

Getting to Paignton



Coach

Train

Car

Airports:
Exeter, Bristol,
Heathrow, Gatwick

Travel Options
You can travel to Paignton from Heathrow or Gatwick Airport by train, coach or private car.

Travel Times to Paignton

| From | Travel by | Cost from | Journey times |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| London Heathrow | Coach | £37 single / £55 return | 5 hours (one way) - direct service |
| | Train | Available on request. | 4½ hours via Reading or Paddington |
| | Exclusive taxi | £210 one way | 3½ hours |
| Bristol Airport | Coach | £28 single / £43 return | 4¾ hours via Bristol City Centre |
| | Train | Available on request. | 2¾ hours (including bus service from/to airport Bristol Temple Meads train station. |
| | Exclusive taxi | £113 one way | 2 hours one way |
| Exeter Airport | Coach | £12 single / £20 return | 2 hours via Exeter City Centre |
| | Exclusive taxi | £60 one way | ¾ hour |
| Plymouth Ferry Port | Exclusive taxi | £75 one way | 1 hour |
| London Gatwick | Coach | £40 single / £60 return | 6½ hours via Heathrow |
| | Train | Available on request. | 4½ hours via Reading |
| | Exclusive taxi | £220 one way | 5 hours |

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| London Stansted | Coach | £38 single / £72 return | 7 hours via Heathrow |
| | Train | £52 single / £92 return | 5 hours via Central London |
| | Exclusive taxi | £275 one way | 6 hours |
| London City Airport | Coach | £35.00 single / £51.70 return | 6¾ hours via London Victoria Coach Station |
| | Train | £52 single / £91 return | 4 hours via London Paddington Train Station |
| | Exclusive taxi | £275 one way | 6 hours |
| London Paddington Train Station | Train | Available on request. | 3½ hours via Newton Abbot |
| London Victoria Coach Station | Coach | £25 single / £47 return | 5¾ hours |
| London St Pancras (Eurostar) | Train | Available on request. | 4¾ hours via Exeter |

Please note the above prices and journey times are approximate, and may fluctuate according to time of year and time of day, etc. It is generally much cheaper in the UK to purchase return tickets for your coach or train rather than two single tickets. It is generally also cheaper to book tickets as much in advance as possible. Train fares quoted represent "Supersaver" return fares. All prices subject to confirmation by the Devon School. Prices are for reference only (as at October 2015) and may be subject to change. Generally the biggest choice of scheduled airlines and flights will be found when using **Heathrow Airport**. This



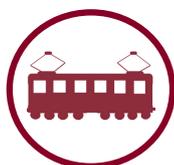
Travelling by plane

is also the closest of the London airports to Paignton. If considering a flight to Gatwick, Stansted, Luton or London City airport, we suggest you check the total cost of your trip (i.e. flight plus transfer) before booking, also the length of your journey, especially if travelling with children.

The last few years have seen a big increase in the number of flights available to airports nearer Paignton, e.g. to **Bristol** with Easyjet www.easyjet.com, or Ryanair www.ryanair.com. Flights from/to:- Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland. There are also flights from to **Exeter** from Austria, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland with www.flybe.com. Students should try and book flights to Exeter airport, Bristol airport or to London

Heathrow airport. The direct National Express 501 coach service leaves from the central bus station at Heathrow airport. National Express - <http://www.nationalexpress.com/> There are approximately 7 coaches per day in each direction. Provided we/the host family have been notified of the arrival time, the host family will meet the student off the coach when it arrives at Paignton. Journey time is about 5 hours. Tickets are best booked online, but we can also book them for you for a small admin charge.

Trains are more expensive than National Express Coaches but generally quicker. For ex-



Travelling by train

ample the train goes from London Paddington, via Reading, to Paignton, approximately 15 times per day. Some of the trains are direct, and others involve a change, generally at nearby Newton Abbot station. There is a "Rail Air" coach link from Heathrow Airport, to Reading Station. Tickets can be booked on www.nationalrail.co.uk. There are a number of direct trains to Paignton each day, and many more with one change at Newton Abbot Station (approx. 12 km from Paignton). There are also trains to Paignton from Bristol and Exeter.



Travelling by taxi

We can supply quotes and order taxis for any destination not already included in the above list, e.g. Dover, Southampton, Portsmouth, etc. Taxis are suitable for up to 3 passengers. We can also quote for larger cars (up to 8 passengers), minibus (up to 14 passengers) and coaches (up to 45 passengers). Please note clients are charged extra for waiting time for delayed flights etc.



Travelling by car

If you wish to fly and hire a car at the arrival airport we would recommend Thrifty, as they have an office in Torbay. Cars can be booked on <http://www.thrifty.com> For students wishing to hire a car and return it in Paignton we can offer very competitive rates – details on application.

If bringing your own car to Paignton, we would recommend the following routes: From Dover/Folkstone (Ferry or Channel Tunnel), towards London on M2, then M25 (West) to M3. Continue on M3 until junction with A30. Continue on A303 and A30 to Exeter. Then A380 to Torbay. From Heathrow Airport, take M4 (West) to Bristol, then M5 (South) to Exeter, Then A380 to Torbay (Paignton, Torquay, Brixham). Or by ferry to Plymouth (from Roscoff or Santander), then only 1 hour by car to Paignton from Plymouth.



Travelling by coach

Travelling by National Express Coach is the cheapest and most popular way to travel to and from the airport. There are 2 ways to book coach tickets to Paignton:

1) The first is for clients to book their own bus tickets on the Internet directly at www.nationalexpress.com 2) The second is for us to book tickets for you. Please note that some tickets booked on the Internet cannot be changed/refunded after issue. Tickets must be booked & paid for at least one week in advance. In order to book tickets for clients we do need full flight details in advance. We charge £4.00 to book tickets online for clients (per ticket).

Meeting Services (“Meet and Greet”)

We can arrange for students to be met at the airport and taken to the National Express coach to Paignton. The charges for this service are as follows:

| Airport | | Price (valid until October '16) |
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| Heathrow Terminals 1, 2 & 3 | Meet and greet service for 1 to 10 people | £58.00 |
| Heathrow Terminals 4 & 5 | Meet and greet service for 1 to 10 people | £67.00 |
| Gatwick | Meet and greet service for 1 to 10 people | £58.00 |
| Stansted | Meet and greet service for 1 to 10 people | £61.00 |
| Please note: | | |
| Times: | If the service is required before 06.30 or after 21.00, add 50% to the price. The service is priced on the basis of a 2-hour, one-way meeting and there are surcharges for delays beyond this period charged at an hourly rate pro-rata. | |
| Coach tickets: | The above prices do not include the price of the coach ticket to Paignton. If the meeting agency purchase the coach ticket, they add 25% of the ticket price. If we at the Devon School issue/purchase coach ticket we add a £4.00 administration fee. | |
| Surcharges: | Additional fees apply on public holidays, and any arrivals scheduled or delayed and arriving / departing between the hours of 21.00-06.30 (+50%). Prices are available on application. | |