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Getting to Cambridge

Here you will find information on how to reach Cambridge, and Madingley, from the three major London airports. Some of these services will only take you as far as central London. Please see the section titled 'From Central London' for further information of how to travel to Cambridge once in London.

A note about the final stage of your journey, first!

Madingley Hall is about 3 miles west of Cambridge. You can get a taxi from the Cambridge train station, or from the bus station, when you arrive. At Cambridge all taxi drivers know where Madingley Hall is. The fare is now in the region of £12.00-£14.00. If you come in by coach from Heathrow/Gatwick, some of these coaches will stop on request at 'the Madingley Road park and ride' coach/car park. If you have a mobile phone that works in this country, you could always get off at this stop and call a cab, as this site is on the western edge of town, closest to Madingley hall.

From London Heathrow

Coach

- Coach services run around the clock and at regular intervals on direct routes between Heathrow Airport and Cambridge.
- You will find coach and ticketing information at the central bus station or alternatively, you can pre-book your coach ticket online at www.nationalexpress.com or by telephone on +44 (0)8717 818181.
- Most coaches pick up and set down passengers at the central bus station, which is located close to Terminals 1, 2 and 3, however, some services stop outside the terminals themselves.
- Journey times vary between 2 hours, 10 minutes and 2 hours, 50 minutes dependent upon time of travel.
- Return fares start at £36.50.
- Single fares start at £22.50.

Heathrow Express

- The Heathrow Express is a non-stop train service which offers the fastest route to central London from Heathrow Airport and stops at London Paddington station.
- You can purchase your ticket on the day at the Heathrow Express ticketing desk or, alternatively, you can pre-book your ticket online at www.heathrowexpress.com.
- The journey times from Heathrow to London Paddington are just 15 minutes from Terminals 1, 2 and 3 and just 23 minutes to Terminal 4.
- Return fares start at £30.00.
- Single fares start at £16.50.

Underground (Tube)

- The London Underground runs direct from Heathrow Airport to London King's Cross station on the Piccadilly Line.
- Trains run approximately every 4 to 10 minutes from 03.55am to 02.35am Monday to Saturday and from 03.19am to 02.35pm on Sundays.

- The journey time from Heathrow Airport to London King's Cross is approximately 1 hour.
- You will not be able to buy a return ticket for this journey unless you are completing the return journey in one day.
- Single fares start at £4.00.

Bus

- The Underground service in London closes every night between approximately midnight and 5.30am. During this time, the N9 night bus connects Heathrow Airport to central London.
- The N9 runs from the Central Bus Station at approximately 20 minute intervals.
- For further information on bus timetables and routes please visit www.tfl.gov.uk/buses or telephone +44 (0)20 7222 1234.

Taxi

- Taxis licensed to travel within the London area are available from outside each terminal at Heathrow Airport.
- The approximate cost for a taxi from Heathrow Airport to Central London is £50-£55.
- You will need to take a taxi to either London King's Cross station or London Liverpool Street station and then get a direct train to Cambridge.

From London Gatwick

Coach

- Coach services run around the clock and at regular intervals on direct routes between Gatwick Airport and Cambridge.
- You will find coach information and ticketing desks in both the North and South Terminals or alternatively, you can pre-book your coach ticket online at www.nationalexpress.com or by telephone on +44 (0)8717 818181.
- Journey times vary between 3 hours, 35 minutes and 6 hours, 20 minutes dependent upon time of travel and number of stops made.
- Return fares should start at £40.50, single fares start at £29.50.

Gatwick Express

- The Gatwick Express provides a high-speed, non-stop service between Gatwick Airport and London Victoria station in central London.
- You may either purchase your ticket on the day at the Gatwick Express ticketing desk or pre-book your ticket online at www.gatwickexpress.com or by telephone on +44 (0)845 850 1530.
- The journey time from Gatwick to London Victoria is just 30 minutes from Monday to Saturday and 35 minutes on Sundays.
- Return fares start at £28.80.
- Single fares start at £16.90.

Thameslink

- The Thameslink train service runs between Gatwick and London King's Cross station in central London.
- You may purchase your ticket on the day at Gatwick Airport or you may pre-book your ticket online at www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk or by telephone on +44 (0)845 026 4700.
- Journey times range between 45 minutes and 1 hour.
- Return fares start £17.00.
- Single Fares start at £8.90.

From London Stansted

Coach

- Coach services run around the clock and at regular intervals on direct routes between Stansted Airport and Cambridge.
- Tickets can be purchased from the coach ticket desk in the arrivals area in the Stansted terminal between 6am and 9pm or in the coach station 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Alternatively, you can pre-book your coach ticket online at www.nationalexpress.com or by telephone on +44 (0)8717 818181.
- Journey times vary between 50 minutes and 1 hour dependent upon time of travel.
- Return fares start at £13.50.
- Single fares start at £11.50.

Stansted Express

- The Stansted Express is a direct service between Stansted Airport and London Liverpool Street station.
- Tickets can be purchased from the Stansted Express station, or alternatively, you can pre-book your ticket online at www.stanstedexpress.com or by telephone on +44 (0)845 600 7245.
- Trains depart every 15 minutes and the average journey time is 45 minutes.
- Return fares start at £28.80.
- Single fares start at £19.00.

Train

- The company Central Trains runs a regular train service from London Stansted Airport to Cambridge.
- Trains run seven days a week and the journey time is approximately 30 minutes.
- Tickets can be purchased on the day from the railway station, or alternatively, you may pre-book your ticket by calling +44 (0)870 609 6060 or by booking online through any of the following websites:
 - o www.qjump.co.uk
 - o www.nationalrail.co.uk
 - o www.thetrainline.com

Taxi

- The Stansted Airport taxi operator, Checkercars, has a reservation desk on the international arrivals concourse where you will be able to book a taxi.
- A Checkercars courtesy telephone is also situated in the United Kingdom baggage reclaim hall.
- To book a taxi in advance please call 0800 747 737, if you are calling from within the UK, and +44 (0)1279 661 111, if you are calling from overseas. Alternatively, you may email stansted@checkercars.com to book online.
- The journey time from Stansted airport to Madingley is approximately 40 minutes.
- Wheelchair accessible cars are available on request.
- The approximate cost for a taxi from Stansted Airport to Madingley Hall is c£50-£60.

From Central London

From London Victoria

- Take the Eastbound Circle Line on the London Underground to King's Cross station.
- From King's Cross station take a direct First Capital Connect train to Cambridge.
- From London King's Cross or London St Pancras.
- Take a direct First Capital Connect train to Cambridge.
- (St Pancras' Station is immediately adjacent to King's Cross Station)

From London Paddington

- Take the Eastbound Hammersmith and City Line to King's Cross.
- From King's Cross station take a direct First Capital Connect train to Cambridge.

From London Liverpool Street

- Take a direct First Capital Connect train to Cambridge.

For information on all public transport through central London, including journey planners, maps of the Underground, bus routes and up-to-date availability of specific routes, please visit the following website:

- www.tfl.gov.uk/

For information and tickets for train services from London to Cambridge please go to one of the following websites:

- www.qjump.co.uk
- www.nationalrail.co.uk
- www.thetrainline.com

Or telephone:

- From overseas +44 (0)20 7278 5240
- From the UK 08457 48 49 50

Cambridge Taxis

Airport taxi companies include:

A & M Carriages, Cambridge	+44 (0)1223 513703
Abbey Executive Services	+44 (0)1223 212122
Airport Lynx, Cambridge	+44 (0)1954 201350
Airport Runs, Cambridge	+44 (0)7801 573637
Central Cars, Stansted	+44 (0)1279 661616
Air Connections, Stansted	+44 (0)1480 831850

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