

Headlines: Looking at just rail journeys from Cambridge within East Anglia (and to London) some day fares (usually less than £5) have not increased at all. No day fares have increased by more than 80p. Regulated fares rise by 1.9%. Rail press releases say that the average fare increase is 2.3% and the figures below agree.

		Anytime Day Return			Off-Peak Day Return			£ Increase		O/P
		2016	2017	% Chg	2016	2017	% Chg	Any	O/P	v Any
Cambridge [CBG]										
<i>Line to King's Cross (Great Northern [GTR])</i>										
FXN	Foxton	£5.00	£5.00	N/C	£4.50	£4.50	N/C	£0.00	£0.00	90%
STH	Shepreth	£5.00	£5.00	N/C	£4.50	£4.50	N/C	£0.00	£0.00	90%
MEL	Meldreth	£5.00	£5.00	N/C	£4.50	£4.50	N/C	£0.00	£0.00	90%
RYS	Royston	£7.30	£7.40	1.4%	£6.10	£6.20	1.6%	£0.10	£0.10	84%
AWM	Ashwell and Morden	£8.60	£8.70	1.2%	£7.90	£8.00	1.3%	£0.10	£0.10	92%
BDK	Baldock	£11.00	£11.20	1.8%	£9.60	£9.70	1.0%	£0.20	£0.10	87%
LET	Letchworth	£12.10	£12.30	1.7%	£9.60	£9.70	1.0%	£0.20	£0.10	79%
HIT	Hitchin	£12.10	£12.30	1.7%	£10.90	£11.10	1.8%	£0.20	£0.20	90%
SVG	Stevenage	£13.30	£13.50	1.5%	£12.60	£12.80	1.6%	£0.20	£0.20	95%
WLW	Welwyn North	£18.60	£18.90	1.6%	£17.40	£17.70	1.7%	£0.30	£0.30	94%
WGC	Welwyn Garden City	£18.60	£18.90	1.6%	£17.40	£17.70	1.7%	£0.30	£0.30	94%
HAT	Hatfield	£18.60	£18.90	1.6%	£17.40	£17.70	1.7%	£0.30	£0.30	94%
AAP	Alexandra Palace	£35.60	£36.20	1.7%	£24.40	£24.80	1.6%	£0.60	£0.40	69%
FPK	Finsbury Park	£35.60	£36.20	1.7%	£24.40	£24.80	1.6%	£0.60	£0.40	69%
KGX	King's Cross	£39.80	£40.50	1.8%	£24.20	£24.60	1.7%	£0.70	£0.40	61%
<i>Line to Liverpool Street (Greater Anglia [Abellio])</i>										
SED	Shelford	£3.80	£3.90	2.6%	£3.60	£3.70	2.8%	£0.10	£0.10	95%
WLF	Whittlesford Parkway	£5.90	£6.00	1.7%	£5.70	£5.80	1.8%	£0.10	£0.10	97%
GRC	Great Chesterford	£7.10	£7.20	1.4%	£7.00	£7.10	1.4%	£0.10	£0.10	99%
AUD	Audley End	£8.60	£8.70	1.2%	£8.40	£8.50	1.2%	£0.10	£0.10	98%
SSD	Stansted Airport	£15.00	£15.20	1.3%	1M £14.90	£15.10	1.3%	£0.20	£0.20	99%
BIS	Bishop's Stortford	£12.90	£13.10	1.6%	£12.80	£13.00	1.6%	£0.20	£0.20	99%
BXB	Broxbourne	£20.90	£21.10	1.0%	£17.60	£17.90	1.7%	£0.20	£0.30	85%
CHN	Cheshunt	£20.90	£21.10	1.0%	£17.60	£17.90	1.7%	£0.20	£0.30	85%
TOM	Tottenham Hale	£35.40	£36.00	1.7%	£21.30	£21.70	1.9%	£0.60	£0.40	60%
LST	Liverpool Street	£36.30	£36.90	1.7%	£21.30	£21.70	1.9%	£0.60	£0.40	59%
<i>Line to King's Lynn (Great Northern [GTR] plus some Greater Anglia [Abellio] services; AXC and EMT call at Ely)</i>										
WBC	Waterbeach	£3.30	£3.30	N/C	£2.60	£2.60	N/C	£0.00	£0.00	79%
ELY	Ely	£6.80	£6.90	1.5%	£4.50	£4.50	N/C	£0.10	£0.00	65%
LTP	Littleport	£8.60	£8.70	1.2%	£7.30	£7.40	1.4%	£0.10	£0.10	85%
DOW	Downham Market	£12.10	£12.30	1.7%	£10.40	£10.50	1.0%	£0.20	£0.10	85%
WTG	Watlington	£12.70	£12.90	1.6%	£10.40	£10.50	1.0%	£0.20	£0.10	81%
KLN	King's Lynn	£12.70	£12.90	1.6%	£10.40	£10.50	1.0%	£0.20	£0.10	81%

Line to Peterborough (Greater Anglia [Abellio]; Arriva Cross Country calls at March and Peterborough)

MNE	Manea		£11.40	£11.60	1.8%		£11.40	£11.60	1.8%	£0.20	£0.20	100%
MCH	March		£15.50	£15.70	1.3%		£13.00	£13.20	1.5%	£0.20	£0.20	84%
WLE	Whittlesea		£18.20	£18.50	1.6%		£17.80	£18.10	1.7%	£0.30	£0.30	98%
PBO	Peterborough		£19.30	£19.80	2.6%		£17.80	£18.10	1.7%	£0.50	£0.30	91%

Line to Norwich (Greater Anglia [Abellio]; East Midlands Trains calls at Thetford and Norwich)

BND	Brandon		£14.70	£14.90	1.4%		£12.80	£13.00	1.6%	£0.20	£0.20	87%
TTF	Thetford		£18.30	£18.60	1.6%		£13.00	£13.20	1.5%	£0.30	£0.20	71%
WMD	Wymondham	1M	£35.40	£36.00	1.7%		£17.30	£17.80	2.9%	£0.60	£0.50	49%
NRW	Norwich	1M	£38.10	£38.80	1.8%		£17.40	£17.70	1.7%	£0.70	£0.30	46%

Line to Cromer/Sheringham (Greater Anglia [Abellio] only from Norwich)

HXM	Hoveton and Wroxham	1M	£39.00	£39.70	1.8%		£17.80	£18.10	1.7%	£0.70	£0.30	46%
NWA	North Walsham	1M	£42.30	£43.10	1.9%		£17.80	£18.10	1.7%	£0.80	£0.30	42%
CMR	Cromer	1M	£42.30	£43.10	1.9%		£17.80	£18.10	1.7%	£0.80	£0.30	42%
SHM	Sheringham	1M	£42.30	£43.10	1.9%		£17.80	£18.10	1.7%	£0.80	£0.30	42%

Line to Great Yarmouth (Greater Anglia [Abellio] only from Norwich)

BDA	Brundall	1M	£38.10	£38.80	1.8%		£17.40	£17.70	1.7%	£0.70	£0.30	46%
GYM	Great Yarmouth	1M	£39.20	£39.90	1.8%		£17.80	£18.10	1.7%	£0.70	£0.30	45%

Line to Lowestoft (Greater Anglia [Abellio] only from Norwich)

REE	Reedham	1M	£37.60	£38.30	1.9%		£18.00	£18.30	1.7%	£0.70	£0.30	48%
LWT	Lowestoft	1M	£37.60	£38.30	1.9%		£18.00	£18.30	1.7%	£0.70	£0.30	48%

Line to Ipswich (Greater Anglia [Abellio])

DUL	Dullingham		£7.70	£7.80	1.3%		£6.00	£6.10	1.7%	£0.10	£0.10	78%
NMK	Newmarket		£8.60	£8.70	1.2%		£7.10	£7.20	1.4%	£0.10	£0.10	83%
KNE	Kennett		£11.40	£11.60	1.8%		£8.80	£8.90	1.1%	£0.20	£0.10	77%
BSE	Bury St Edmunds		£14.80	£15.00	1.4%		£10.80	£11.00	1.9%	£0.20	£0.20	73%
TRS	Thurston		£16.10	£16.40	1.9%		£13.30	£13.50	1.5%	£0.30	£0.20	82%
ESW	Elmswell		£17.50	£17.80	1.7%		£14.60	£14.80	1.4%	£0.30	£0.20	83%
SMK	Stowmarket		£18.50	£18.80	1.6%		£15.90	£16.20	1.9%	£0.30	£0.30	86%
NMT	Needham Market		£18.50	£18.80	1.6%		£15.90	£16.20	1.9%	£0.30	£0.30	86%
IPS	Ipswich		£20.90	£21.20	1.4%		£17.30	£17.60	1.7%	£0.30	£0.30	83%

Line to Felixstowe (Greater Anglia [Abellio])

WFI	Westerfield		£20.90	£21.20	1.4%		£17.30	£17.60	1.7%	£0.30	£0.30	83%
FLX	Felixstowe		£20.90	£21.20	1.4%		£17.30	£17.60	1.7%	£0.30	£0.30	83%

Line to Lowestoft (from Ipswich) (Greater Anglia [Abellio])

WDB	Woodbridge		£20.90	£21.20	1.4%		£17.30	£17.60	1.7%	£0.30	£0.30	83%
SAX	Saxmundham		£24.90	£25.30	1.6%		£17.80	£18.10	1.7%	£0.40	£0.30	72%
HAS	Halesworth		£26.20	£26.60	1.5%		£17.80	£18.10	1.7%	£0.40	£0.30	68%
BCC	Beccles		£26.20	£26.60	1.5%		£17.80	£18.10	1.7%	£0.40	£0.30	68%

Line to South of Ipswich (not via London) (Greater Anglia [Abellio])

COL	Colchester		£27.10	£27.60	1.8%	1M	£25.80	£26.20	1.6%	£0.50	£0.40	95%
CHM	Chelmsford		£37.30	£38.00	1.9%	1M	£35.40	£36.00	1.7%	£0.70	£0.60	95%
CLT	Clacton		£33.20	£33.80	1.8%	1M	£33.20	£34.50	3.9%	£0.60	£1.30	102%

Fares collated by *Railfuture* . Discounts can be obtained by using a railcard. Season tickets between one week and one year give unlimited travel between two stations, some at a substantial discount.

Notes:

- 1 Fares shown are for adults in standard class. On Greater Anglia there may be an even cheaper super off-peak day return but this is not shown. Likewise, for Great Northern equivalents at the weekend and on bank holidays.
- 2 Journeys in the opposite direction (i.e. where Cambridge is the destination not the origin) will usually have the same fares but there may be rare exceptions.
- 3 Fares increase the longer the journey but some adjacent stations have the same fare. The peak and off-peak fares do not always change at the same stations (e.g. Baldock to Hitchin).
- 4 Where a day return (cheaper) fare does not exist the one-month return is shown - marked as "1M".
- 5 Only Manea is and Clacton in the above list do not have an off-peak fare.
- 6 These walk-on fares are set by one operator. The operator that sets the fares isn't necessarily the one that runs the most trains (or indeed any trains at all).
- 7 Passengers can save money on some 'Anytime Return' fares (i.e. where there is not 'Anytime Day Return' fare by splitting their tickets (e.g. at Thetford for morning peak time journeys to Norwich).
- 8 Long-distance journeys such as York, Leeds, Newcastle, Edinburgh are not shown since many people purchase heavily discounted 'Advance' tickets.

This document does not consider the fairness of fares but clearly it shows some examples where peak-time travel should be avoided unless absolutely necessary as the difference is large.

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