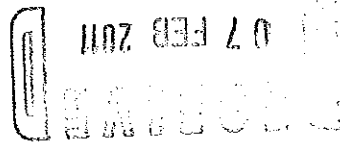


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Dear John

Oyster prices

Thank you for your letter of 24 January on behalf of the Budget and Performance Committee.

I am pleased to provide you with details of the price difference experienced by passengers who have had to change from using a Zone 2-6 Travelcard to using Oyster pay-as-you-go, and comparative information for transport fares in London, elsewhere in the UK and in other world cities.

The information contained within the enclosed document, has been researched and supplied by Transport for London.

Yours ever,

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

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Budget and Performance Committee (11 January 2011)

At this meeting, the Mayor undertook to:

- 1. provide the Committee with some more comparisons of fares in London with the rest of the UK and other comparable world cities.**

Please see the attached Tables 1 and 2

- 2. confirm how much more it costs to use Oyster than the 2 – 6 Travelcard.**

Please see the attached note

The following websites have been used in compiling the data shown in Tables 1 and 2:

<http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/>

<http://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/>

<http://www.spt.co.uk/>

<http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/glasgow/>

<http://www.gmpete.com/>

<http://www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Manchester>

<http://www.nexus.org.uk/>

<http://www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Newcastle>

<http://www.mta.info/>

http://www.ratp.fr/fr/ratp/c_20585/titres-tarifs/

<http://www.kotsu.metro.tokyo.jp/eng/index.html>

<http://www.bvg.de/index.php/en/index.html>

<http://www.emtmadrid.es/>

<http://www.romepage.net/public-transport/tickets-and-passes/113-metrebus-rome-public-transport-and-tickets.html>

<http://www.dublinbus.ie/>

Table 2: Selected bus fares in foreign cities – January 2011

	New York	Paris	Tokyo	Berlin	Madrid	Rome	Dublin
Single	£1.32 (with MetroCard; allows free transfer)	£1.01 (with Carnet; allows free transfer within 90 minutes)	£1.52	£1.18 - £2.53 (allows free transfer)	£0.78 (Rate per trip for 10 trips)	£0.84 (allows free transfer)	£0.42 - £1.85
One Day		£5.14 (includes Metro travel in central area)	£3.80	£5.31 - £5.73 (includes Metro travel)	£5.05 - £10.11	£3.37 (includes Metro travel)	£5.05
7 Day	£18.28 (includes Metro travel)	£15.45 (includes Metro travel in central area)		£22.91 - £28.21 (includes Metro travel)		£13.47 (includes Metro travel)	

Currency conversion rates used: £1=\$1.5862; £1=€1.1875; £1=¥131.45

Notes

1. The comparison in Table 2 is not comprehensive but it is felt to be representative.
2. Unlike in London and most of the UK, free transfers are often offered between buses or to and from metro railway services.

Withdrawal of the Zone 2-6 One Day Travelcards: cost comparison

The All Day version of this ticket cost £9.00 in 2010. Costs using PAYG in 2011 are as follows:

- two PAYG peak single fares for Zones 2-6 will cost £6.80 = 2 x £3.40 if a Train plus Tube journey eg Surbiton to Earls Court is required
- if only a Tube journey eg Heathrow to Earls Court is required, the cost will be £5.00 = 2 x £2.50.

Adding on the cost of 2 bus rides, at £1.30 each, gives a cost for the day of £9.40 = £6.80 + £2.60, with two Train plus Tube journeys assumed. This is an increase of 5%.

If two Tube only journeys plus two bus journeys are assumed, the cost for the day is £7.60 = £5.00 + £2.60. This represents a significant reduction.

The off-peak version of the 2-6 One Day Travelcard cost £5.10 in 2010.

For non-Zone 1 travel, many off-peak PAYG Tube and all Train and Tube plus Train PAYG single fares were frozen in 2011. For off-peak single and return trips outside Zone 1, the new PAYG fares provide good value:

- On the Tube, the off-peak PAYG Zones 2-6 fare is £1.40. This is only 10p more than a bus ride. A return journey between Earls Court and Heathrow at off-peak PAYG fares costs £2.80.
- An off-peak Train plus Tube fare for 3 Zones (Raynes Park to Earls Court, or Abbey Wood to Whitechapel) costs £1.70 and a return £3.40.

Adding on 2 bus journeys costing £2.60, the costs for the day come to £5.40 and £6.00. These costs represent increases of 6% and 18% respectively.

In general, costs fall for those who buy One Day tickets to use as a return. This is the majority of 2-6 One Day buyers. Customers travelling more than this will see their costs broadly unchanged or somewhat increased – by 5%, 6% or 18% in the examples given.