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# How to get from Heathrow to London

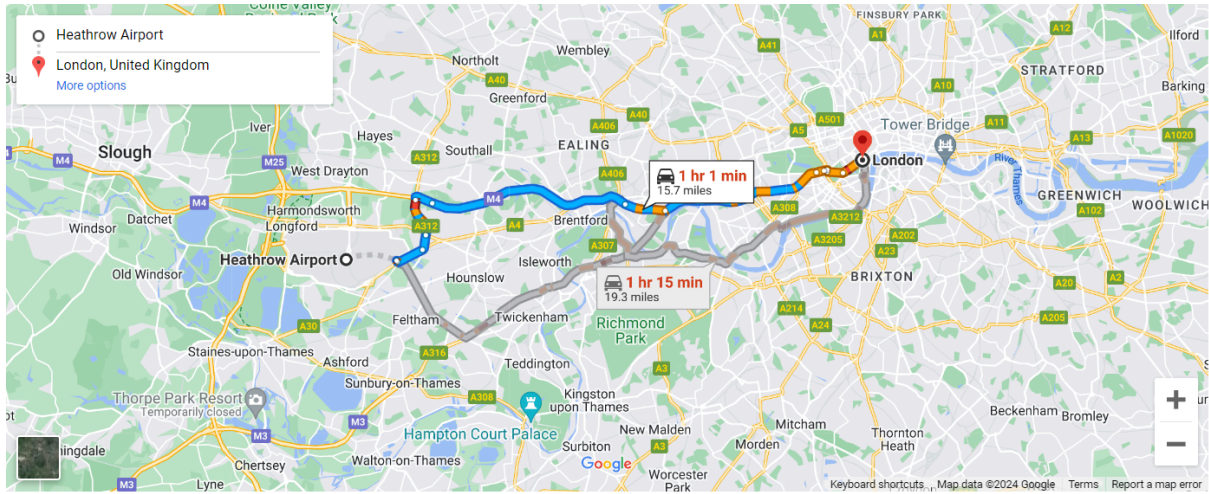
## Comparison of transport means from Heathrow Airport (LHR) to London

Heathrow Airport, located about 24 kilometres (15 miles) to the west of central London, has a rich history as a major global aviation hub. Its origins can be traced back to its use as an airfield during World War II. Over time, Heathrow has grown into a prominent player in the aviation industry. Opening in 1946, the airport's name is derived from the nearby Heathrow village, where its land was obtained for construction. Heathrow's global importance is evident through its pre-pandemic annual handling of around 80 million passengers, which make it the busiest airports in Europe, and it consistently ranks among the world's busiest airports.

Major airlines, both domestic and international, operate within its terminals. Carriers like British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, American Airlines, Emirates, Lufthansa, and Qatar Airways connect Heathrow with destinations worldwide. Heathrow's infrastructure centres around its four terminals, each serving various airlines and passenger needs. Terminal 5 showcases modern architecture and design, while Terminal 1 was retired in 2015 for further improvements.

This article is a guide for travellers exploring transportation options to **get from Heathrow Airport to London** city centre, including private/public taxis, trains, underground and buses. Each choice has pros and cons, offering the best experience possible for everyone. The option that meets the majority of customer's requirements is booking in advance a Heathrow Airport **taxi** on the [official page](#), which is recommended for a personalised and hassle-free journey.

# Route by car from Heathrow Airport (LHR) to London: around 24 km (15 miles) from the city centre



## Comparison between different means of transport

<b>Private Taxi</b> <b>25£</b>
55 minutes
Available: 24/7, every day of the year
<a href="#">Taxis details</a>

<b>Train</b> <b>27£</b>
40 minutes
Available: every 30 minutes
<a href="#">Train details</a>

<b>Tube (underground)</b> <b>7£</b>
1 hour
Available: every 10/15 minutes
<a href="#">Tube details</a>

<b>Bus</b> <b>11£</b>
1 hour
Available: every 30/60 minutes
<a href="#">Bus details</a>

## From Heathrow Airport to central London by private taxi

First of all, it is necessary to clarify any doubt about the difference between private taxis and public taxis. Opting for a **private Heathrow Airport taxi** provides travellers with many advantages. Firstly, they can know the total price in advance: this eliminates uncertainties and hidden charges, allowing customers to plan their budgets without surprises. Private taxi drivers are officially licensed, which enables them to offer a professional and punctual service, making the ride much more enjoyable.

The advantages extend beyond financial clarity. In fact, passengers can avoid the queues often associated with public taxi services at the airport, because their driver is going to wait inside the airport (in the arrivals' hall), with a sign with the customer's name and surname. Moreover, even in the event of flight delays, private taxi drivers always do their best to accommodate passengers by waiting for an additional hour without incurring extra fees.

On the other hand, **public taxis** use the taximeter and may leave passengers uncertain about final costs, with the risk of paying additional charges. The drivers might exhibit varying levels of professionalism and, in some cases, lack the necessary licences, affecting the quality of ride.

# How much does a private taxi from Heathrow Airport to London cost?

Displayed below are the standard rates for a **private taxi transfer from Heathrow to the centre of London**. It is essential to keep in mind that these rates can vary based on the time of day and the total number of passengers. To be updated about the correct cost, it is advisable that customers fill the online form on our dedicated [Heathrow Airport Taxi page](#). This approach not only guarantees transparency but also allows passengers to budget for their journey.

## Prices for a private Heathrow airport taxi

**From Heathrow Airport to the customer's accommodation in London (up to 4 passengers)**

The price starts from £97 (£25 for each person) for a 4-seater taxi transfer.

**From Heathrow Airport to the customer's accommodation in London (up to 8 passengers)**

The price starts from £162 (£21 for each person) for an 8-seater taxi transfer.

## How the Taxi Service at a fixed price works

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1. Settle the total payment in advance to lock in the price, preventing any change due to traffic conditions or route alternatives. (Payment in advance)
2. Avoid queues at the airport and meet the driver who awaits within Heathrow Airport's arrivals hall, holding a sign displaying the passenger's complete name. (Personalised airport pickup)
3. Secure your booking in advance by filling in the online form provided at the [official page](#). (The service is operational 24/7, throughout the entire year)
4. It provides ample time for customers to relax and enjoy their journey in a taxi through the bustling streets of London. (Average travel duration of 55 minutes)

# The advantages of travelling with a private transfer service

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## Available 24/7, every day of the year

Frequently, airlines schedule flights during early mornings or late nights, times when public transportation may not be operational. The best option is pre-booking a Heathrow Airport **taxi**.

## Fixed Cost

The **private taxi service** operates on a predetermined price, ensuring that the fare chosen by the customer during the booking process remains unaffected by traffic conditions or the chosen route. This eliminates the need for the passenger to worry about unexpected additional charges, alleviating any stress.

## Private and professional service

The **transfer service** is reserved for the passenger and their family/friends, guaranteeing a private journey. The driver in charge of the transfer has a long experience, making them an ideal option for those embarking on business-related travels.

## Pickup location and timing

During the online booking process, customers are asked to select their preferred pickup location and time. This option is especially advantageous for travellers who stay in the city centre and need to go to the airport, as they can precisely specify their accommodation's address.

# Tips about private transfer services

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## Payment process

### Pay in advance

To secure the fixed fare, payment is required in advance. The options for payment include credit cards, PayPal, or bank transfers, eliminating the necessity for cash transactions. It is important to remember that the driver will not accept payments in any form on the spot.

## Flight changes

### Delays/cancellations

In case of flight modification (including delays and cancellations), fact communication is vital. Passengers are encouraged to notify the assigned driver through the provided phone. The driver will try his best to accommodate changes, when possible.

## Meeting location

### Inside the Heathrow Airport

For travellers landing at Heathrow Airport, their meeting point with the driver is situated within the arrivals hall, inside the airport premises, after collecting their baggage. This procedure proves to be a time-efficient approach, making the transition from the airport to the vehicle easier.



#### Airport taxi from Heathrow Airport to the heart of London

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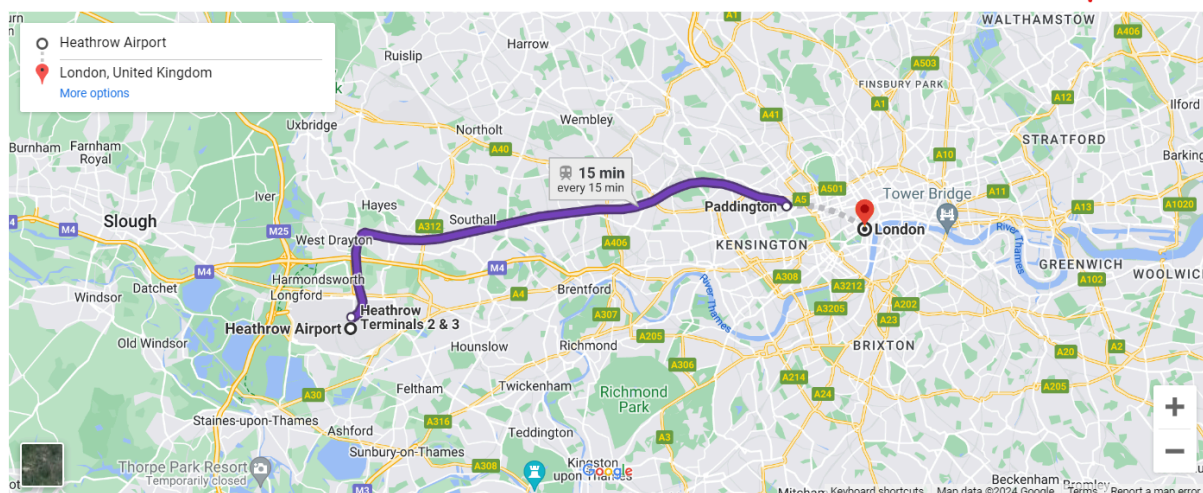
# From Heathrow to the customer's accommodation in London by train

For people who want a quick way to **travel between Heathrow Airport and London** Paddington Station, the Heathrow Express is a special train service just for that. It's a fast and easy way to get from the airport to the city centre. This train goes straight between these two places without stopping anywhere else.

But even though the Heathrow Express goes directly to the heart of London, most of the time, passengers still need another way of transportation to get to where they're staying. When they arrive at the station, they might need to choose between buses or the subway to reach their accommodation. This change can be a bit tricky, especially if they have heavy bags or kids with them. However, there's a way to make it easier. They can still book a **private taxi** in advance to take them from the station to the final destination. This decision is advisable also for those people travelling with elderly people or with medium/large animals. Another element that should not be forgotten but is of fundamental importance is the safety: late at night and early in the morning the risks increase, that is why it is advisable to **book a Heathrow airport transfer** and avoid any danger.

By booking a **private transfer** in advance, travellers can avoid the hassle of figuring out how to change to another mode of transport. This means they'll have a smooth and easy trip right to the correct place.

## Map of the route of the Heathrow Express from the airport to London Paddington Station



# Essential information

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## 01 Schedules

The Heathrow Express is operational with frequent departures during the day. Trains generally run every 15 minutes between Heathrow Airport (Terminals 2 & 3) and London Paddington, and every 30 minutes between Heathrow Terminal 5 and London Paddington.

## 02 Prices for the Heathrow Express

The cost of a single Standard Class ticket for the Heathrow Express costs around £22 to £27 for adults, depending on factors such as the time of booking, time of travel, and class of service.

## 03 Journey time

The Heathrow Express offers a journey time of approximately 15-20 minutes between the airport and London Paddington. It's important to note that journey times can vary based on factors such as the specific terminal you're departing from or arriving at within Heathrow Airport, as well as any potential disruptions or maintenance on the rail line.

## The advantages of travelling with the Heathrow Express

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### No traffic congestion

Unlike road transportation options, such as taxis or buses, the Heathrow Express is not affected by road traffic congestion.

### Direct connectivity

The service provides a direct connection between Heathrow Airport and central London's Paddington Station. This route eliminates the need for multiple transfers and simplifies the travel process, especially for passengers with luggage or those unfamiliar with the city's public transportation system.



## Frequent services

The Heathrow Express operates with frequent departures, with trains leaving every 15/30 minutes. This schedule provides flexibility for travellers, ensuring that they can easily find the most convenient departure to suit their plans.

## Scenic views

During the journey on the Heathrow Express, passengers can enjoy scenic views of the English countryside and urban landscapes. The train's large windows offer a unique perspective of the surroundings.

# Useful tips for those choosing to travel on the Heathrow Express

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## Tickets

### Ticket options

Explore the different ticket options available for the Heathrow Express. Besides the standard single or return tickets, there might be saver options, group discounts, or promotions that could offer the customer a more convenient price.

## Booking

### Book in advance

To secure the best fares and ensure availability, it is good to take in consideration booking the tickets in advance. Online booking allows the passenger to choose their preferred travel time and class.

## Additional services

### Check flight check-in services

For travellers whose airline offers the Rail Air service, it is advisable to take advantage of the convenience of checking in for their flight at London Paddington before reaching the airport.

## When?

### Arrive early

While the Heathrow Express is known for its efficiency, it's still a good idea to arrive at the station a bit early, especially in case a customer is travelling to the airport to catch a flight. This will give them enough time to find the correct platform, board the train, and take a seat.



### Airport taxi from Heathrow to central London

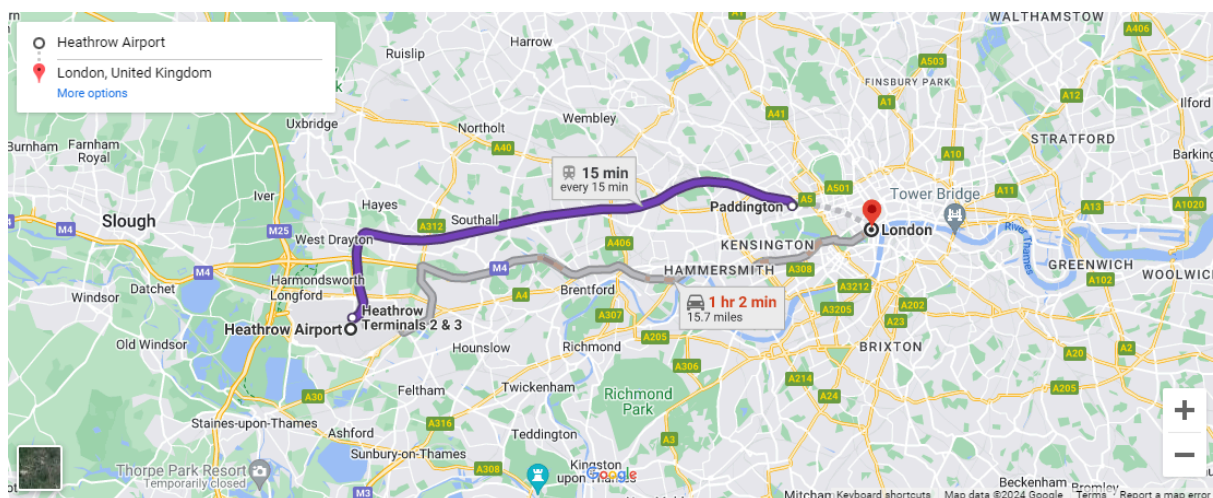
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## From Heathrow Airport to central London by underground

Getting from Heathrow Airport to the lively heart of London's city centre is an adventure, but it can become a nightmare for those who are not used to a big metropolis. One of the easiest ways to make this journey is by taking the London Underground, commonly known as the Tube. With its web of tunnels that criss-cross the city, the Tube, offered by the official company [TFL](#), represents a straightforward route to the city centre.

## Route on the map by underground from Heathrow Airport to London city centre



## Essential information

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### 01 Price of the ticket

The cost of a Tube ticket from Heathrow Airport depends on various factors such as the type of ticket, and the zones you will be travelling through. The Tube network is divided into zones, and the number of zones you pass through will determine the fare.

### 02 Journey time with the tube

The journey time to central London is relatively short. On the Piccadilly Line, the journey typically takes around 45 to 60 minutes to reach central areas like Piccadilly Circus or Covent Garden. It's important to note that journey times can vary based on factors such as the time of day, the specific station you're heading to, and any potential delays on the line.

### 03 Tube stops

The Piccadilly Line offers a well-connected route from the airport into the heart of London. On the journey, the important stops are Hounslow, Acton Town, Hammersmith, Earl's Court, and Gloucester Road. These stations provide convenient access to various parts of the city and its attractions, so it's a good idea to plan the journey based on the destination.

## The advantages of using the underground

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### Affordability

The Tube offers a cost-effective mode of transportation, especially when compared to other options. The fares are determined by zones, making it straightforward to choose the right ticket for your journey. For those looking to explore London on a budget, the Tube provides a wallet-friendly means of getting around.

### Reliability and frequency

The Tube's reputation for punctuality and frequency is well-earned. Trains run frequently, particularly during peak hours, ensuring minimal waiting times. This reliability is especially beneficial for travellers with tight schedules.

## Avoiding traffic congestion

London is well-known for its bustling streets and occasional traffic congestion. By choosing the Tube, passengers can bypass traffic and travel quickly through the city. This is particularly advantageous during peak hours when roadways can become congested.

## Local experience

While underground, the Tube provides a unique glimpse of the city's character, London's architecture, neighbourhoods, and daily life.

# Useful advices when travelling with the underground

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## Planning

### Plan ahead

Before embarking on the Tube journey, it's a good idea to plan the route.

## Mind the gap

### Pay attention

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## Escalators

### Stand on the right

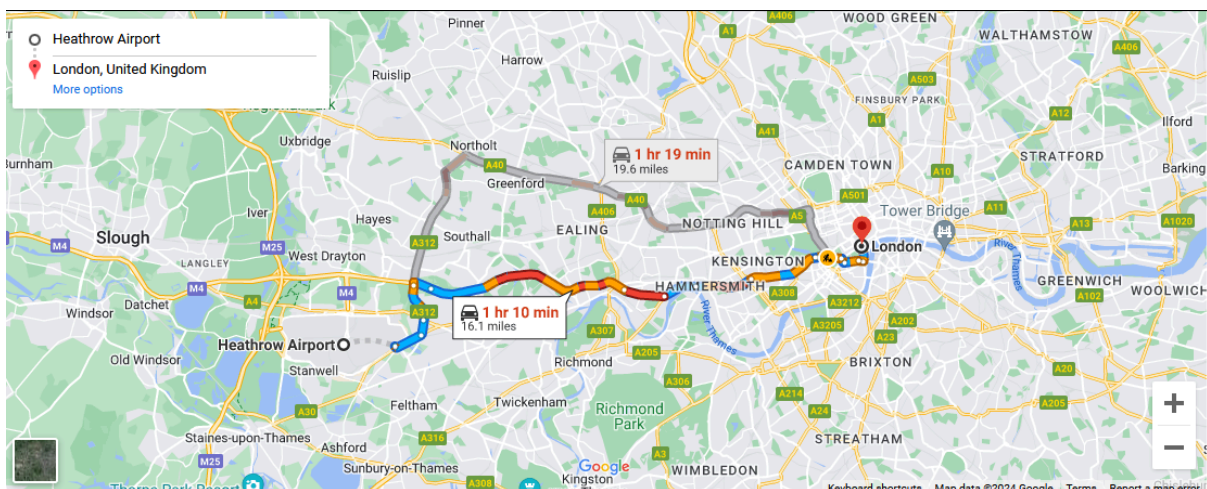
When using escalators on the Tube, remember to stand on the right side, leaving the left side free for people who want to walk or pass by. Londoners take this unspoken rule seriously, and standing on the right helps maintain a smooth flow of foot traffic and prevents congestion.

# From Heathrow Airport to London city centre by bus

For those looking for a hassle-free way to connect from Heathrow Airport to central London, a prominent transportation choice is the [National Express](#). This well-known transportation company offers a range of bus services that meet the needs of travellers, ensuring a comfortable and convenient journey from the airport to the city centre.

Please note that public buses are shared services, and as such, they might not be the preferred option for all travellers. Some individuals, in fact, may opt for a **private transfer** and the ability to personally select the pickup and drop-off locations. This choice helps them avoid the challenges of locating the correct bus stop while managing heavy luggage, along with the unpredictability of bus schedules.

## Route by bus from Heathrow Airport to London City centre



## General information

### 01 Journey time

The time taken by buses travelling from Heathrow Airport to London's city centre can vary due to traffic conditions and the chosen route. On average, the journey usually spans between 1 hour and 30 minutes to 2 hours.

### 02 Bus timetables

The National Express service typically operates with regular intervals, ensuring numerous departures during the day. Frequency can range from every 30 minutes to hourly. Buses are available from early in the morning until late at night.

### 03 **Bus stops**

The National Express routes pass through various stops across London that can vary depending on the route chosen. Prominent London stops that these buses are expected to cover include Victoria Coach Station, Marble Arch and Paddington Station.

### 04 **Bus appearance**

National Express buses are typically large and modern vehicles equipped with comfortable seating, Wi-Fi, and power outlets. They are often easily recognizable by their distinct blue and white livery.

## The advantages of using the National Express

### **Cost-effective travel**

Opting for the National Express offers a cost-effective way to travel between Heathrow Airport and London city centre. With competitive pricing and potential discounts for advanced bookings, passengers can enjoy budget-friendly transportation without compromising on comfort.

### **Convenient schedule**

The National Express operates with a well-structured schedule, featuring frequent departures. This ensures flexibility for travellers, allowing them to choose departure times that align with their itineraries.

### **Comfort and relaxation**

National Express buses are equipped to provide a comfortable and relaxing journey. Passengers can enjoy spacious seating, Wi-Fi, power outlets, and climate control. This ensures a pleasant travel experience.

# Useful advices when travelling with the National Express bus services

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## Booking

### Book in advance

To fix the best fares and ensure availability, consider booking your National Express bus tickets in advance.

## Luggage

### Pack essentials

Ensure you have essentials such as your ticket, identification, and any necessary travel documents readily accessible. Additionally, bring along personal items like water, snacks, a charger for electronic devices, and something to keep you entertained during the journey.

## Seats

### Choose seat wisely

When boarding the National Express, take a moment to choose your seat wisely. Some passengers prefer to enjoy a quiet travel; that is why in this case it is better to choose a seat located as far as possible from the entry and the exit, as they are considered as more confusing places due to the continuous traffic of passengers getting on and off of the vehicle. Also, for those with specific needs (such as larger seats or more legroom), it is advisable to book seats near the entrance or baggage area, which often have more space available.

## Questions and Answers regarding the different mode of transportation from Heathrow Airport

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### What is the distance between Heathrow Airport and London city centre?

Heathrow Airport is located west of central London; the distance that separates it from the city centre of London is 24 kilometres (15 miles).

### What is the fastest travel option?

With no doubt, the fastest option available is the Heathrow Express, since the journey takes only about 30 minutes. On the other hand, any other means of transportation takes from 1 hour to 1 hour and 30 minutes.

### **What is the cheapest transportation option?**

The cheapest option is the underground, also known as Tube, with a cost of £7 for each person.

### **What is the most convenient travel option?**

The most convenient choice is to book a private Heathrow airport taxi that is able to guarantee punctuality, comfort and professionalism to its customers.

## **Transport from Heathrow to your accommodation in the centre of London**



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