

**Q: Can you tell me about options for arriving to Britain by air?**

A: Norwich airport is our recommendation, but see below for London airport options.  
General notes:

- Travel to Norwich by taxi will be very expensive from London Airports and there are no flights from London to Norwich.
- Coach (long distance bus) journeys are generally longer but cheaper.
- Ask if you can buy your train ticket at the airport directly to Norwich, in which case you do not have to buy separate underground (tube) tickets.
- If you are not just passing through London, it is recommended that you purchase an “Oyster card” for £3 for cheaper public transport. See the Transport for London website.
- Approximative currency rates: 1 GBP = ca 2 USD = ca 1.3 EUR
- Useful websites:

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) – train times, fares,

[www.nationalexpress.co.uk](http://www.nationalexpress.co.uk) – coach times, fares

[www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) – Transport for London; public transport services e.g. tube

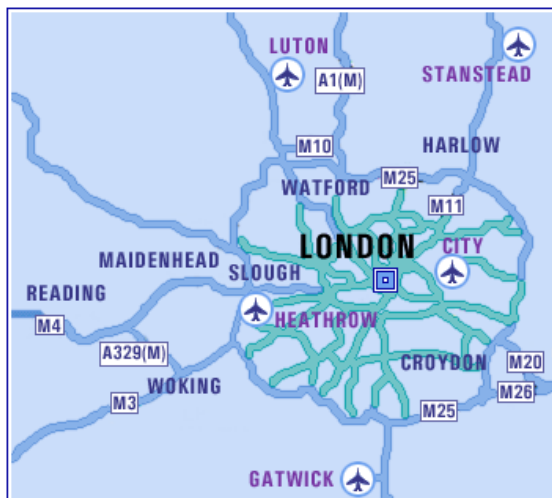
**Norwich Airport**

If you are arriving by air it is strongly recommended that you fly into Norwich via Amsterdam (Schipol), thus avoiding London altogether. There are services from Paris, Manchester and other cities, please see the Norwich Airport website for further details: [www.norwichairport.co.uk](http://www.norwichairport.co.uk). From Amsterdam, there are 5 KLM flights a day, taking just 50 minutes. It is worth checking KLM - Air France (SkyTeam) routes as well as KLM UK (via Manchester) and FlyBe (via Paris).

Taxis cost ca £10 to Norwich Research Park. Alternatively take the Park and Ride bus from the Airport to the town centre and change there for the bus 25, 26 or 27.

**London’s international airports**

See the map below for airport locations, please bear in mind that Norwich is ca 200 km northeast of London and therefore Stanstead is the closest of the London airports. Heathrow or Gatwick - you can either travel to Norwich by train from “London Liverpool Street Station”, or you can catch a coach (long distance bus) and travel directly to Norwich.



### **Train travel from Heathrow Airport to London Liverpool Street Station**

Take the Heathrow Express Train direct to Paddington (£15 single, £30 return, 16 minutes), then one of two possible tubes (underground trains) to Liverpool Street Station; the Circle Line (yellow) or Hammersmith & City Line (pink). The tube journey is 20 minutes and £4. A cheaper but longer option is to take the tube directly from Heathrow to Liverpool Street Station (£4, 1h 10 minutes). Take the Piccadilly Line (blue) from Heathrow and change to Central Line (red) at Holborn.

### **Train Travel from Gatwick Airport to London Liverpool Street Station**

Take the frequent main line train direct from the airport to Victoria Station in London. The single fare is approximately £10, £20 for a return (35 minutes, Southern train company). The Gatwick Express (30 min journey time) is only marginally more comfortable for £17 single and £28 return. Do ask if it is possible to buy your ticket straight to Liverpool Street Station, you might then save the cost of your tube journey. On arrival to Victoria take the tube for 20 minutes on the Circle Line (yellow) from Victoria Station to Liverpool Street Station. The single fare is £4.00.

### **Train Travel from London Liverpool Street Station to Norwich Station**

There are frequent trains from London to Norwich departing from Liverpool Street Station, the journey is 2 hours. The train leaves every half-hour throughout the day, and on the hour in the evenings until midnight.

The standard class single is £40 and the open return £70, but if you are travelling on the weekend or after 9.30 on a weekday, you can get a cheap return for £41. However you have to specify your return journey, i.e. this is not an open ticket. There are some, albeit limited possibilities to book in advance to secure a cheaper fare, one-way or return, see one of the FAQs below. Important: do check for possible delays and changes required on weekends due to engineering works, especially on Sundays. On [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) you can also check departure times and fares, or telephone the National Rail Enquiry Service (tel: +44 (0) 8457 48 49 50).

### **Coach travel from Gatwick and Heathrow airports**

Direct coaches do go to Norwich from Gatwick, but the journey is ca 5hours 10 minutes and takes the long route via two other airports (Heathrow and Stanstead). The fare is £46 return). For exact information, times and fares see [www.nationalexpress.co.uk](http://www.nationalexpress.co.uk).

Coaches from Heathrow airport to Norwich Central Bus Station run approximately every one to two hours from Heathrow's Central Bus Station. The cost of a single ticket to Norwich is £34 but some are available for £19 if you book a few weeks in advance. Return tickets are £42. Journey times are 4 hours or 4.5 hours, the longer journey involves changing to a different coach in central London or Stanstead airport. For exact information, times and fares see [www.nationalexpress.co.uk](http://www.nationalexpress.co.uk).

If your accommodation is at the University of East Anglia Guest Suites, then ask the driver: some services stop at the University in Norwich, so you can save the Norwich city centre - University segment.

### **Train Travel from Stansted Airport**

Do not go into central London but catch a train to Norwich via Ely or Cambridge. It will take ca 2 hours, single fare is £20, open return £30 and cheap return (weekends and after 9.30 weekday travel) is £23.

### **General coach travel from central London to Norwich**

By Bus: Buses, or coaches, as they are generally called for long distance journeys, depart from Victoria Coach Station in London every two hours from 9.00am – 3.00pm. When you are in London you can check the departure times by telephoning 730-0202. The journey takes about 3 hours. The single fare is approximately £14. Travel from Norwich to the University

### **Travel from Norwich town centre to Norwich Research Park**

From the railway station: (about 4 miles from the University). Bus number 25 operates at frequent intervals between the railway station and the University. Services may be reduced in the evenings and at week-ends. The fare is approximately £1.50. A taxi will cost about £10. The University will be organising a Meet and Greet service for students arriving on 19 and 20 September. A coach will be available to take students from the railway station to UEA.

From the bus station: (about 3 miles from the University). Bus numbers 25, 26 & 27 operate between the bus station and the University. Buses arrive at 10 minute intervals. There is also a taxi rank nearby. The bus will cost about £2 and the taxi approximately £10.

### **Q: Any possibility to buy train tickets in advance?**

A: Check train fares on the National Rail web site: [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

It is possible to buy cheap train tickets on the above site but you need to do so weeks in advance and have a UK address to send it to. If you would like this option, let us know, we may be able to find a solution. If you are staying in London before the conference, it may be worth having the ticket sent to your hotel.

The 'advance fare' is much cheaper than buying it on the day of travel. However, it is a "subject to availability" fare, and the ticket is non-refundable. NB: For this advance fare, you need to buy 2 singles (one-way tickets), not a return.

It is worth checking the 'first class' possibility in the advance fare category because they may have run out of the standard fare. The advance first class fare is hardly more expensive and definitely cheaper than buying it on the day of travel.

### **Q: Anything about local travel?**

A: As for local bus services:

Once in Norwich, the train station is in the City centre. Bus No. 25 from the station goes to the University. It also stops at the beginning of the Unthank Road (see West Pottergate on the map) where the Beeches hotel is located.

From the Castle Mall in the city centre (5 mins walk from the train station) bus no 26 and 27 also go to the University.

Bus No. 22 from the city centre (not from the station!) goes through the Earlam Road (westbound from West Pottergate) where there are many Bed and Breakfasts recommended to participants.

Taxi: Both from the station (city centre) and the airport, the University is ca £10.

**Q: Do you plan organised transport from the airports?**

A: The sooner we know the participants' itinerary, the more efficiently we can help with logistics. If we are sufficiently informed of itineraries and people arrive around the same time, we can organise a coach to the airport(s).