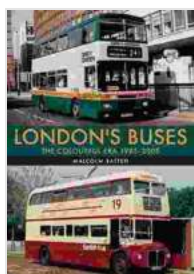


# London Buses: The Colourful Era 1985-2005

The period from 1985 to 2005 was a vibrant and transformative era for London buses. During this time, the iconic Routemaster bus gradually gave way to a new generation of modern and colorful vehicles, each with its own unique character and charm.



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## The Routemaster: A London Icon

The Routemaster bus is synonymous with London and remains a beloved symbol of the city. First introduced in 1956, the Routemaster was a double-decker bus with an open rear platform and a distinctive red and cream livery. Its unique design allowed passengers to hop on and off the bus while it was in motion, a feature that made it particularly well-suited to London's busy streets.



The Routemaster gradually began to be phased out in the 1980s as London Transport sought to modernize its fleet. However, the bus remained popular with both passengers and enthusiasts alike, and a small number of Routemasters continued to operate on certain routes until 2005.

## **The New Generation**

In the 1980s, London Transport began to introduce a new generation of buses to replace the Routemaster. These buses were more modern and efficient, and they featured a range of new colors and designs.

- **Leyland Titan:** The Leyland Titan was a double-decker bus that was introduced in 1985. It was the first bus to be designed specifically for London Transport since the Routemaster.
- **Dennis Trident:** The Dennis Trident was a low-floor double-decker bus that was introduced in 1997. It was the first bus to be fully accessible to wheelchair users.
- **Volvo Olympians:** The Volvo Olympians were a single-decker bus that was introduced in 1994. They were known for their reliability and fuel efficiency.
- **Alexander Dennis Enviro 400:** The Alexander Dennis Enviro 400 was a low-floor double-decker bus that was introduced in 2005. It was one of the first buses to feature a hybrid engine.



The new generation of London buses introduced in the 1980s and 1990s.

These new buses brought a splash of color to the streets of London. They were available in a range of colors, including red, blue, green, yellow, and purple. This made them easy to spot from a distance, and it helped to create a more vibrant and cheerful atmosphere on the streets.

### **The End of an Era**

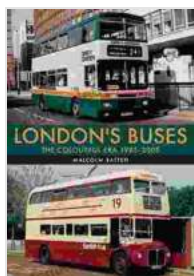
The year 2005 marked the end of an era for London buses. In that year, the last Routemaster buses were withdrawn from service, and the new generation of buses took over completely.

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Today, the Routemaster bus remains a beloved icon of London, and it can still be seen operating on certain heritage routes. The new generation of buses that replaced the Routemaster have continued to evolve, and they now offer a wide range of features and amenities to passengers.

The colorful era of London buses from 1985 to 2005 is a reminder of the city's rich transport history. It is a time that is fondly remembered by many, and it continues to inspire new generations of bus enthusiasts.



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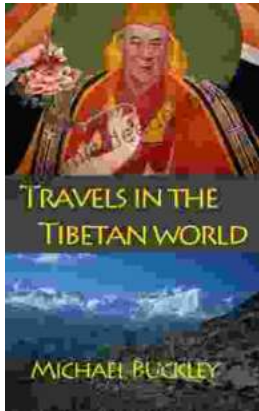
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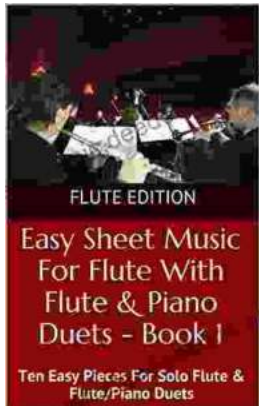
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