**Worried about the Tube Strikes? Top London attractions are just a short walk away!**

Virgin Trains is encouraging business and leisure visitors to London not to be put off by the impending tube strikes this week. Many business destinations and top attractions are all within walking distance of the rail operators’ Euston and Kings Cross railway stations.

Steve Tennant, Executive Director of Customer Experience, Virgin Trains, said: “Many of our customers will have already planned to be in London next week. Rather than cancel plans, we’re suggesting they consider walking to their destinations, whether they’re here for business or pleasure. Many of the top destinations can be reached easily from Euston or King’s Cross in less than 30 minutes.”

Top destinations near Euston Station, for alighting Virgin Trains West Coast customers:

* + British Museum ([from 14 minutes](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/Euston%2BStation%2C%2BLondon/The%2BBritish%2BMuseum%2C%2BGreat%2BRussell%2BStreet%2C%2BLondon%2BWC1B%2B3DG%2C%2BUnited%2BKingdom/%4051.5230205%2C-0.1302387%2C16z/data%3D%214m14%214m13%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b244f4bbe9b%3A0x9e50eedd53eb7ad8%212m2%211d-0.1321318%212d51.5279629%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b323093d307%3A0x2fb199016d5642a7%212m2%211d-0.1269566%212d51.5194133%213e2?hl=en)) The Museum houses a huge collection of artefacts and art from around the world - free to all visitors. Current highlights include an exhibition on modern art from the Arab World.
* Madame Tussauds ([from 22 minutes](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/Euston%2BStation%2C%2BLondon/Madame%2BTussauds%2BLondon%2C%2BMarylebone%2BRoad%2C%2BLondon/%4051.5260169%2C-0.1481077%2C16z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m14%214m13%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b244f4bbe9b%3A0x9e50eedd53eb7ad8%212m2%211d-0.1321318%212d51.5279629%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761ace52b89d81%3A0x26fdced3c04033a4%212m2%211d-0.1549671%212d51.5228901%213e2?hl=en))
	+ Close to Baker Street, the famous wax museum is located just a short walk from Euston station, with countless figures on display. It remains one of London’s top visitor attractions.
* Trafalgar Square ([from 30 minutes](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/Euston%2BStation%2C%2BLondon/Trafalgar%2BSquare%2C%2BLondon/%4051.5180006%2C-0.1413301%2C15z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m14%214m13%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b244f4bbe9b%3A0x9e50eedd53eb7ad8%212m2%211d-0.1321318%212d51.5279629%211m5%211m1%211s0x487604ce3941eb1f%3A0x1a5342fdf089c627%212m2%211d-0.128069%212d51.508039%213e2?hl=en))
	+ Another of London’s top attractions, Trafalgar Square plays host to Nelson’s Column, alongside numerous commemorative sculptures. Directly adjacent to the square is the National Gallery, a must for art lovers.
* Oxford Street ([from 24 minutes](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/Euston%2BStation%2C%2BLondon/Oxford%2BSt%2C%2BLondon%2C%2BUK/%4051.5219287%2C-0.1445905%2C15z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m14%214m13%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b244f4bbe9b%3A0x9e50eedd53eb7ad8%212m2%211d-0.1321318%212d51.5279629%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761ad554c335c1%3A0xda2164b934c67c1a%212m2%211d-0.1361033%212d51.5158953%213e2?hl=en))
	+ In the heart of the West End, London’s premiere shopping high street, Oxford Street remains an attraction no matter the occasion. Carnaby Street and Regent’s Street are close at hand
* Covent Garden ([from 30 minutes](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/Euston%2BStation%2C%2BLondon/Covent%2BGarden%2C%2BLondon/%4051.5198306%2C-0.1370285%2C15z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m14%214m13%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b244f4bbe9b%3A0x9e50eedd53eb7ad8%212m2%211d-0.1321318%212d51.5279629%211m5%211m1%211s0x487604cb878e81b3%3A0x91f10fa364452046%212m2%211d-0.1232697%212d51.5117321%213e2?hl=en))
	+ Covent Garden in London's West End is a popular destination for visitors and Londoners who enjoy shopping, theatre, restaurants, bars, history and culture. Leicester Square is just a stone’s throw away.

Top destinations near Kings Cross Station, for alighting Virgin Trains East Coast customers:

* British Library ([from 3 minutes](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/kings%2Bcross%2Bstation%2C%2BLondon/The%2BBritish%2BLibrary%2C%2BEuston%2BRoad%2C%2BLondon/%4051.5309918%2C-0.1271438%2C18z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m14%214m13%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b3c10d9c189%3A0x40279507ca170973%212m2%211d-0.1242996%212d51.5316541%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b3b70171395%3A0x18905479de0fdb25%212m2%211d-0.1276759%212d51.5299717%213e2?hl=en))
	+ The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom and the largest library in the world by number of items catalogued. It holds around 170 million items from many countries, in many languages.
* Camden Market ([from 25 minutes](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/kings%2Bcross%2Bstation%2C%2BLondon/Camden%2BMarket%2C%2BCamden%2BHigh%2BStreet%2C%2BLondon/%4051.5366173%2C-0.1385786%2C16z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m14%214m13%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b3c10d9c189%3A0x40279507ca170973%212m2%211d-0.1242996%212d51.5316541%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761ae3fb278791%3A0xb22477c8afb1df2d%212m2%211d-0.143285%212d51.5400171%213e2?hl=en))
	+ Featuring some of London's finest designers, artists and independent sellers, as well as a selection of the best food vendors in the city, Camden Lock is a favourite spot for both locals and tourists.
* Charles Dickens Museum ([from 13 minutes](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/Kings%2BCross%2C%2BLondon/Charles%2BDickens%2BMuseum%2C%2BDoughty%2BStreet%2C%2BLondon/%4051.527211%2C-0.1250062%2C16z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m14%214m13%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b10c73c4dcd%3A0x616f11fed05d6bb9%212m2%211d-0.1225611%212d51.5309004%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b4839bc0997%3A0x330d427e3393c65a%212m2%211d-0.1163028%212d51.5235892%213e2?hl=en))
	+ The museum, restored from Charles Dickens’ London home, holds the world’s most important collection of material relating to the great novelist and social campaigner. The rare books, paintings, photographs and memorabilia on display here give a unique insight into the life and work of the author. Russell Square is nearby
* Sadler’s Wells ([from 18 minutes](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/Kings%2BCross%2C%2BLondon/Sadler%27s%2BWells%2BTheatre%2C%2BRosebery%2BAvenue%2C%2BLondon/%4051.5302081%2C-0.1185128%2C16z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m14%214m13%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b10c73c4dcd%3A0x616f11fed05d6bb9%212m2%211d-0.1225611%212d51.5309004%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b44cf3a4a85%3A0x7be836a0d6d5ccd8%212m2%211d-0.106338%212d51.529258%213e2?hl=en))
	+ Sadler’s Wells Theatre is the world's number one venue dedicated to international dance - presenting dance in all forms from contemporary to flamenco, ballet to hip hop and more.
* St Pancras Renaissance Hotel ([from 4 minutes](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/Kings%2BCross%2C%2BLondon/St.%2BPancras%2BRenaissance%2BLondon%2BHotel%2C%2BEuston%2BRoad%2C%2BLondon/%4051.5301287%2C-0.1252605%2C18z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m14%214m13%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b10c73c4dcd%3A0x616f11fed05d6bb9%212m2%211d-0.1225611%212d51.5309004%211m5%211m1%211s0x48761b3b98a4286d%3A0x98620619b3b670fa%212m2%211d-0.125749%212d51.529752%213e2?hl=en))
	+ Following years of restoration, the St Pancras Renaissance Hotel is one of London’s most iconic and romantic buildings, situated just above the engineering marvel of Kings Cross and St Pancras International rail stations.
* St Paul, Bank and Mansion House
	+ From 38 minutes to St Paul’s, and from 45 minutes to Bank or Mansion House, all three locations can be reached comfortably on foot

TFL has released a downloadable ‘Walking Map’ to help guide those in the capital towards the quickest routes - <https://tfl.gov.uk/cdn/static/cms/documents/walking-map-2015.pdf>.

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**About Virgin Trains**

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Since 1997, Virgin Trains has introduced over 70 new trains at a cost of £1.5 billion. The service carries more than 34.5 million passengers a year and Virgin Trains employs approximately 3,290 staff.

Virgin Trains customers consistently rate the company as one of the top long-distance rail franchise operators in the National Passenger Survey (NPS) commissioned by industry watchdog “Passenger Focus”.

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