

## Going abroad for Christmas?



A reduced timetable will run between **Victoria** and **Gatwick Airport** from **27 December to 1 January**.

Trains to Gatwick will not run on **Christmas Day** or **Boxing Day**, although a replacement bus will be available on Boxing Day. Please allow extra time for your journey.

Train services to other **London airports** and **St Pancras International** will also be affected by closures, please check your journey before you travel.

If you're travelling into central London, trains will be severely impacted and you will need a plan B. Travel advice available now at:

[ThameslinkProgramme.co.uk/2017](http://ThameslinkProgramme.co.uk/2017)  
and  
[tfl.gov.uk/christmas-travel](http://tfl.gov.uk/christmas-travel)

## Improving the railway

The Thameslink Programme is an infrastructure and new trains investment programme which will increase capacity on one of Europe's busiest stretches of railway.

We've already delivered longer, 12-car trains between Brighton and Bedford, platform lengthening at several stations, track work and upgraded stations at Farringdon and Blackfriars and opened two thirds of the new concourse at London Bridge.

Whilst we still have some work to complete in 2018, this is the last major closure that will affect working days. The remaining work will be completed during evenings and weekends.



### 2018

The new year starts with a new timetable in operation for Southeastern, Southern and Thameslink. Please check your train times.

Also, on 2 January, the remaining part of the lower concourse at London Bridge will open and Southeastern trains to and from Cannon Street will once again stop at London Bridge.

Tickets will no longer be accepted on TfL alternative routes. For more information see [ThameslinkProgramme.co.uk/ticket-acceptance](http://ThameslinkProgramme.co.uk/ticket-acceptance).

Saturday 23 December -  
Monday 1 January

# Christmas line closures

Multiple line closures over the festive period affecting Southeastern, Southern and Thameslink passengers.

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There will be major changes to services over the Christmas and new year period as we continue to transform north-south travel in London as part of the Thameslink Programme. Other train operators are also planning closures and no National Rail services will run on Christmas Day or Boxing Day. Be mindful of how these closures may affect your Christmas shopping and New Year's Eve celebration plans. Please check your journey before you travel.

### Southeastern services

Services will not run to or from Cannon Street, Charing Cross, Waterloo East, London Bridge, Deptford, Greenwich, Maze Hill, Westcombe Park, New Cross and St Johns for the entire period of **23 December to 1 January**.

An amended timetable with a significantly reduced service will operate to Victoria, Blackfriars and Waterloo from **27 December to 29 December**. There will be some additional high speed services to St Pancras International and non high speed tickets will be accepted on these dates.

As well as the closure of stations in the London area, there are changes to all Southeastern trains over the Christmas period, including high speed services. There will be no high speed services running on Boxing Day this year.

Victoria is expected to be very busy, especially at peak times on **27, 28 and 29 December**.

**We strongly suggest that if you can, you avoid travelling at peak times or find a route that avoids Victoria.**

## Central London stations

### Christmas services affected by the Thameslink Programme

	December										January	
	Fr 22	Sa 23	Su 24	Mo 25	Tu 26	We 27	Th 28	Fr 29	Sa 30	Su 31	Mo 1	Tu 2
Blackfriars	✓	x	x	x	x	!	!	!	x	x	x	✓
Cannon Street	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓
Charing Cross	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓
City Thameslink	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓
Farringdon	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓
London Bridge <small>Southern and Thameslink</small>	✓	!	!	x	x	!	!	!	!	!	!	✓
London Bridge <small>Southeastern</small>	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓
St Pancras	✓	!	!	x	x	!	!	!	!	!	!	✓
Victoria	✓	!	!	x	x	!	!	!	!	!	!	✓
Waterloo	✓	!	!	x	x	!	!	!	!	!	!	✓
Waterloo East	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓

x No services    
 ! Amended timetable. Check before you travel    
 ✓ Services running normally



### Thameslink services

Services will not run through central London. Trains will be terminating at Blackfriars, Victoria or London Bridge (from the south) and St Pancras International (from the north) from **23 December to 1 January**.

There will be no Thameslink service at either City Thameslink or Farringdon.

### Southern services

A reduced Southern service will operate to and from London Bridge from **27 December to 1 January**. There will be no train service at Redhill.

Buses will replace trains between Purley and Horley via Redhill and between Redhill and Tonbridge/Reigate. A reduced train service will continue to operate between London, Gatwick and the South Coast but not calling at Redhill.

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Travel advice, including alternative rail and bus options and ticket validity for journeys from your local station, is available now at:  
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