Advice and guidance on how to travel from airports closest to your campus

TOP TIPS for travel in the UK

- Always try booking your travel tickets in advance for cheaper fares and to avoid queueing or tickets being sold out.
- The vast majority of service providers have their own mobile apps which makes booking quick and easy.
- Book your train tickets online https://www.thetrainline.com or https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/
- Book your coach tickets online https://www.nationalexpress.com/en
- Book your train and bus tickets online https://www.omio.com
- Government Guidance Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers
BIRMINGHAM

How to get from Birmingham Airport (BHX) to Birmingham city centre

Birmingham Airport is located 8 miles east of Birmingham city centre. It is quick and easy to get to the city centre and there are a few direct transport options you can consider.

1. **Train** from Birmingham Airport

   Birmingham International railway station is directly linked to the airport terminals by SkyRail. The SkyRail is free, runs every 2 minutes and will take you to the train station in less than 2 minutes.

   **Cost:** You can buy your train tickets at the station right before you enter the platforms. It is typically £3.20 for an off-peak single ticket but the price might be slightly higher during peak times. Off-peak is usually any time excl. mornings and late afternoons/early evenings Monday-Friday. Please note that there are no trains at night.

   **Journey time:** it is a 10 to 15-minute train journey from Birmingham International station to Birmingham New Street station.

2. **Coach** from Birmingham Airport

   **National Express** coach service between Birmingham Airport and Birmingham Coach Station (Mill Ln, Birmingham B5 6DD) operates throughout the day and night.

   **Cost:** single journey costs around £4.10 + £1 booking fee

   **Journey time:** around 25 minutes, depending on the traffic.

3. **Taxi** from Birmingham Airport

   There is an official taxi rank outside the Airport Passenger Terminals. Black Cabs provide a 24h service. Alternatively, you can order an Uber/Ola cabs or call one of the following numbers:

   TOA Taxis, +44 (0) 121 427 8888
   Castle Cars, +44 (0) 121 472 2222
   Ambassador Cars, +44 (0) 121 444 1111

   **Cost:** from £35 to the city centre

   Uber or Ola Cabs are another option for an on-demand taxi service. They can be slightly cheaper than other taxi services, however, it may vary on the distance and time of the day.
**Journey time:** approximately 30 minutes to Birmingham City centre depending on the traffic.
NOTTINGHAM

How to get from East Midlands Airport (EMA) to Nottingham city centre

East Midlands Airport is located 13 miles northeast from the centre of Nottingham.

1. Taxi from East Midlands Airport to Nottingham city centre

Arrow Cars is the official taxi partner at East Midlands Airport. Arrow Cars pick-up and drop-off points are located right in front of the terminal. The service is available 24/7.

There are several ways to book this service:
- Online
- Through a mobile app for Apple or Android
- Phone +44 (0) 1332 814000
- In Arrow Cars office in the arrivals hall

You can also book a taxi through TaxiTender – an online booking platform for airport transfers.

Uber is another option for an on-demand taxi service, and if you’ve not used them before you can save on your first ride with this link. Uber can be slightly cheaper than other taxi services, however, it may vary on the distance and time of the day.

Cost: from £30 depending on time of day and traffic

Journey time: around 30 minutes

2. Bus from East Midlands Airport to Nottingham city centre

There is a direct 24/7 SkyLink service to Nottingham which runs up to every 20 minutes during the day and hourly at night. The bus stop is right outside the terminal building.

Cost: £5 - you can buy the ticket directly from the driver.

Journey time: about 40 minutes

How to get from Birmingham Airport (BHX) to Nottingham

1. Bus from Birmingham Airport to Nottingham

National Express service operates between Birmingham Airport and Nottingham. Coaches depart from bus stop G in front of Terminal 1 (Terminals 1 and 2 are very close to each other).

However, please note that this is not a direct journey and you will need to change at Birmingham Coach Station.
Cost: approximately £15

Journey time: around 2h 30m

2. Train from Birmingham Airport to Nottingham

You can book your train journey with National Rail. Birmingham International railway station is directly linked to the airport terminals by SkyRail. The SkyRail is free, runs every 2 minutes and will take you to the train station in less than 2 minutes.

You will need to change at Birmingham New Street station to get on the train for Nottingham.

Cost: from £25 – it is cheaper to book in advance.

Journey time: approximately 2 hours
MANCHESTER

How to get from Manchester Airport (MAN) to Manchester city centre

Manchester Airport is located about 10 miles from Manchester city centre (Manchester Piccadilly). There are several direct transport links. The airport has three terminals, connected with Skylink walkways.

1. Taxi from Manchester Airport

You can get a licenced black cab from the taxi rank without pre-booking. Taxi ranks are located outside of all three terminals.
- Terminal 1 – Directly outside the terminal building, opposite the arrivals car park.
- Terminal 2 – In front of the exit closest to baggage reclaim.
- Terminal 3 – Next to entrance door 1 at arrivals.

You can also book StreetCar service online or by phone.

Online: [https://streetcarsmanchester.co.uk](https://streetcarsmanchester.co.uk) or [https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/getting-to-and-from/by-taxi/](https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/getting-to-and-from/by-taxi/)

Phone: +44 (0)161 228 7878

Uber is another option for an on-demand taxi service. Uber can be slightly cheaper than other taxi services, however, it may vary on the distance and time of the day.

Cost: from £30

Journey time: about 25 minutes

2. Train from Manchester Airport

The airport has its own train station which is easily accessible from all terminals (5-15-minute walk). Trains to Manchester Piccadilly station run every 10 minutes, 7 days a week.

Cost: £4.20 (off-peak) to £5.60

Journey time: 20 minutes

3. Bus from Manchester Airport

[National Express](https://www.nationalexpress.com) coach service operates between Manchester Airport and Manchester city centre.

Cost: £5.20 + £1 booking fee
**Journey time:** 30 minutes to Manchester coach station (Chorlton Rd, Manchester M1 3HY)
LEEDS

How to get from Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) to Leeds city centre

Leeds Bradford Airport is situated between Leeds (about 7 miles), Bradford (about 9 miles) and Harrogate and is easily accessible by public transport. It is a rather small local airport, meaning that immigration queues will often be shorter than other airports.

1. Taxi from Leeds Bradford Airport to Leeds city centre.

Arrow Cars is the official taxi partner at Leeds Bradford Airport. Arrow Cars pick-up and drop-off points are located right in front of the terminal. The service is available 24/7.

There are several ways to book this service:
- Online: https://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk/getting-to-and-from/by-taxi
- Phone +44 (0) 113 258 5888
- In Arrow Cars office outside the terminal building on the right
- Touchscreen kiosks outside International Arrivals
- Through a mobile app for Apple or Android

Uber is another option for an on-demand taxi service. Uber can be slightly cheaper than other taxi services, however, it may vary on the distance and time of the day.

Cost: from £25

Journey time: about 16 minutes


There is a direct frequent bus service between Leeds Bradford Airport and Leeds city centre. The bus stop is located right in front of the airport building.

Service no. 757 departs hourly (Mon - Sat) from Leeds Bradford Airport, Bus Point and arrives at Leeds City Centre, King Street.

Cost: £3.80 for a single ticket. Tickets are available on board the bus but try to have exact change.

Journey time: about 35-40 minutes
CHESTER

Two closest international airports to Chester are Manchester Airport (35 miles) and Liverpool John Lennon Airport (25.3 miles).

How to get from Manchester Airport (MAN) to Chester

1. Taxi from Manchester Airport

You can book StreetCar service online or by phone.

Online: https://streetcarsmanchester.co.uk or https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/getting-to-and-from/by-taxi/

Phone: +44 (0)161 228 7878

Uber is another option for an on-demand taxi service. Uber can be slightly cheaper than other taxi services, however, it may vary on the distance and time of the day.

Cost: from £60

Journey time: about 35 minutes

2. Train from Manchester Airport

The airport has its own train station which is easily accessible from all terminals (5-15-minute walk). Trains run frequently from Manchester Airport to Chester. You can book your tickets via Trainline. Some trains are direct but with some you will need to change.

Cost: around £25

Journey time: around 1h 30m

How to get from Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LPL) to Chester

The quickest way to get from Liverpool Airport to Chester is by taxi.

A Hackney Cab rank is located directly outside the entrance to the airport terminal. Cabs are available for flight arrivals and accept credit cards for payment.

Phone: +44 (0) 151-289 9999

Cost: £65 - £80

Uber is another option for an on-demand taxi service. Uber can be slightly cheaper than other taxi services, however, it may vary on the distance and time of the day.

Journey time: 31 min
BRISTOL

Bristol has its own airport, 8 miles south of the city. It has scheduled flights to a number of UK and European cities. The major international airport closest to Bristol is London Heathrow Airport (104 miles).

How to get from **London Heathrow Airport** to Bristol

1. Coach from London Heathrow Airport

A direct [National Express](https://www.nationalexpress.com) service operates between London Heathrow Airport and Bristol. You can buy tickets for any coach service [online](https://www.nationalexpress.com), at Heathrow central bus station (Terminal 2 and 3) or at the National Express ticket office at international arrivals in Terminal 5.

**Cost:** £11 - £30 + £1 booking fee

**Journey time:** 2h – 2h 25m

2. Train from London Heathrow Airport to Bristol

There is no direct train from London Heathrow Airport to Bristol, therefore, you need to travel through London Paddington.

[Heathrow Express](https://www.heathrowexpress.co.uk) takes fifteen minutes to get to London Paddington from the airport, and leaves every fifteen minutes from around 5am (6am on Sundays) until just before midnight. The central train station can be found at terminals 1, 2 and 3, and the Heathrow Express also has stops at terminals 4 & 5. From Paddington, [Great Western Railway](https://www.gwr.co.uk) trains run to Bristol Temple Meads station.

**Cost:** £45 - £130

**Journey time:** approximately 2 hours

How to get from **Bristol Airport** to Bristol city centre

1. Bus from Bristol Airport

[A2 Broadmead - Bristol Airport Service](https://www.bristolairport.co.uk) runs every half an hour and stops in the City Centre, Bedminster and at Bristol Temple Meads Station for onward rail connections. You can use a contactless bank card to pay for the journey.

**Cost:** £2.50 - £6.50 depending on the distance

**Journey time:** about 25 minutes

2. Taxi from Bristol Airport

Arrow Cars is the official taxi partner at Bristol Airport. Arrow Cars pick-up and drop-off points are located right in front of the terminal. The service is available 24/7.
There are several ways to book this service:

- **Online**
- Through a mobile app for Apple or Android
- Phone +44 (0) 1275 475 000
- In Arrow Cars office at the airport

**Cost:** from £33

Uber or Ola Cabs are another option for an on-demand taxi service. They can be slightly cheaper than other taxi services, however, it may vary on the distance and time of the day.

**Journey time:** about 30 minutes
GUILDFORD

The two closest airports to Guildford are London Gatwick Airport (LGW) and London Heathrow Airport.

How to get from London Heathrow Airport to Guildford

London Heathrow is London’s busiest airport, handling half of London’s passengers. It’s situated 14 miles west of the centre of London. There are a few ways to travel to Guildford.

1. Taxi from Heathrow Airport
There are a number of black taxi ranks at Heathrow, you can see a map [here](#).

There are also minicab services operating from London Heathrow. These can be booked on the day from the official taxi desks, or you can compare prices and book in advance [here](#). These will be fixed price trips, which can offer peace of mind.

**Cost:** Black cabs are metered, so fares vary depending on factors including traffic and time of day. Expect to pay in the region of £50 – £95. Minicabs will also vary, but you can book in advance for a fixed fare, which will likely start in the region of £45.

Uber, Bolt or Ola Cabs are another option for an on-demand taxi service. They can be slightly cheaper than other taxi services, however, it may vary on the distance and time of the day.

**Journey time:** about 30 minutes

2. Coach from Heathrow Airport

There is a direct [RailAir](#) coach service between Heathrow Airport Terminal 5, Heathrow Central Bus Station and Guildford Railway Station. Coaches depart hourly, seven days a week.

[National Express](#) coach service also operates between Heathrow Airport Terminals 2, 3, 5 and Woking station. The average train journey time between Woking and Guildford takes 8 minutes.

**Cost:** from £9 with RailAir and from £9 + £1 booking fee with National Express + £4.10 train from Woking to Guildford

**Journey time:** about 1h 5m with RailAir and 45 min with National Express to Woking station + 8 minute train journey from Woking to Guildford.

3. Train from Heathrow Airport to Guildford

There are frequent trains from Heathrow airport to Woking station and a train from Woking station to Guildford.
How to get from London Gatwick Airport (LGW) to Guildford

Gatwick is London’s second busiest airport, and can be found 33 miles south of the city centre.

1. Taxi from Gatwick Airport
The quickest way to get from Gatwick Airport to Guildford is to get a taxi. Gatwick is outside the range of London black taxis, however you can arrange a taxi in advance or at the taxi kiosks in both terminals. You can see the official page here for Gatwick taxis. Alternatively, you might find pre-booking a minicab is a cheaper option – check prices here.

Cost: £75 - £100

Uber, Bolt or Ola Cabs are another option for an on-demand taxi service. They can be slightly cheaper than other taxi services, however, it may vary on the distance and time of the day.

Journey time: usually about 40 minutes

2. Train from Gatwick Airport
There is a direct train from Gatwick Airport to Guildford. Trains depart hourly from Gatwick Airport Station.

Cost: £13 - £29

Journey time: 43 minutes

3. Coach from Gatwick Airport

National Express coach service operates between the Gatwick Airport and Guildford 3 times a day. However, please note that this is not a direct journey and you will need to change at Victoria Coach Station.

Cost: £12.90 - £18.50 + £1 booking fee

Journey time: 3h 15m – 4h 45m