

IARU Senior Officers Meeting

University of Oxford

22-23 October 2009

Getting to Oxford - Travel Information (UPDATED 13 October 2009)

From London Heathrow

Airport coach

“The Airline” (part of the Oxford Bus Company) runs a direct service from Heathrow to Oxford approx every 20 minutes from the central bus station (Bay 14) for Terminals 1, 2 and 3 and from Terminal 5 (Bay 11).

Pay the driver in cash or book online at http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/main.php?page_id=68 (Tel. +44-1865-785400). Journey time approx 90 minutes from the central bus station and approx 80 minutes from Terminal 5

Return fare £25 (30 days)

Single fare £20

Arriving at Terminal 4

There is no direct bus service from T4 so you will need to: either: take the free bus service to T5 (buses 482 and 490 – inform bus driver you are going to T5 in order to get free service) the bus ride will take 10-15mins. Then take the bus to Oxford from Bay 11 at T5. Or: take the Heathrow Connect train from T4 to T1, 2 and 3. to T1,2&3. The train ride will take 7 mins. Then take the bus to Oxford from the central bus station (Bay 14A).

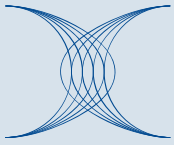
Returning from Oxford to Heathrow

Buses depart from the Central Bus Station stopping at a number of stops, including one on the High Street opposite the Old Bank Hotel (please check this with the hotel as this could change due to road works currently underway on the High Street).

Train

The Heathrow Express is a non-stop train service from the airport to London Paddington railway station. At Paddington take a train to Oxford.

You can purchase your ticket on the day at the Heathrow Express ticketing desk or pre-book online at www.heathrowexpress.com.



The journey time from Heathrow to Paddington is 15 minutes from Terminals 1, 2 and 3 and 23 minutes from Terminal 4

Return fares start at c£32 (30 days). Single fares start at c£16.50

Trains to Oxford have to be booked separately. There is a regular service. It is easier to avoid trains where you have to change at Reading or Didcot.

Return fares start at c£22.50 off peak. Single fares start at c£20

From London Gatwick

Airport Coach

“The Airline” (part of the Oxford Bus Company) runs a direct service from Gatwick to Oxford approx every hour from the South Terminal upper forecourt and from the North Terminal Bay 4.

Pay the driver in cash or book online at www.theairline.info. Tel. +44-1865-785400. Journey time is approx 2-2 ½ hours.

Return fare £35 (30 days). Single fare £25

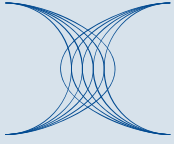
Train

The Gatwick Express provides a high-speed, non-stop service between Gatwick Airport and London Victoria railway station. At Victoria take an underground train (Circle Line Westbound) to London Paddington and then a train to Oxford as above.

You may purchase your ticket on the day at the Gatwick Express ticketing desk or pre-book your ticket online at www.gatwickexpress.com or by telephoning +44-845-8501530.

Trains run every 15 minutes. The journey time from Gatwick to London Victoria is 30 minutes from Monday to Saturday and 35 minutes on Sundays.

Return fares £28.80. Single fare £16.90.



From Central London

Coach

Oxford Express coach run by the Oxford Bus Company. Direct coach service from London Victoria Coach Station Gate 10 approx every 15 minutes. www.express.info . Tel. +44-1865-785400. Pay the driver or book online.

Return fare £20. Single fare £13.

Oxford Tube has a service departing approx every 20 mins from Grosvenor Gardens (just opposite Victoria Train Station) also stopping at Marble Arch, Notting Hill Gate and Shepherd's Bush. Pay the driver in cash or book online: <http://www.oxfordtube.com> Tel. +44-1865-772250

Return fare £20 Single fare £13

Train

There is a regular direct service from London Paddington to Oxford. It is easier to avoid trains where you have to change at Reading or Didcot.

Return fares start at c£22.50 off peak. Single fares start at c£20

Taxis/Chauffeur Services

Pre-ordered airport taxi companies include:

Royal Cars: +441865-777333 www.royal-cars.com

001 Taxis: +44-1865-240000 www.001taxis.com

Oxford Carriage co Ltd: +441865-423264 www.oxfordcarriage.co.uk

CCB Cars of Oxford: +44-775-4005644 www.cbcars.com

Radio Taxis of Oxford: +44-1865-242424

UK Airport Solutions: www.ukairportsolutions.co.uk

Transfer cost is approx £65-70 from Terminals 1, 2 and 3 and £70-75 from Terminals 4 and 5.

Useful Websites

For maps of Oxford and university sites: http://www.ox.ac.uk/visitors_friends/maps_and_directions

For Oxford city information: <http://www.oxfordcity.co.uk>

For London transport information and underground maps: <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/>