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Getting To Brighton



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Now that I am in London – How do I get to Brighton?

This is a great question and it depends upon which airport you are using. Most international flights will land at either **Heathrow** or **Gatwick**. There are a couple of other London area airports that can be used – so if you are landing at one of these – you are on your own.

Note: Click on the logos in this document for links to the websites.

First things first:

- You are going to the Hilton Brighton Metropole
 - 106-121 Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2FU, UK.
- Check in time is 1500.
- The cost of onsite parking is 14 BP per day with in-out privilege.
 - Brighton is rather small with shopping and great food within easy walking distance – so we do not recommend that you rent a car during your visit – if you plan to travel after – pick up your car at that time.

From **Heathrow** there are several methods of getting to Brighton:

- Train – Least Expensive but slow with several transfers
- Bus – Moderately Expensive but a little faster
- Taxi, or hired car – Most Expensive but fastest
 - Click2Go Executive Cars, LTD has a dedicated service for FSEMC attendees.

From **Gatwick** there are several methods of getting to Brighton:

- Train – Least Expensive and located right in Gatwick's South Terminal
- Bus – Moderately Expensive and located outside of South Terminal – slower than the train
- Taxi, or hired car – Most Expensive but fastest
 - Click2Go Executive Cars, LTD has a dedicated service for FSEMC attendees.

Click2Go Executive Car Service

The FSEMC host, Thales, has worked with a car service to ease your transportation from the two major airports to Brighton.



Click2Go has a website to arrange your ground travel in a chauffeured car. If clicking on the logo does not work, type the below text into your browser:

Click2Go website: <http://www.fsemc.click2go.eu>

Username: fsemc

Password: thales

Heathrow to Brighton: 1-2 Passengers	165 BP
Up to 6 Pax	210 BP

Gatwick to Brighton: 1-2 Passengers	85 BP
Up to 6 Pax	110 BP

The return trip is the same cost. Parties of 7 or more will be quoted directly. The website has a form to fill out, including your arrival date/time and flight number. You can also arrange your return trip to the airport after the FSEMC. The service is door-to-door with a "meet and greet"; the driver will meet you with a name sign in the arrivals hall of the airport.

Costs above are current as of June 1, 2010. Vehicles below are examples only, please read the "terms and conditions" section of their website for more information.



HEATHROW AIRPORT

There are several things to take into consideration – how much luggage are you bringing? How many people are in your party? Is time a consideration?

First of all – you can't get direct transportation to Brighton – unless you use a Taxi or hire a car to take you and your party directly to the hotel. For the rest of us – you have a couple of choices:

Heathrow Bus Option

Our recommended choice is to take the bus from Heathrow directly to Brighton. There are several pickup spots within Heathrow so depending upon your terminal – you should be able to locate the proper pickup spot – if not, just ask someone at the information booths located within the terminal – very friendly folks.



The trip is approximately 2.5 hours total with a 30 minute stop at Gatwick – the cost of the trip is 23.50 BP. The normal service drops you off at the train station so you would follow item 4 below. Click the logo for a link to find the departure schedule and see if it fits within your plans. This may be the least expensive but will take the most time.

Heathrow Train Option

- 1) Take the tube (Underground) into London – you can catch the underground at the airport – there are signs all over the airport telling you where you go to get to the Underground Terminal. Take the **Piccadilly Line** – the only problem is it is not direct to **Victoria Station** – so it is best to get off at the **Hammersmith Station** – then walk across the platform about 10 feet and get on the **Direct Line to Victoria Station**.



- 2) Once inside **Victoria Station** you will need to purchase your ticket (currently selling for 21.4 British Pounds) to Brighton in advance of boarding the train.

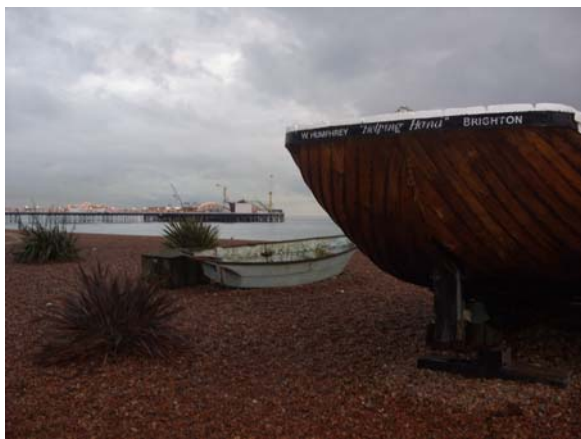


- There will be a very large display above the tracks explaining which track for which train. You can either go to the Ticket Office or they have Ticket Vending Machines around the platform that take credit cards or British Pounds. However, I tried several of my credit cards with no luck so I ended up using British Pounds and it worked quite well.
- 3) You will have to keep your eye out for which train and what track – once it is announced that your train is ready for boarding get your ticket punched at the entrance gate and then board that train – making sure you are in the proper class car. Find a seat – store your luggage (overhead) and sit back for a very comfortable ride – there will be a service cart for snacks and refreshments. The trip will take between 50-90 minutes depending upon the time of day and service.
 - 4) From the Brighton train station you will need to walk about a mile and a half (mostly downhill) so if it is not raining – it is very pleasant. Or take a taxi from the station – it should cost between 8 and 12 British Pounds.

HEATHROW AIRPORT (cont'd)

Heathrow Bus to Gatwick to Train Option

Or you could do the Bus/train service. If you take the Gatwick Shuttle (bus service) from Heathrow it takes about 75 minutes depending upon your arrival times – there could be road traffic delays. The current cost is 19.5BP. Once you get to Gatwick – then you take the train directly to Brighton from Gatwick (as described below).



GATWICK AIRPORT

Gatwick Train Option

The Gatwick Train Station is located directly below the South Terminal and the ticket office is adjacent to the terminal's concourse. The tickets are (currently) 8 BP for coach and 12.4BP for first class service. It takes between 30 to 40 minutes for the trip depending upon the stops. From the Brighton train station you will need to walk about a mile and a half (mostly downhill) so if it is not raining – it is very pleasant. Or take a taxi from the station – it should cost between 8 and 12 British Pounds.



Gatwick Car/Van Option

If know from experience that if am going to land at Gatwick, I will take a taxi or car service directly to the hotel. I did hire a car and driver on my last visit, door to door service and not worrying about luggage – the cost for 2 people was 85 BP. That is the fastest and easiest way to get from Gatwick to Brighton.



If you are traveling with a larger party – it would definitely be more cost effective to hire a driver and with a van to carry you and your luggage directly to the hotel.

WEB Information

There is tons of information on the web about London – getting in and out – what to see – just everything you would ever what to know. So test your Google skills and plan a wonderful trip.

National Rail:



Underground:



National Express Coach:



Welcome to Brighton:

