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Festive Travel Guide

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Over the festive fortnight, public transport runs differently with less people using services to commute to work or education so; we've put together this full guide on festive travel over the festive period.



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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

It couldn't be easier to use this guide in 3 easy steps you can find out how your service is running over the festive period.

- 1) Find the mode of transport you use from the contents below
- 2) Flick to that page in the guide
- 3) Choose your operator and the information you need is there (for last bus times you will need to click the link for your chosen operator or Tweet us @travelnortheast)

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BUSES

Buses are less busy over Christmas & New Year, with less people travelling for work or education so services on most operators are amended over this period. Over the next few pages we will detail, by operator, how each service will be running over the festive period.



21st - 23rd December 2020

Normal service operates on these dates

24th December 2020

Saturday service with the exception of the Tyneside & Northumberland routes 47, 58, 552, 553 and 555, which will run to their full Monday to Friday timetables. Service 685 will also run to a Monday to Friday timetable reducing from around 1800. Services X6, X30 and X85 will not run at all.

Checkout Xmas Eve last bus times by clicking [here](#).

25th December 2020

NO SERVICE OPERATES

26th December 2020

Special service on some routes in Northumberland and Tyne & Wear. [Click here for timetables](#).

There are no services in the Tees Valley or County Durham areas on Boxing Day.

27th December 2020

Normal service on all Arriva routes

28th December 2020

Saturday service, with some exceptions. On service 685, the long journeys between Newcastle, Hexham and Carlisle will operate to a Saturday timetable. The short journeys between Brampton and Carlisle will not run.

29th December 2020

Saturday service except Tyneside & Northumberland routes 47, 58, 552, 553, 555 and 685 will run to normal Monday to Friday timetables.

30th December 2020

Saturday service except Tyneside & Northumberland routes 47, 58, 552, 553, 555 and 685 will run to normal Monday to Friday timetables.

31st December 2020

Saturday service with the exception of the Tyneside & Northumberland routes 47, 58, 552, 553 and 555, which will run to their full Monday to Friday timetables. Service 685 will also run to a Monday to Friday timetable reducing from around 6pm. Services X6, X30 and X85 will not run at all

For last bus times please click [here](#).

1st January 2021

NO SERVICE OPERATES

2nd January 2020

Normal service resumes



21st - 23rd December 2020

Normal service

24th December 2020

Saturday service with services finishing early from 18:00.

To view last bus times click [here](#).

25th December 2020

NO SERVICE OPERATES

26th December 2020

Some services will be running to special timetables, including services 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 10A, 10B, 16A, 20, 21, 26, 27, 35A, 45, 49, 49A, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 60, 61, 97, 311, M6, Q1, Q2, Q3, X1, X5, X21, X30 and X66. No other services operate.

To view timetables for Boxing Day click [here](#).

27th December 2020

Normal Sunday service

28th December 2020

Sunday service will operate

29th December 2020

Saturday service will run with minor exceptions. The late journeys on service 74 won't operate.

30th December 2020

Saturday service will run with minor exceptions. The late journeys on service 74 won't operate.

31st December 2020

Saturday service with services finishing early from 18:00.

To view last bus times click [here](#).

1st January 2021

NO SERVICE OPERATES

2nd January 2020

Normal service resumes



21st - 23rd December 2020

Normal Monday service

24th December 2020

Saturday timetables on most routes, but finishing around 1800.

Tees Flex will not operate.

Service 22 will operate a special timetable, additionally serving Newburn Riverside Park. Service 22X will run a weekday timetable.

For last bus times click your area at the bottom of this page.

25th December 2020

NO SERVICE OPERATES

26th December 2020

No service will operate in Hartlepool or Teesside areas.

A special timetable will run on Services 1, 7, 10/11, 12, 22, 30/31, 36, 38, 39/ 40, 62/63, 100, X47 and X88 only, between approx. 10:00 to 18:00.

A special timetable will run on South Shields & Sunderland Services 3, 4, 10/11, 13, 16, 20, 23 and E2/E6 only, between approx. 10:00 to 18:00.

For special bus times click your area at the bottom of this page

27th December 2020

Normal service on all Stagecoach routes

28th December 2020

Saturday service on most buses.

Service 22 will operate a special timetable, additionally serving Newburn Riverside Park. Service 22X will run a weekday timetable (see below).

29th December 2020

Saturday service on most buses.

Service 22 will operate a special timetable, additionally serving Newburn Riverside Park. Service 22X will run a weekday timetable (see below).

30th December 2020

Saturday service on most buses.

Service 22 will operate a special timetable, additionally serving Newburn Riverside Park. Service 22X will run a weekday timetable (see below).

31st December 2020

Saturday timetables on most routes, but finishing around 1800.

Service 22 will operate a special timetable, additionally serving Newburn Riverside Park. Service 22X will run a weekday timetable.

For last bus times click your area at the bottom of this page.

1st January 2021

No Service Operates

2nd January 2020

Normal service resumes

For last bus times and special & Boxing Day timetables click your area below.

Hartlepool
Newcastle
South Shields
Sunderland
Teesside

Special Timetable For Newcastle Services 22 & 22X

21st - 23rd December 2020

Normal Monday service

24th December 2020

Saturday service with buses finishing around 19:00

The Whitby services will run as normal with the last service being the 17:45 from Whitby to Malton.

25th December 2020

NO SERVICE OPERATES

26th December 2020

NO SERVICE OPERATES

27th December 2020

Normal Sunday service

28th December 2020

Sunday service will operate

29th December 2020

Saturday service will operate

30th December 2020

Saturday service will operate

31st December 2020

Saturday service with buses finishing around 19:00

The Whitby services will run as normal with the last service being the 17:45 from Whitby to Malton.

1st January 2021

NO SERVICE OPERATES

2nd January 2020

Normal service resumes



21st - 23rd December 2020

Saturday service

24th December 2020

Saturday service

25th December 2020

NO SERVICE OPERATES

26th December 2020

NO SERVICE OPERATES

27th December 2020

Saturday service

28th December 2020

Saturday service

29th December 2020

Saturday service

30th December 2020

Saturday service

31st December 2020

Saturday service

1st January 2021

NO SERVICE OPERATES

2nd January 2021

NO SERVICE OPERATES

3rd January 2021

Normal service resumes








TRAINS

Network Rail takes the opportunity over the festive period to complete a wide range of engineering as less people use the network. During this time the following alterations will take place.

Check your train times now and book tickets early as services will be very busy, especially on 23rd and 27th December and potentially dates either side of this as people take advantage of the Covid-19 temporary Christmas Bubble rules to visit family in other parts of the UK. If you do not book your ticket and reserve a seat BEFORE you travel, you maybe refused onto the train. The temporary break on mixing with others, DOES NOT mean that other measures in place to help stop the spread of Covid-19, including social distancing, have been stopped. Social distancing must and will still be a requirement on trains and its important to book ahead to avoid any disappointment.

You can check times and book tickets by clicking here.

	
<p>Trains on the North East to South West Cross Country service will operate an amended timetable over the festive season. Train services will wind down by 20:00, with longer distance trains ending much sooner than normal on Christmas Eve. There are NO TRAINS on Christmas Day or Boxing Day. A limited service will run on New Year's Day. On New Year's Day, there's no trains north or west of Edinburgh Waverley.</p>	<p>Services will be very busy in the run up to Christmas, some trains will run as double seats meaning more seats are available to assist with social distancing. You must have a seat reservation or you will be refused travel. Due to engineering works in London, no Grand Central services will operate between 25th December 2020 and 1st January 2021, with a massively reduced timetable on 24th December & 2nd January.</p>
	
<p>On Christmas Eve services will run as normal and start to finish around 19:00. There are no trains on Christmas Day or Boxing Day in line with the whole rail network. Services will start a bit later on 27th December but then continue as normal until New Years Eve where services will once again finish around 19:00. No services run in the North East on New Years Day. With services returning to normal on 2nd January.</p>	<p>You must have a seat reserved to travel on an LNER service. Services will be extremely busy especially on 23rd & 24th December with services limited. There are no trains on Christmas Day or Boxing Day. Trains will not run to/from London between 27th December to 30th December to allow for engineering works click here for details. Between 31st December & 3rd January there is reduced services to/from London and you should avoid travel if possible.</p>
	
<p>To provide more flexibility during the festive period, all Off-Peak Return tickets will be valid without peak restrictions between Saturday 19th December 2020 and Sunday 3rd January 2021 inclusive. TransPennine Express will not be running services from Thursday 24th December late evening to the morning of Sunday 27th December. Also on Thursday 24th December some services may be amended to terminate early in the journey.</p>	



There are changes to the way the Tyne & Wear Metro will operate due to less passengers using the service and vital engineering work taking place.

Due to potential industrial action, it is best to check before you set off as services are subject to change and you can check the latest at www.nexus.org.uk

21st - 23rd December 2020

Normal service

24th December 2020

Normal weekday service until about 18:00, then hourly (30 mins through Newcastle city centre) until about 23:00 (time depends on destination).

25th December 2020

NO SERVICE OPERATES

26th December 2020

Saturday service will run between approximately 08:00 and 20:00.

Sunderland station will remain closed all day; trains will run through but not stop at Sunderland.

27th December 2020

Normal service on all routes

28th December 2020

Normal service will run without the extra peak time trains

29th December 2020

Normal weekday timetable will run

30th December 2020

Normal weekday timetable will run

31st December 2020

Normal weekday service until about 22:00, then a 30 minute service (15 mins between Pelaw and South Gosforth) until about 23:00 (time depends on destination).

1st January 2021

NO SERVICE OPERATES

2nd January 2021

Normal service resumes

- Christmas Eve train timetable St James-South Shields and Airport-South Hylton
- Christmas Eve train timetable South Hylton-Airport and South Shields-St James
- Boxing Day train timetable St James-South Shields and Airport-South Hylton
- Boxing Day train timetable South Shields-St James and South Hylton-Airport
- New Year's Eve timetable St James-South Shields and Airport-South Hylton
- New Year's Eve timetable South Hylton-Airport and South Shields-St James



COACHES



Megabus will run a reduced service over the festive fortnight with services running on Christmas Day & Boxing Day this year - checkout fares & tickets via our website **www.travelnortheast.co.uk**

Some services WILL run on Christmas Day this year. Services will start later than usual on New Years Day. Checkout full fares & tickets via our website **www.travelnortheast.co.uk**

FERRIES



There are no Shields Ferry services on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Services maybe busier than usual and advance booking is essential to guarantee your service and space on that route. Book tickets now by going via **www.travelnortheast.co.uk**

On Christmas Eve there will be a normal Thursday service.

On Boxing Day ferry services will operate to a Sunday timetable.

The ferry will run to a Sunday timetable on Sunday 27th and Monday 28th December, and normal timetable from Tuesday 29th to Thursday 31st December.

FLIGHTS



Flights to/from Newcastle & Teesside airports will be different over the festive period.

Passengers should check with their airline and book tickets in advance as services will be busy.

You can check out fares for all airlines via our website...

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Merry Christmas

