

Getting to Paignton

There are direct transport connections with railway and coach stations serving Heathrow and Gatwick Airports

2011



Travel Times to Paignton

From	By	Cost from	Journey times / notes
London Heathrow	Coach	£28 single / £46 return	5 hours (one way) – Direct Service
	Train	£41 single £77 return	4½ hours via Reading or Paddington
	Exclusive Taxi	£185 one way	3.5 hours
Bristol Airport	Coach	£26 single £35 return	4¾ hours via Bristol City Centre
	Train	£33 single £38 return	2¾ hours (incl. bus service from/to airport from Bristol Temple Meads train station)
	Exclusive Taxi	£95 one way	1.5 hours one way
Exeter Airport	Coach	£10.50 single £15.50 return	2 hrs (via Exeter City Centre)
	Exclusive Taxi	£48 one way	¾ hour
Plymouth Airport or Plymouth Ferry Port	Exclusive Taxi	£61.50 one way	1 hour
London Gatwick	Coach	£36 single £55 return	6½ hours via Heathrow
	Train	£41 single £80 return	4½ hours via Reading
	Exclusive Taxi	£193 one way	5 hours
London Stansted	Coach	£40 single £59 return	7 hours via Heathrow
	Train	£41 single £82 return	5 hours via Central London
	Exclusive Taxi	£241 one way	6 hours
London City Airport	Coach	£33 single £66 return	6¾ hrs (via London Victoria Coach station)
	Train	£41 single £82 return	4 hours (via London Paddington Train station)
	Plane	Varies	Via Plymouth Airport
	Exclusive Taxi	£245 one way	5½ hours
London Paddington Train Station	Train	£36 single £72 return	3½ hours via Newton Abbot

London Victoria Coach Station	Coach	£28 single £46 return	5¾ hours
LondonSt. Pancras (Eurostar)	Train	£41 single £77 return	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 naturally for reference only (as at October 2010) and may be subject to change.

National Express Coach – the cheapest and most popular way:

Plane

Generally the biggest choice of scheduled airlines and flights will be found when using Heathrow Airport. This 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.

Train:

More expensive than National Express Coaches but generally quicker. For example 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.

Taxis:

We can supply quotes and order taxis for any destination not already included in the above list, e.g. Dover, Southampton, Portsmouth, etc. Taxis generally 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.

Car Hire: 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.

Self Drive: 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.

National Express Coach tickets

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, for clients unable to do this, is for us to book tickets on their behalf. 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”)

PRICES VALID UNTIL MARCH 2011

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:

		<u>Price</u>
<u>Heathrow</u>		
Terminals 1, 2 & 3	Meet & Greet for 1-10 people	£52.50
Terminals 4 & 5	Meet & Greet for 1-10 people	£61.50
<u>Gatwick</u>	Meet & Greet for 1-10 people	£52.50
<u>Stansted</u>	Meet & Greet for 1-10 people	£55.50

Please note: **Time**

If the service is required before 6.30am or after 9.00pm 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 on 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 bus ticket they add 25% (of the ticket price) If we at the Devon School issue/purchase bus 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.
