

Travel Links

Without question, we're at the heart of it all. Located in the centre of the UK's motorway network, 75% of the UK's population is within half a day's drive.

With one of the most integrated transport networks in the UK, our infrastructure aids the movement of an average of 1,042,465 people around the Region each day. (Source: Centro)

Our public transport system is composed of an extensive, radial regional railway network (with 185 stations giving so many people easy access). A new state-of-the-art light rail system connects Birmingham and Wolverhampton (the Midland Metro). And a highly developed bus service runs 24 hours a day in the major conurbations. This all makes the West Midlands one of the best-connected Regions in the UK.

- * The West Midlands is at the centre of the UK's rail network. Birmingham's New Street Station is the UK's main national rail interchange, serving over 31 million people every year
- * The West Coast Line runs through the centre of the Region and provides a fast and convenient link to London from Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Coventry and Rugby
- * Passenger trains from Birmingham to London take 90 minutes and run every 30 minutes throughout the day
- * Centro & Central Trains together offer 26 local rail lines in the West Midlands providing, fast, convenient travel for commuters and leisure users
- * Commuting costs in the West Midlands compare very favourably with other locations in the UK and are significantly cheaper than in London and the South East
- * International access is second to none. The Region has two international airports. The largest, Birmingham International Airport, is the UK's fifth largest airport and the second largest outside London
- * Birmingham offers daily, direct scheduled flights to over 60 destinations in Europe, North America, Asia and the Middle East, including 20 capital cities, served by 26 airlines
- * Birmingham International Airport offers very convenient access to the very centre of the UK. Located between two motorways, it is also the only airport in the country with a mainline railway station on-site. It provides direct services to London, the north of England and Scotland
- * Coventry Airport offers low cost flights to 14 European cities through new low cost airline Thomsonfly, which has for the last two years been voted Best Airline in the Travel & Tourism Web Awards 2004