

## **Moving around**

Like the great explorers of olden times, when we first arrive to a foreign country the first thing that comes to our mind is adventure! You arrive at the United Kingdom, there are sights you want to see, Queens you want to meet, and fish chips you want to eat, so how do you get on about it? There are a two suggested options. Let's just assume that we are traveling from Lancaster to London on the following example

### **Trains**

In my experience trains are the fastest and most convenient way of traveling. It gets you from point A to point B without any major hassles. From Lancaster to London is a mere 2.5 hour ride. The only problem encountered regarding this method of transportation is the cost. For some reason train tickets cost a small fortune. This Lancaster to London trip will cost you a whopping £80 (around \$4,000 NTD) per single trip. If you are in a hurry or simply have the money to splurge, then this is your way to go. If you feel like you will be a frequent train traveler I also suggest the purchase of a 16-25 rail card. To be eligible for this card the person must be age 16-25 or be a full time student if you are over 25. This card is a yearly pass and requires the payment of £30. But this is a small fee considering that you will get 1/3 off all train rides, making it really easy to earn that initial payment back.

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## Coaches

Coaches are basically just a glorified name for long distance buses. This is the more economic version of traveling around. The same trip from Lancaster to London would only cost an average of £6-£15 depending on how long in advance you book the ticket. The only downside to this method of travel is the amount of time each trip takes. Depending on the time you take the bus, the 2.5 hour train trip will lengthen into a 6-8 hour coach ride. The seats are somewhat more cramped as well. But comparing the prices, I don't think there is much to complain about; you get what you pay for. The two dominant coach service companies are National Express and Megabus.

National Express: <http://www.nationalexpress.com/home.aspx>

Megabus: <https://uk.megabus.com/>