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Reiseplan Luton 16.4. – 20.4.2026 (Entwurf)

Datum	Aktivität	Kosten in €
16.04.26	Flug Köln – London Stansted: 8.15 – 8.35 Uhr (Gepäck: 10 kg)	62
16.04.26	Transfer Stansted Airport– London Liverpool Street Station	
16.04.26	Transfer Liverpool Street Station – St Pancras Station (Gepäckaufgabe)	
16.04.26	Ausflug 1 nach London, Einzelheiten siehe unten	
16.04.26	Bahnfahrt St Pancras Station – Luton	
16.04.26	Thistle oder Hilton Spark Hotel Luton (4 Nächte, 2 Personen)	340 bis 385
17.04.26	Centre for Carnival Arts, Hat Factory, Wardown House Luton	
18.04.26	Freizeit, am Abend Konzertbesuch KonzertChor Bergisch Gladbach und Luton Choral Society, St Mary's Church Luton	
19.04.26	Ausflug nach Cambridge, Einzelheiten siehe unten	
20.04.26	Bahnfahrt Luton - St Pancras Station	
20.04.26	Transfer St Pancras – Liverpool Street Station (Gepäckaufgabe)	
20.04.26	Ausflug 2 nach London, Einzelheiten siehe unten	
20.04.26	Transfer Liverpool Street Station – Stansted Airport	
20.04.26	Flug London Stansted – Köln: 16.40 – 19.00 Uhr (Gepäck: 10 kg)	88

DAY TRIP – Luton to London

Totally doable — London from Luton for a day trip is classic, and you can have a great, full-feeling day without rushing..

Getting in (easy + fast)

- **Train from Luton Airport Parkway → London St Pancras**
 - ~25–30 minutes (approx. **£6.70 one-way**)
 - Trains run very frequently
 - From **St Pancras**, you're already central — huge win.
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A Perfect 1-Day London Itinerary (from Luton)

Morning: Royal + Classic London


From St Pancras → Westminster

1 Westminster Area (must-see icons)

Take the Tube (or bus) to **Westminster**.

You'll see, all within a short walk:

- **Big Ben**
- **Houses of Parliament**
- **Westminster Abbey** (go inside if that's high on your list)
 - Walk over **Westminster Bridge** for Thames views

 This is peak postcard London — do it early before crowds swell.

2 St James's Park → Buckingham Palace

- Walk through **St James's Park** (one of London's prettiest parks)
 - Arrive at **Buckingham Palace**
 - Changing of the Guard is fun *if* you catch it, but not essential
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Lunch: Central & Convenient

Good lunch zones nearby:

- **Soho** – endless food options
- **Covent Garden** – lively, tourist-friendly
- **Trafalgar Square area** – pubs, cafés, quick bites

 If you want something classic: a **proper pub lunch** (pie, fish & chips).

Afternoon: See a LOT with Minimal Walking

Ride the famous No. 11 bus

This is honestly one of the best low-effort sightseeing hacks.

Hop on near Westminster or Trafalgar Square, sit upstairs at the front, and you'll pass:

- Whitehall
- Trafalgar Square
- The Strand
- Fleet Street
- **St Paul's Cathedral**
- The City of London

You can ride it end-to-end or hop off wherever looks interesting.

Optional Afternoon Stops (select ONE)

Don't overpack the day — choose your vibe:

Culture

- **British Museum** (free, world-class)
- **National Gallery** (right at Trafalgar Square)

Shopping & buzz

- **Covent Garden** (street performers, boutiques)
 - **Oxford Street / Regent Street**

Scenic walk

- Walk along the **South Bank** (London Eye → Millennium Bridge)
 - Cross to **St Paul's Cathedral**

Evening: Finish Strong

Dinner ideas

- **Soho** – lively, food from everywhere
- **Borough Market** (if not too late)
- **Covent Garden** for atmosphere

Optional wow-moment

- **Sky Garden** (free, but book ahead)
- Or just a sunset walk along the Thames — simple, perfect.

Back to Luton

- Head back to **St Pancras** in the evening
- Trains back to Luton run late and often

Pro Tips

- Use **contactless/Oyster** — no need for paper tickets

Cheap sightseeing from a London bus

The journey from the top deck on a number 11 bus is a cheap means of sightseeing in London.



Best Place to Start or Join No. 11 bus for Sightseeing

Board near Victoria Station (Victoria St / Victoria Coach Station area)

This is the top pick if your goal is “see all the best from the bus”:

- **Victoria** puts you on the bus *right as it enters central London* and soon after you’ll be passing major sights.
 - From here, in order you’ll roughly see (without switching buses):
 - **Westminster Cathedral**
 - **Parliament Square & Big Ben / Palace of Westminster**
 - **Westminster Abbey**
 - **Whitehall Government area**
 - **Trafalgar Square / Strand area**
 - **St Paul’s Cathedral area and the City of London**

All while sitting *on the top deck for the best views*.

Here’s a **mapped sightseeing route** you can follow using **London’s No. 11 bus**. It will take you past tons of iconic spots. This plan mixes **walks between highlights** with the scenic bus ride, so you see the best of central London on foot *and* from the top deck.

📍 Sightseeing Route Using Bus 11

Start at: Victoria Station (walkable to Buckingham Palace and Victoria)

Board the **No. 11 bus toward Waterloo / Fulham Broadway** — this direction passes most central sights.

🗺️ Leg 1 — Westminster & Parliament Area

Board at Victoria Station (or Victoria Coach Station)

Ride past:

- **Westminster Cathedral**
- **Parliament Square** (Big Ben, Palace of Westminster)
- **Westminster Abbey**

Get off at **Westminster station** (*great for photos + short strolls*).

➡ **Short Walk (5–10 min)**

🌿 Walk around **Parliament Square** → Big Ben → **Westminster Bridge** for river views.

🚌 Leg 2 — Whitehall to Trafalgar Square

Get back on the **Bus 11** (same direction):

Ride through **Whitehall** — visible government buildings & war memorials — then pass by **Trafalgar Square** just as you approach the Strand.

🚶 Optional Stop:

Exit the bus at **Trafalgar Square** to explore Nelson's Column, the National Gallery & the buzzing West End area on foot.

🚌 Leg 3 — Strand & City Sights

Re-board No. 11 toward **Waterloo / Fulham** (same bus or next one): you'll travel along the **Strand and Fleet Street**, historic streets full of old architecture and press history.

Ride further into the **City of London** where you'll see:

- **St Paul's Cathedral** (from the bus)
- **Royal Exchange & Bank area**
- **Mansion House**

...and eventually end up near Liverpool Street if you go to the route's end.

🚶 Walkable Extensions (Optional)

1. 🚶 Buckingham Palace

Start your day here before boarding at Victoria:

- From **Victoria Station**, walk (~10 mins) west to Buckingham Palace and the **Mall / St James's Park**.
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2. 🚶 City Explorer Finish

If you stay on to **Liverpool Street Station** (end point):

- Walk around **Spitalfields Market** and **Brick Lane** — great for food, street art, boutiques and coffee.
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🕒 Timing Tips

- **Morning–midday is best** for lighter traffic and clearer photos.
 - The full No. 11 ride from central Victoria through Westminster → City takes around **30–45 minutes** depending on traffic.
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📍 Quick Stops Map Sequence (Board → Walk → Board)

1. **Victoria Station** – board
 2. **Westminster Station** – walk around sights
 3. **Trafalgar Square** – optional exit/explore
 4. **Strand / Fleet Street** – ride through history
 5. **City (St Paul's / Bank / Liverpool St)** – optional end of route
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Luton to Cambridge – Day trip


Getting There & Back

Train (fastest & comfy)

- Round-trip advance tickets can start from ~£18–£40 return if booked in advance.
- Typical journey: 1 h 35 m–2 h each way depending on connections.

Coach (cheapest and direct)

- National Express coach fares often start from ~£10–£25 one-way when booked ahead.
 - Journey time ~1 h 15 m.

 Budget tip: Book both legs early online to snag advance fares.

Sample Day Trip Itinerary

Morning: Arrive & Explore the Heart of Cambridge



Travel: Leave Luton early (train or coach) to reach Cambridge around 9 – 10 am.

Walk around:


- Market Square – historic centre with outdoor stalls
- The Backs & River Cam riverside paths – scenic stroll by colleges (free)

Late Morning: Optional Punting


- Classic Cambridge experience on the River Cam.
 - Shared guided tour: ~£20–£30 pp
 - Self-hire: ~£20–£35 per hour (prices vary a bit by operator)
- If you'd rather keep it free, stick to walking paths along the river — just as lovely without the cost.


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-  Lunch (Market or Cafés)
 -  Cambridge Market Square and nearby streets are full of casual food stalls and affordable cafés.
 - Street food lunch: £8–£15


- Café meal: £12–£20
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 -  Afternoon: Museums & Historic Sights
 - Many Cambridge museums are free to enter:
 - Fitzwilliam Museum – free entry, great art & antiquities
 - Other University museums (e.g., Zoology) – free or small charge
 - Optional paid sights:
- King's College Chapel entry ~£8 adult / £5-£6 child or student (services are free to attend at certain times)
 - Other strolls you can do on foot (free):
 - Mathematical Bridge and surrounding college quads
 - Trinity College courts and the riverside
 - Castle Hill for views

(these are all largely outdoor walking spots)
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 -  Tea or Coffee Break
 - Average café break post-sightseeing: £4–£7
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 -  Late Afternoon
 - Wander Lion Yard / Grand Arcade shopping area (window-shopping or actual purchases)
 - More riverside strolling or relaxing at Jesus Green if the weather's nice.
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 -  Return to Luton
- Head back in the early evening to avoid lateness and pricier return travel.
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