

Travel Information

Air

Birmingham International Airport, alongside The NEC, has direct daily flights from many major European cities, including Amsterdam, Brussels, Copenhagen, Dublin, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Milan, Paris and Zurich. There are also daily North American flights from Chicago, New York and Toronto.

Birmingham International Airport Tel: 0121 767 5511
Airport Hotline Service Tel: 0121 767 7000

British Airways -
Passenger Reservations: Tel: 0345 222111

Road

The NEC is on the A45, halfway between Coventry and Birmingham. The M1, M6, M40 and M42 are within easy reach of the National Exhibition Centre, which is well sign-posted from all routes.

Rail

VIRGIN TRAINS - the company managing and operating the former InterCity West Coast and CrossCountry networks offers a weekday service of two trains each hour between London Euston and Birmingham International. Refreshments are available during the 80 minute journey, many weekday trains offering a full restaurant service. Birmingham International Station is connected by a covered walkway to the National Exhibition Centre.

The station is also served by direct Virgin Trains from Brighton, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Milton Keynes, Newcastle, Oxford, Reading, Southampton, Watford and York. In addition the frequent local services from Birmingham New Street (10 to 15 minutes journey) provide one change journeys from the entire Virgin Trains network.

For further information on schedules and fares, contact National Rail Enquiries on 0345 48 49 50

For tickets and reservations, contact the Virgin TrainLine on 0345 222 333

Local Rail Services Within the West Midlands County

For times and fares for local rail travel to Birmingham, Coventry, Wolverhampton and other places within the West Midlands County, telephone the Centro Hotline on 0121 200 2700.

The Hotline can also give details of local bus connections.

NORTH LONDON RAILWAYS - operate an hourly service (Monday to Saturday) direct from London (Euston) to Birmingham International calling at intermediate stations including Watford Junction, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, Leighton Buzzard, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, Northampton and Rugby.

National Rail & Fares information Tel: 0345 48 49 50

CHILTERN RAILWAYS - trains run to nearby Solihull every hour, every day of the week, from London Marylebone, Gerrards Cross, Beaconsfield, High Wycombe, Princes Risborough, Bicester North, Banbury, Leamington Spa and Warwick. From Solihull Station it is a 15 minute taxi ride to the NEC.

Alternatively, you can change at Banbury or Leamington Spa for Virgin Train to Birmingham International Station.

Call 0990 165165 for information about Chiltern Railways times and fares.

Call 0345 48 49 50 for National Rail Enquiries.

Coach

Flightlink provide frequent coach transfers from London Heathrow and Gatwick Airports. Tel: 0990 757747

Bus Services to The NEC

Frequent local buses serve the NEC, calling at Birmingham International Station forecourt:

- 900 - Coventry, Meriden, NEC, Birmingham City Centre and return.
- 966 - Walsall, Sutton Coldfield, Erdington, NEC and return.
- 993/4 - Birmingham City Centre, Chelmsley Wood, NEC and return.
- 73 - Solihull, Birmingham Airport, NEC and return.

For details of bus times and fares, telephone the Centro Hotline 0121 200 2700.

Taxis

Taxi services are operated by T.O.A. Taxis. A free telephone service is available at the main entrance of the NEC. Tel: 0121 427 8888.

Elmdon Taxis also have a reception office on the Birmingham International Station forecourt which operates 24 hours a day. Tel: 0121 705 2222.