



Travel to the West Midlands

Wherever you're coming from, the West Midlands Region offers easy access. With our location at the heart of the motorway network, you'll find all roads lead here. The area is just as well served by frequent rail services. And thanks to Birmingham International Airport, the Region is connected to all corners of the globe. All of which makes the West Midlands Region the obvious choice for bringing people together.

By Air

The Region offers great access to all the major European capitals. You're just 90 minutes away from business centres including Amsterdam, Brussels, Dublin and Paris.

Birmingham International Airport has more than 26 scheduled airlines operating direct flights to more than 60 worldwide destinations (including New York) and 13 capital cities. And with frequent flights to the main European hub airports, further connections are within easy reach. Just 8 miles southeast of Birmingham, the airport is right alongside its own mainline station, Birmingham International.

Birmingham International Railway Station

Part of the West Coast line, Birmingham International serves both Birmingham International Airport and the National Exhibition Centre. It has superb links to the whole country via direct train or frequent connections from nearby Birmingham New Street Station. It also lies next to the M42 motorway for convenient access by car.

Transfer Information from Birmingham International Airport

To the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) – Use the free Sky Rail transfer link from the airport to Birmingham International station. The NEC can easily be reached by a walkway from the station.

To New Street railway station, Birmingham – Use the free Sky Rail transfer link from the airport to the International Rail Station (2–5 minutes), then catch a train (takes around 10 minutes) to New Street station (the frequent service runs at approximately 10-minute intervals).

To Digbeth Coach Station – The 900 bus service operated by Travel West Midlands runs regularly into Birmingham City Centre from the airport (outside the transport Interchange).

Alternatively, take the train to New Street (see to New Street above). The city's coach station is around 10 minutes walk away.

By Rail

The West Coast mainline runs through the heart of the West Midlands offering easy access to the North and South of the UK. There is a regular route to London Euston and London Marylebone, as well as to Manchester and the North of England, then onto Glasgow and Scotland.

Travelling around the West Midlands

Getting around the West Midlands couldn't be easier with Centro and Central Trains providing fast travel for commuters and visitors via 26 local rail lines.

By Car

Situated at the heart of the UK's motorway network, the Region has direct links to the M5, M6, M6 Toll, M42, M54 and M40. So you're just a few hours drive from many key cities including London, Manchester, Bristol, Cardiff, Sheffield and Leeds.



By Coach

National Express has its West Midlands base at Digbeth Coach Station in Birmingham. From here, you'll find connections to 1000 destinations across England, Scotland and Wales including regular links to Heathrow and Gatwick airport and London Victoria.

Taxi

Taxis (Hackney Carriages) are either ordinary cars or black cabs, depending on the area and the operator. Hackney Carriages are licensed by Local District Councils and are the only type of vehicle that can be flagged down in the street without any prior booking.

Private Hire cars can only be booked in advance and offer door-to-door transportation. They are ordinary saloon or estate cars, or specially-converted wheelchair-accessible vehicles that are licensed by the Local Authority to carry passengers.