



How will people travel to the Olympics from outside the capital?

The aim of the Games organisers is to make the games 100% accessible by public transport. The Docklands light railway and London Underground's East London line are being upgraded to allow easy access to Stratford and the Olympic site. A new 'Javelin Train' service running from Kings Cross St. Pancras station to Stratford will carry 25 000 people an hour and take 7 minutes (the journey currently takes about 30 minutes). This new high speed train link will allow passengers from the Midlands and north of England entering London to be at the Olympic Park within minutes. The Javelin service will also operate between Stratford and the Channel Tunnel rail link at Ebbsfleet in Kent, allowing visitors from mainland Europe to travel directly to the Olympic Park without traveling through central London. A park and ride system will also be in place from outside the M25 bringing in spectators to the Olympic site without causing travel problems.

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How will it the following people to get to the games? Can you work out how far they will travel and how long it would take?

- A family travelling by train from Manchester Piccadilly to Kings Cross, and on to the Olympic park by the Javelin train.
- Two students living in York who will travel by train to London and onwards to the Olympic site.
- What travel advice would you give to a family wanting to visit the Olympics from Newcastle?

Use these Websites to help with calculations

<http://www.london-2012.co.uk/Olympic-Javelin/>

<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

How easy is it for people living outside London to get to the Olympic sites?

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