30 and 00:30 through central London from Monday to Saturday, and TfL has started running some trains earlier on Sunday mornings to help customers travel at those times. Additionally, licensed and regulated taxis and private hire vehicles provide door to door transport at all times of the day.

The Mayor's Women's Night Safety Charter also sets out guidance for venues, operators, charities, councils and businesses to improve safety at night for women – including better training of staff, encouraging the reporting of harassment and ensuring public spaces are safe. More than 600 organisations are now signed up, with more joining all the time.

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