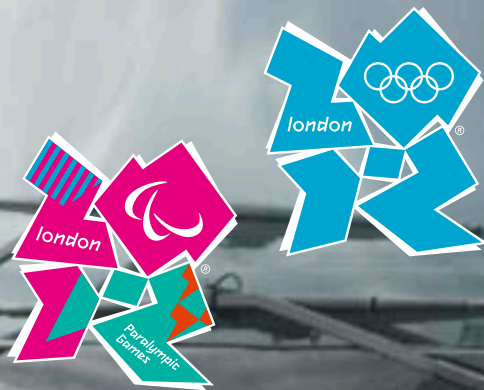


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Bus and coach services
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getting there

Our plans

We estimate that ten per cent of all spectators will travel by bus or coach to the London 2012 Games.

Coach services will be an attractive option for groups wanting to travel together, families and for those who have fewer alternative travel options. They will also be a good option for people with a wide range of disabilities.

We have planned four main types of bus and coach services to cater for these groups. They are:

- direct coach;
- strategic park-and-ride sites;
- venue park-and-ride; and
- venue shuttle service.

Direct coach

We will be providing two main types of direct coach services:

- a pre-bookable service for individual spectators; and
- private charter services that can be pre-booked by groups.

Direct scheduled coaches and buses are most likely to be used by spectators who have bought their event tickets and want to pre-arrange their travel on a convenient and direct service.

Services from East Kent will take spectators to Ebbsfleet where they can take the high-speed Javelin® rail service to the Olympic Park.

Timetabled services will run from throughout the country, taking spectators directly to the Olympic Park and to Weymouth and Portland, where the Sailing events are taking place.

The locations from which these services will originate are currently tentative, and will be confirmed once we have fully assessed and considered spectator demand, and the availability, capacity and cost of alternative services.

As well as scheduled services, we will be catering for charter buses and coaches hired by groups or third parties. Pre-booked permits will be issued to these operators to provide arrival and collection times at venues.



Proposed direct services from East Kent



Proposed longer-distance direct coach services to the Olympic Park

Strategic park-and-ride

Some spectators will want to travel to the Games by car from areas where there are not suitable public transport options. To accommodate this group, three strategic park-and-ride sites are being planned around the M25, north of London.

These sites will be at Redbourne, Hertfordshire, and at the Bluewater and Lakeside shopping malls. These locations have been chosen because of the ease of access, links to local road networks and car parking availability.

Spectators will then be able to travel directly to the Olympic Park on regularly timetabled shuttle buses.

Those parking at Bluewater will be taken to the Javelin® rail service at Ebbsfleet to reach the Olympic Park.

Venue park-and-ride

Local park-and-ride services will be in place for venues outside of London where the transport links are less comprehensive than for London venues.

These services will be at Broxbourne (Canoe Slalom), Eton Dorney (Rowing, Canoe Sprint and Paralympic Rowing), Hadleigh Farm (Mountain Bike Cycling) and Weymouth and Portland (Sailing and Paralympic Sailing).

Venue shuttle service

Shuttle services will run from the venue's nearest public transport hub to the front door of the venue. Shuttle services will be provided at both London and outer London venues where the distance between the main public transport hub for the venue and the venue entrance is too far for an easy walk.

Shuttle service frequency will be determined through the spectator management process and adjusted according to demand for each venue.



Proposed direct coach services to Weymouth and Portland

Bus and coach services to the Games

Getting millions of spectators to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be one of the biggest transport challenges London and the UK have ever faced.

No one wants to miss the sporting action and we are maximising a range of transport options to help make sure everyone gets to their seats on time.

For many, bus and coach services will be a practical and efficient way to get to the London 2012 Games.

Bus and coach services will add flexibility to existing public transport

options. They can be used to get spectators the entire way to a venue, or in combination with other public transport services, such as rail. Services from park-and-ride sites will take those travelling by car the last few miles to the venue.

Most London 2012 bus and coach services will be wheelchair accessible, and a good option for people with a wide range of disabilities.

Bus and coach services will run to the heart of the Games at the Olympic Park in east London, and also to other venues.

16

days of the Olympic Games
27 July – 12 August

11

days of the Paralympic Games
29 August – 9 September

10%

proportion of spectators expected
to travel to the London 2012 Games
by bus or coach



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