

# Travel to the University of Kent

There are various options to get to Canterbury. If arriving in the U.K. by air, then there are trains from various London airports to Canterbury. The preferred route is via London St Pancras train station, which has a high speed train service to Canterbury West train station.

An alternative option is a **pre-booked** taxi from the airport to Canterbury which costs approximately £100 (from London Heathrow or London Stansted), £80 (from London Gatwick), £120 (London Luton) or £90 (from London City). The driver will meet your flight and take you to Canterbury. Contact Ray Foreman at JCars Airport Services (Email: [jcars.airport@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jcars.airport@hotmail.co.uk); Phone: +44 1227 742828) saying you're attending the Mathematics conference organised by Peter Clarkson.

## Trains

High Speed trains from London to Canterbury (55 minutes) go between London St Pancras and Canterbury West which are operated by **Southeastern**. These trains are hourly and leave from platforms 11–13 at London St Pancras, which are on the upper level of the station and accessible near the entrance to St Pancras station on Pancras Road; see the map of St Pancras ([stpancras.com/maps](http://stpancras.com/maps))

There are also trains from other London stations (Charing Cross, London Bridge, Victoria, Waterloo East) to either Canterbury East or Canterbury West, but these trains are much slower (90 minutes). There are a plethora of different train tickets which can be bought (e.g. *Advance*, *Off-Peak*, *Anytime*), with validity that depends on the day and time of travel.

Consult the National Rail website ([www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)) to see the options.

### From London Heathrow airport: Two Options

1. Underground (Piccadilly Line) to Kings Cross/St Pancras, then **Southeastern** train to Canterbury West.
2. **Heathrow Express** train to London Paddington, then underground (Hammersmith & City Line, eastbound) to Kings Cross/St Pancras, and then **Southeastern** train to Canterbury West.

### From London Gatwick airport: Four Options

1. **Thameslink** train to London St Pancras, then **Southeastern** train to Canterbury West.
2. **Gatwick Express** train to London Victoria, then underground (Victoria Line, northbound) to Kings Cross/St Pancras, and then **Southeastern** train to Canterbury West.
3. **Gatwick Express** train to London Victoria, then **Southeastern** train to Canterbury East or Canterbury West.
4. **Southern** train to Redhill, change and take **Southern** train to Tonbridge, and then **Southeastern** train to Canterbury West. (This option is the cheapest, though not as reliable as the others via London.)

### From London Stansted airport: Two Options

1. **Stansted Express** train to Tottenham Hale, then underground (Victoria Line) to Kings Cross/St Pancras, and then **Southeastern** train to Canterbury West.
2. **National Express** coach to Stratford International, then **Southeastern** train to Canterbury West.

### From London Luton airport:

- Shuttle Bus to Luton Airport Parkway, then **East Midlands** train to London St Pancras, and then **Southeastern** train to Canterbury West.

### From London City airport:

- **Docklands Light Railway** (DLR) to Canning Town, change and take **DLR** to Stratford International, and then **Southeastern** train to Canterbury West.

## Eurostar

**Eurostar** ([www.eurostar.com](http://www.eurostar.com)) run regular services from Brussels, Lille and Paris to Ashford International and Ebbsfleet International.

- From Ashford International take a **Southeastern** train to Canterbury West.
- From Ebbsfleet International either take a **Southeastern** train to Canterbury West or a National Express coach to Canterbury Bus station.

## Buses

**National Express** ([www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)) runs a regular service from London Victoria coach station to Canterbury Bus Station.

## Car

The University is located on the north side of Canterbury. The postcode for Turing College is CT2 7FN and for the Sibson Building is CT2 7FS. Note that the Sibson Building is a new building whose postcode is not recognised by some sat-nav systems, or Google maps. It is located on Parkwood Road. If you need a parking permit, then contact Peter Clarkson ([P.A.Clarkson@kent.ac.uk](mailto:P.A.Clarkson@kent.ac.uk)).

- **From London, the North and East Anglia (via M25 clockwise):** Leave M25 at junction 2 signposted A2 Canterbury, continue on A2/M2, leave M2 at junction 7 signposted A2 Canterbury. Follow signs to Canterbury.
- **From the West and South-West (via M25 anticlockwise):** At M25 junction 5 continue ahead on M26(M20) signposted Maidstone, leave M20 at junction 7 signposted A249 Canterbury, join M2 at junction 5 for Canterbury, leave M2 at junction 7 signposted A2 Canterbury. Follow signs to Canterbury.

### From Canterbury to the campus:

- **Via A2 eastbound/London:** Rheims Way, London Road, Whitstable Road, University Road.
- **Via A2 westbound/A28:** Wincheap, Rheims Way, London Road, Whitstable Road, University Road.

## Travel within Canterbury

### Buses

To the University from:

- **Canterbury Bus Station:** there are regular bus services Uni 1, Uni 2 or Number 4, which take approximately 14 minutes.
- **Canterbury East train station:** turn right straight outside the station (do not cross the bridge opposite the station) and follow the road to the bus stop, then take the regular bus service Uni 1, Uni 2 or Number 4.
- **Canterbury West train station:** turn right and walk to the end of the road, cross the road at the zebra crossing and the bus stop is on the left, then take the regular bus service Uni 1, Uni 2 or Number 4.

Alight at Keynes bus stop.

Timetables and maps are available at [www.kent.ac.uk/estates/services/transport/buses](http://www.kent.ac.uk/estates/services/transport/buses)

### Taxis

There are taxi ranks at Canterbury East and Canterbury West train stations, and various locations in the city. Ask for Turing College (accommodation) or Sibson Building on Parkwood Road (conference venue).