

Travel tips

Seat reservations are free of charge and can be made when you buy a ticket. Many can be reserved up to three hours before the train departs from its origin station. For a more comfortable journey please make a seat reservation.

Making connections need not be a hassle. However there are minimum connecting times which you should check before you buy a ticket. Connections cannot be guaranteed but we will make every effort to minimise disruption to your journey.

International connections are possible from many stations on the Virgin Trains network including Birmingham International, Gatwick, Manchester and Southampton airports and London Euston for Waterloo International.

Luggage can be carried on our trains, however we ask that you bring no more than you can comfortably carry. Arriving in good time at your station, please ensure that you use the overhead luggage compartments as well as the areas between certain rows of seats and that you do not block the aisle.

Bikes and pets may be carried onboard most trains, however you need to make a cycle reservation in advance. Once at the station, please ask where you should wait with your cycle so that you can board quickly. Pets may also be carried. Ask for full details when buying your ticket.

All Virgin Trains services are non smoking

Customers travelling at weekends should note that ongoing route modernisation work may cause last minute changes to this timetable. You are advised to check train times before travelling. See 'Useful numbers & web addresses' for contact details.

For everything you need to know about Virgin Trains products and services visit virgin.com/trains. Check out our *Virgin Trains City Guides, Live Departure Boards and the latest engineering information.*

Lots of other useful travel information including station opening hours and an explanation of our fares is available in our guide 'Travelling with Virgin Trains'. Pick up a copy at your local station.

We wish you a very pleasant journey

Useful numbers & web addresses

Buying a ticket
virgin.com/trains
08457 222 333 (08:00 - 22:00)
FastTicket machines at Virgin Trains and other principal stations.

If buying your ticket onboard, you will only be able to buy full price First Class and Standard tickets when there are facilities available at your station to buy before you board. Railcard discounts are not available when buying your ticket onboard, so please buy your ticket before boarding the train.

Plan ahead and buy in advance to get the best value fares.

Timetable information

National Rail Enquiries 08457 48 49 50 (24 hours)
nationalrail.co.uk
virgin.com/trains
Your local staffed station

Connecting bus services

Call Traveline on 0870 608 2608 for times and details of connecting local bus services

JourneyCare (if you are mobility impaired, or have special needs)
08457 44 33 66
08457 44 33 67 (textphone)

Group travel (for parties of 10 or more)
0870 010 4490

Railway crime - don't ignore it, report it
Call the rail crimewatch hotline on 0800 40 50 40

Lost property

Please contact our Customer Relations team who will be happy to help you (details below).

If you have any comments about Virgin Trains, please let us know by contacting

Customer Relations

0870 789 1234 (national call rates apply)
0121 654 7528 (textphone)
0121 654 7500 (fax)
or write to

Customer Relations, Virgin Trains, PO Box 713, Birmingham, B5 4HH

customer.relations@virgintrains.co.uk

If you have a complaint and are not satisfied with the response you receive, please contact the Secretary of your local Rail Passengers Committee on 08453 022 022 or the London Transport Users Committee. Addresses can be found at your local station or in the telephone directory.

VT7 London-Manchester

Mondays to Fridays

Table with 28 columns (London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly) and 18 rows (Special features, Period of operation, London Euston, Watford Junction, Milton Keynes Central, Rugby, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield Trent Valley, Stafford, Crewe, Wilmslow, Stoke-on-Trent, Macclesfield, Stockport, Manchester Piccadilly). Includes special features icons and route color coding.

All direct Virgin Trains services are highlighted by the route-coloured background

Mondays to Fridays continued

Continuation of the Monday-Friday table with 28 columns and 18 rows, including special features icons.

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Saturdays

Table for Saturday services with 28 columns and 18 rows, including special features icons.

Saturdays continued

Continuation of the Saturday table with 28 columns and 18 rows, including special features icons.

Sundays

Table for Sunday services with 28 columns and 18 rows, including special features icons.

Notes

- a Arrival time
c By Rail replacement coach via Coventry
d Departure time
e Until 7 May
h By Rail replacement coach via Birmingham International
s Stops to set down only
u Stops to pick up only
w Departs three minutes later from 14 January until 26 March; stops to pick up only

Period of operation

- A Until 24 March
B From 27 March
C Runs via the West Midlands (VTS timetable)
D Until 25 March
E From 1 April
G Until 26 March
H From 2 April
J Also calls Northampton 1026
K Until 8 January and from 14 May
N 15 January to 7 May
Q Until 8 January
U 15 January to 26 March



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For the full Virgin Trains service between London Euston & Crewe, please refer to the London to Crewe Summary Guide available at all stations served along the route.

The following Rail replacement coaches operate until 26 March 2006

Mondays to Fridays

WILMSLOW - CREWE
Wilmslow 0540 0718 0818 0918 1018 Then hourly at 18 minutes 1618 1655 1718 1818 Then hourly at 18 minutes 2218
Crewe 0648 0808 0908 1008 1108 past the hour until 1708 1803 1808 1908 past the hour until 2308

CREWE - WILMSLOW

Crewe 0530 0640 0740 0805 0840 0940 Then hourly at 40 minutes 1640 1700 1740 1840 1940 2040 2140 2240
Wilmslow 0640 0730 0830 0915 0930 1030 past the hour until 1730 1810 1830 1930 2030 2130 2230 2330

WILMSLOW - MACCLESFIELD

Wilmslow 0505 0630 0755 0935 1130 1330 1530 1710 1830 1935 2035
Macclesfield 0530 0655 0825 1000 1155 1355 1555 1735 1855 2000 2100

MACCLESFIELD - WILMSLOW

Macclesfield 0725 0905 1010 1210 1410 1610 1740 1905 2005 2140 2310
Wilmslow 0750 0930 1035 1235 1435 1635 1805 1930 2030 2205 2335

Saturdays

WILMSLOW - CREWE
Wilmslow 0540 0718 0818 0918 1018 Then hourly at 18 minutes 2218
Crewe 0648 0808 0908 1008 1108 past the hour until 1708 1803 1808 1908 2308

CREWE - WILMSLOW

Crewe 0530 0640 0740 0805 0840 0940 Then hourly at 40 minutes 2240
Wilmslow 0640 0730 0830 0915 0930 1030 past the hour until 1730 1810 1830 1930 2030 2130 2230 2330

WILMSLOW - MACCLESFIELD

Wilmslow 0505 0630 0755 0935 1130 1330 1530 1710 1830 2005
Macclesfield 0530 0655 0825 1000 1155 1355 1555 1735 1855 2030

MACCLESFIELD - WILMSLOW

Macclesfield 0840 1030 1240 1440 1630 1740 1935 2135 2235 2335
Wilmslow 0905 1055 1305 1505 1655 1805 2000 2200 2300 2359

Sundays

WILMSLOW - CREWE
Wilmslow 0950 1150 1550 1950
Crewe 1058 1258 1658 2058

CREWE - WILMSLOW

Crewe 1130 1530
Wilmslow 1240 1640

WILMSLOW - MACCLESFIELD

Wilmslow 0930 1030 1130 1230 1430 1630 1830 2000
Macclesfield 0955 1055 1155 1255 1455 1655 1855 2025

MACCLESFIELD - WILMSLOW

Macclesfield 1330 1520 1730 1930 2030 2135 2235 2340
Wilmslow 1355 1545 1755 1955 2055 2200 2300 0005

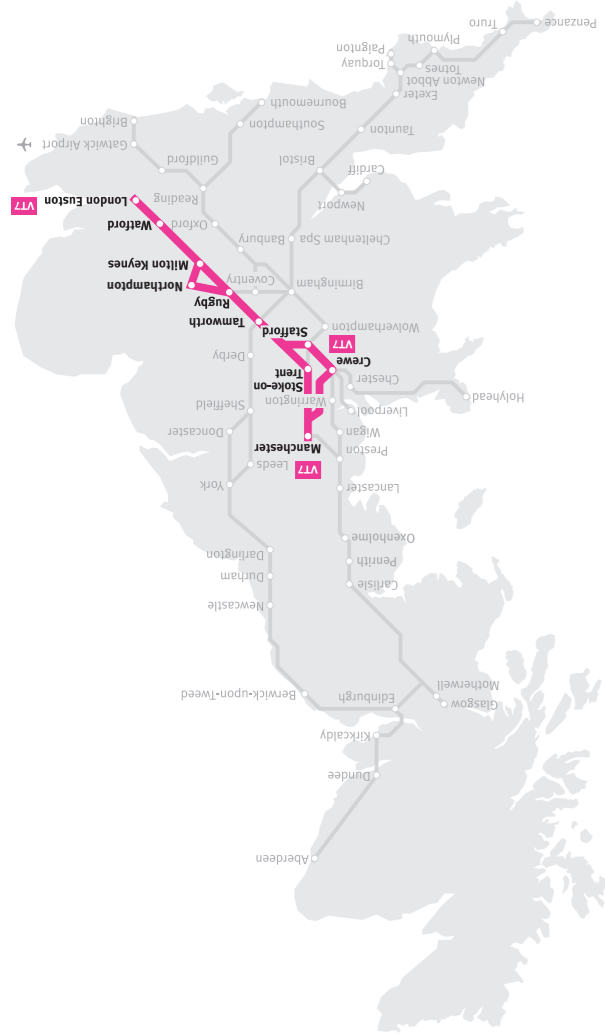
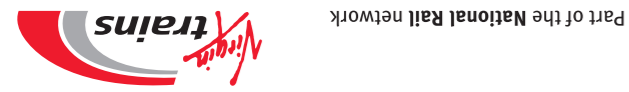
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Boarding your train at London Euston

To ensure that our trains get away safely, and on time, the barriers at Euston close two minutes before departure

Take a seat!

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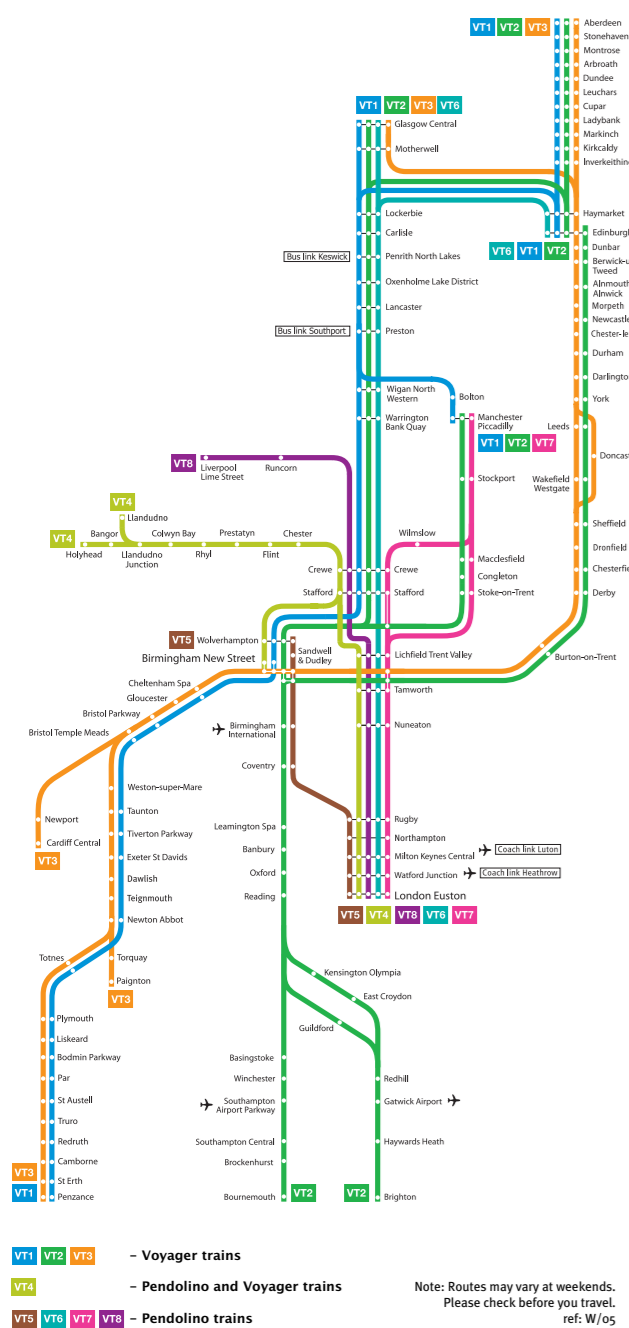


London-Manchester via Stoke-on-Trent or Crewe

11 December 2005 - 10 June 2006

Virgin Trains Route timetable

Virgin Trains Network Regular services



Legend for routes: Voyager trains, Pendolino and Voyager trains, Pendolino trains. Note: Routes may vary at weekends. Please check before you travel. ref: W/05

VT7 Manchester-London

Mondays to Fridays

Table showing train times for Mondays to Fridays from London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly via Stoke-on-Trent or Crewe. Includes special features like CR, B, A, and various service codes.

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Mondays to Fridays continued

Continuation of the Monday to Friday timetable, showing times from Manchester Piccadilly to London Euston.

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Saturdays

Table showing train times for Saturdays from London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly via Stoke-on-Trent or Crewe.

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Saturdays continued

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Sundays

Table showing train times for Sundays from London Euston to Manchester Piccadilly via Stoke-on-Trent or Crewe.

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Understanding this timetable

Below is an explanation of the information that you will find on the pages of this timetable. You will need to refer to the notes alongside the timetable for an explanation of the symbols and code letters used.

Mondays to Fridays

- Special Features
Period of operation

Small table showing specific train times and codes for Monday to Friday services.

Note: stations and times shown are examples only.

- Our timetables are divided into Mondays-Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays as services vary between them. When our services are seriously affected by prolonged engineering works you may find that there are two different sets of times for some days of the week. Please check that you are reading the right one for the day that you intend to travel.
Special features include catering arrangements onboard and substitute route services during engineering work. See the notes and special features sections for an explanation of the symbols used in this timetable.
Period of operation highlights any services that run for only part of the time period covered by this timetable or any additional station stops not listed. See the notes section for an explanation of the letters used in this timetable.

- Stations along the route are listed on the left side of timetable. Where a timetable is wide, they are repeated on the right side to make it easier to relate times to stations.
The train stops here at the time shown.
You will need to change trains to arrive or depart here at the time shown. The note (e.g. 'm') beside the time indicates where you need to change.
The train does not stop here and there is no connecting service.
The letters 'a' and 'd' indicate arrival and departure times. Sometimes there may be a significant difference between them e.g. the 10 minute wait at Crewe shown in the second column.
Complimentary breakfast and Primo service served to customers in First Class joining at stations shaded in the relevant, darker route colour.

Notes

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d Departure time
e Departs one minute later from 2 April
h By Rail replacement coach from Birmingham International
j Stops to set down only; arrives one minute earlier from 14 January until 6 May
n Until 7 May
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Period of operation

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B From 27 March
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D Also calls Northampton 1615
E Until 7 January and from 13 May
G 14 January to 6 May
H Until 7 January
J From 14 January
K Continues to Wolverhampton 2113 and Birmingham New Street 2138 (2137 from 1 April)
L Until 26 March
N From 2 April
Q Until 8 January
R Breakfast service available for customers travelling to Watford Junction or London Euston
U 15 January to 26 March
X From 15 January
Y Continues to Wolverhampton 2107 and Birmingham New Street 2130



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