

Guide to travelling to Leicester

Leicester University's website has an [interactive map](#) giving details of directions to the university by road, rail, bus / coach and air. For more detailed information about travel from the following airports click on the links below

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From Heathrow Airport

[Heathrow Airport](#) is a major international airport in West London approximately 100 miles away from Leicester.

Travelling by Coach

[National Express](#) runs a regular coach service from Heathrow Airport to Leicester St Margaret's Bus Station. The journey takes longer than travelling by train (approximately three hours, could be longer when the traffic is busy) but has the advantage of being cheaper and goes direct from the airport to Leicester. For more information see the [timetable](#) . Details of how to buy tickets and where to catch coaches can be accessed on the [airport's website](#)

See the university's [interactive map](#) for directions from St Margaret's Bus Station to the University

Travelling by Train

It is also possible to travel from Heathrow to Leicester by train. The journey involves travelling from the airport by underground to King's Cross / St Pancras station on the Piccadilly Line and then taking the train from St Pancras station to Leicester.

Underground from Heathrow to King's Cross / St Pancras

Details of using the London Underground from Heathrow, including a link to the "Heathrow train and underground" map, can be found on the [airport's website](#) . The Piccadilly Line Timetable can be found [here](#) . To find the relevant timetable details from the drop down lists enter the relevant Heathrow Terminal as your start point and "King's Cross St Pancras Underground Station" as your end point. On arrival at King's Cross / St Pancras underground station follow the signs for "St Pancras Mainline Station"

Train from St Pancras to Leicester

There is a regular train service between London St Pancras and Leicester, with the journey usually taking from one hour six minutes. Timetables can be downloaded from [East Midlands Trains Website](#) . Click on "Services to and from London St Pancras", choosing either the weekday or weekend timetable. The "[Trains to Leicester](#)" page on this website may also be useful. The [National Rail Enquiries](#) website is also helpful for checking times and booking tickets.

Travelling by Taxi

A **pre-arranged** taxi from Heathrow to Leicester would cost approximately £100, which could be a good option if travelling with someone else and sharing the cost. See Leicester University's advice on [Getting to Leicester from UK Airports by Taxi](#) . Do not use the licenced black cabs that wait outside the airport as these are very expensive

From Gatwick Airport

[Gatwick Airport](#) is London's second largest International Airport approximately 140 miles from Leicester.

Travelling by Coach

[National Express](#) runs a coach service from Gatwick Airport to Leicester St Margaret's Bus Station. The journey takes longer than travelling by train (approximately four hours, but could be longer when the traffic is busy) but has the advantage of being cheaper and goes direct from the airport to Leicester. For more information see the [timetable](#) . Details of how to buy tickets and where to catch coaches can be accessed on the [airport's website](#) .

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Travelling by Train

The train to Leicester is not direct, it is necessary to travel to central London and then change at St Pancras.

Train from Gatwick Airport to London St Pancras

There is a railway station at Gatwick Airport. Train times and ticket details can be located [here](#) . Click on "Buy Tickets" and enter "Gatwick Airport" as the "FROM" option and "London St Pancras International" as the "TO" option. Enter the date, times and number of passengers and then press "Find Tickets"

Train from St Pancras to Leicester

There is a regular train service between London St Pancras and Leicester, with the journey usually taking from one hour six minutes. Timetables can be downloaded from [East Midlands Trains Website](#) . Click on "Services to and from London St Pancras", choosing either the weekday or weekend timetable. The ["Trains to Leicester"](#) page on this website may also be useful. The [National Rail Enquiries](#) website is also helpful for checking times and booking tickets

See the university's [interactive map](#) for directions from the Train Station to the University

Travelling by Taxi

A **pre-arranged** taxi from Gatwick to Leicester would cost approximately £125.00, which could be a good option if travelling with someone else and sharing the cost. See Leicester University's advice on [Getting to Leicester from UK Airports by Taxi](#) . Do not use the licenced black cabs that wait outside the airport as these are very expensive

From Luton Airport

[London Luton Airport](#) is an international airport approximately 74 miles from Leicester.

Travelling by Coach

[National Express](#) runs a coach service from Luton Airport to Leicester St Margaret's Bus Station. For more information see the [timetable](#) . Details of coach travel from the airport can be found on the [airport's website](#) .

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Travelling by train

The train between Luton Airport and Leicester leaves from Luton Airport Parkway station. It is necessary to take a shuttle bus for the short journey between the airport and Luton Airport Parkway station. For more information about getting the train to and from Luton Airport see the [airport's website](#) .

Shuttle Bus between the airport and Luton Airport Parkway

The Shuttle Bus between the airport and Luton Airport Parkway train station runs every ten minutes and it is a 10 minute journey.

Train from Luton Airport Parkway to Leicester

There is approximately one train an hour and the journey takes approximately one hour. Timetables can be downloaded from [East Midlands Trains Website](#) . Click on "Services to and from London St Pancras". The "[Trains to Leicester](#)" page on this website may also be useful. The [National Rail Enquiries](#) website is also helpful for checking times and booking tickets

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Travelling by Taxi

A **pre-arranged** taxi from Luton Airport to Leicester would cost approximately £75.00, which could be a good option if travelling with someone else and sharing the cost. See Leicester University's advice on [Getting to Leicester from UK Airports by Taxi](#) . Do not use the licenced black cabs that wait outside the airport as these are very expensive

From East Midlands Airport

[East Midlands Airport](#) is an international airport located in the East Midlands approximately 20 miles from Leicester. It is the closest airport to Leicester and is easily accessible by public transport. Travel details to and from the airport can be found [here](#).

Travelling by Coach

Information about the coach park facilities at East Midlands Airport can be found [here](#)

The Skylink Service to Leicester runs every 20 minutes during the day and hourly at night, 24 hours a day seven days a week. More details about the service can be found on [the airport's website](#) . Timetable details and other information can be found [here](#) . The service runs to Leicester's St Margaret's Bus Station or some services during the early hours stop at nearby Gravel Street when the bus station is closed.

[National Express](#) also runs a coach service from East Midlands Airport to Leicester St Margaret's Bus Station. From the home page under "Choose Your Journey" enter "East Midlands Airport" in the "FROM" box and "Leicester Coach Station" in the "TO" box.

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Travelling by Taxi

A **pre-arranged** taxi from East Midlands Airport to Leicester would cost approximately £35.00, which could be a good option if travelling with someone else and sharing the cost. See Leicester University's advice on [Getting to Leicester from UK Airports by Taxi](#) . Do not use the licenced black cabs that wait outside the airport as these are very expensive

From Stansted Airport

[Stansted Airport](#) is an international airport approximately 95 miles from Leicester. Information about travelling to and from the airport can be found on the airport's website [here](#)

Travelling by Coach

Details of all services can be found [here](#) by entering "Stansted Airport London" in the "FROM" box and "Leicester (Coach Station)" in the "TO" box. Select dates and times of journey and enter passenger numbers. Click "Find my Journey" and journey details will appear.

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Travelling by Train

Stansted Airport rail station is directly below the Terminal building. Tickets can be bought in advance online, at the station or in the Terminal. Guidance on travelling between Stansted Airport and Leicester by train can be found [here](#) . For Cross Country Trains timetable details [click here](#)

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Travelling by Taxi

A **pre-arranged** taxi from Stansted Airport to Leicester would cost approximately £95.00, which could be a good option if travelling with someone else and sharing the cost. See Leicester University's advice on [Getting to Leicester from UK Airports by Taxi](#) . Do not use the licenced black cabs that wait outside the airport as these are very expensive

From Birmingham Airport

[Birmingham Airport](#) (formerly Birmingham International Airport) is approximately 40 miles from Leicester. The airport's website has [information about travelling to and from the airport](#)

Travelling by Coach

[National Express](#) runs a service between Birmingham Airport and Leicester but it is not direct. It is necessary to take the coach from the airport to Birmingham Coach Station (approximately 25 minutes) and then change to a bus to Leicester (approximately one hour).

Time timetable details for the journey from the airport to Birmingham Coach Station can be found here: [Service 210](#) [Service 777](#)

Details of coaches between Birmingham and Leicester can be found by clicking [here](#) . In the "Choose your journey" box put "Birmingham Coach Station" in the "FROM" box and "Leicester Coach Station" in the "TO" box. Tickets can also be booked using this link.

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Travelling by Train

There is a regular train service between Birmingham Airport and Leicester, but it will be necessary to change trains.

Birmingham International Train Station is a two minute ride from the airport using the free Air-Rail Link Service. From Birmingham International get the train to Birmingham New Street. Details of times can be found [here](#) . From the home page enter "Birmingham International" in the "Where from" box and "Birmingham New Street" in the "Where to" box. Then enter your travel times. This journey is approximately a 15 minutes.

From Birmingham New Street change trains to Leicester. The timetable from Birmingham New Street to Leicester can be found [here](#) .

The [National Rail Enquiries](#) website is also helpful for checking times and booking tickets

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Travelling by Taxi

A **pre-arranged** taxi from Birmingham Airport to Leicester would cost approximately £50.00, which could be a good option if travelling with someone else and sharing the cost. See Leicester University's advice on [Getting to Leicester from UK Airports by Taxi](#) . Do not use the licenced black cabs that wait outside the airport as these are very expensive