

Arriving in the UK

HEATHROW AIRPORT: CENTRAL LONDON IS 14 MILES TO THE EAST OF HEATHROW AIRPORT, LONDON'S BUSIEST AIRPORT

Underground (tube)	Train (rail)	Coach	Taxi
Line: Piccadilly line	Company: Heathrow Express (the fastest) & Elizabeth Line from central train station (Terminals 1-3). Also, Terminals 4-5 (for Heathrow Express) to London Paddington Station	Company: National Express from Heathrow to London Victoria Station	Company: London Black Taxi, Uber, Minicab services operating from Heathrow airport terminals
Opening times: 05.10-23.45 (24 hours on Friday & Saturday)	Opening times: 5am-midnight	Opening times: 4.15am – 10pm	Opening times: 24 hours, clearly signposted taxi-ranks, use Uber app or Minicab services from taxi desk in Heathrow
Timetable: approximately every 5 minutes in the day Transport for London	Timetable: every 15 minutes (Heathrow Express); every 30 minutes (Elizabeth Line). Heathrow Express Elizabeth Line	Timetable: check timetable for your dates: National Express	Timetable: any time
Price: £5.50 by using a pre-paid Oyster Card (buy before you travel or at the station) or contactless credit /debit card. £6.70 (single in cash)	Price: Heathrow Express, book in advance online, from £15.00. On the day: £25.00. Elizabeth Line: £12.80. Pre-paid Oyster Card (buy before you travel or at the station) or contactless credit /debit card.	Price from: £10 (prices vary, book in advance for best price)	Price from: £45-£80
Journey time: approximately 50 minutes to central London	Journey time: Heathrow Express: 15 minutes; Elizabeth Line: 25 minutes to London Paddington Station	Journey time: 45-90 minutes depending on traffic to London Victoria Station	Journey time: 45-90 minutes

GATWICK AIRPORT: CENTRAL LONDON IS 33 MILES NORTH OF THE AIRPORT, LONDON'S SECOND BUSIEST AIRPORT

Underground (tube)	Train (rail)	Coach	Taxi
Not connected to the London Underground	Company: Gatwick Express, non-stop to London Victoria Station is the fastest, connects to rail and underground system	Company: National Express / EasyBus (from North & South Terminals) to London Victoria Station	Company: Minicab services operating from Gatwick airport terminals, use Uber app
	Opening times: 05.00 – 00.30	Opening times: 24 hours	Opening times: 24 hours
	Timetable: every 15 minutes Gatwick Express	Timetable: check timetable for your dates:	Timetable: any time

		National Express EasyBus	
	Price: £20.50 on day, book online for best price or Pre-paid Oyster Card (buy before you travel or at the station) or contactless credit /debit card.	Price: National Express from £8 (single) – if you book 30 days in advance; EasyBus from £2 (single)	Price: from £65-£80
	Journey time: 30 minutes to London Victoria Station	Journey time: from 90 minutes to London Victoria Station	Journey time: 60-90 minutes

STANSTED AIRPORT: STANSTED AIRPORT IS 40 MILES NORTHEAST OF CENTRAL LONDON, LONDON'S THIRD BIGGEST AIRPORT

Underground (tube)	Train (rail)	Coach	Taxi
Not connected to the London Underground	Company: Stansted Express train to London Liverpool Street, connects to rail and underground stations	Company: National Express / EasyBus	Minicab services operating from Stansted airport terminal, use Uber app
	Opening times: 4.10 -23.25	Opening times: 24 hours	Opening times: 24 hours
	Timetable: every 15 minutes Stansted Express	Timetable: check timetable for your dates: National Express EasyBus	Timetable: any time
	Price: £23.00, book in advance online: £9.90. Outside of Oyster Card system.	Price: Book in advance to get the best price. National Express: £7. EasyBus from: £2 if booked in advance.	Price: £70 - £100+
	Journey time: 48 minutes to London Liverpool Street	Journey time: 50-90 minutes to London Victoria Station	Journey time: 1 hour

LONDON CITY AIRPORT: IN THE CITY OF LONDON, CLOSEST LONDON AIRPORT

Underground (tube)	Train (rail)	London Buses	Taxi
Company: DLR (Docklands Light Railway), connects to rail and underground stations	Company: DLR (Docklands Light Railway), connects to rail and underground stations	2 bus routes: 473 & 474 (no direct bus to central London)	London Black Taxi, pre-booked Minicab service, use Uber app
Opening times: 5.30am - midnight	Opening times: 5.30am - midnight	Opening times: 04.31-00.20	Opening times: 24 hours
Timetable: regular service Transport for London	Timetable: regular service Transport for London	Timetable: regular service Transport for London	Timetable: any time

Price: £5.50 by using a pre-paid Oyster Card (buy before you travel or at the station) or contactless credit /debit card.	Price: £5.50 by using a pre-paid Oyster Card (buy before you travel or at the station) or contactless credit /debit card.	Price: £2.00, cheapest but not most convenient. Pre-paid Oyster Card (buy before you travel or at the station) or contactless credit/debit card.	Price: £35 - £45
Journey time: depends on destination	Journey time: 15 minutes – 1 hour	Journey time: depends on destination	Journey time: 20-40 minutes

LUTON AIRPORT: 29 MILES NORTHWEST OF CENTRAL LONDON

Underground (tube)	Train (rail)	Coach	Taxi
Not connected to the London Underground	Company: Thameslink to St Pancras International; East Midlands to London Bridge, connects to rail and underground system	Company: National Express / EasyBus to various locations including Marble Arch & Victoria	Minicab services operating from Stansted airport terminal, use Uber app
	Opening times: throughout the night (not 1-3am)	Opening times: 24 hours	Opening times: 24 hours
	Timetable: check for your dates: Thameslink East Midlands	Timetable: check for your dates: National Express EasyBus	Timetable: any time
	Price: Book in advance to get best price: £18.40 (Thameslink); £19.90 (East Midlands). Outside of Oyster Card system.	Price: National Express: £14.00, book in advance to get the best price £6.00. EasyBus from: £2 if booked in advance.	Price: £70 - £100+
	Journey time: 35 minutes to St Pancras International; 48 minutes to London Bridge.	Journey time: 60-90 minutes	Journey time: 1 hour

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