

Practical details

Accommodation

Our visitors usually stay at the IBIS hotel: <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-5431-ibis-reading-centre/index.shtml>, in the middle of Reading town centre. Please note the hotel is less than 5 minutes' walking distance (200 meters) from Reading train station and the RailAir Heathrow bus terminal. An alternative hotel you could stay in is Premier Inn Hotel: <http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/REAPTI/reading-central>

Other, cheaper options may be available through travel agents and online booking sites, so we advise examining these options. We recommend reserving your accommodation as soon as possible to secure a cheaper rate.

Travel to Reading from London Heathrow

If coming from Heathrow, the Railair buses both arrive and depart from Reading Station, and take about 45 minutes to Reading. Please note that Railair buses are the most efficient and cost-effective way to get from Heathrow to Reading, and run about every 20 minutes throughout the day. It is cheaper to buy a return trip than two singles. For details see www.railair.com

We do not recommend taking a taxi from Heathrow, as it will cost upwards of a £100. If you want to get a taxi, we advise you to pre-book it. For example, use Loddon Cars:
+44 (0)1189 321 32.

Travel from other airports

London Gatwick airport is the second closest located airport to Reading. However, the c the Gatwick Express train connection to Reading is once an hour, and will take about two hours.

Stansted airport is very inconveniently located for travel to reading. It will take 3-4 hours by public transportation, so we advise against it where possible. However, should you choose to do so, please plan your trip carefully!

Travelling from Reading town centre to the University

To get to the University Campus from the town centre you can take the Reading Bus No 20 or 21 from the train station (both of which are very regular), right next to the Railair Heathrow bus. Further info can be found here <http://www.reading-buses.co.uk/>

The journey time is about 15 minutes. As this is the starting point of the buses, you cannot go in the wrong direction.

If you would like to buy a weekly bus ticket to travel around Reading town centre, you can purchase it via this website: <http://www.reading-buses.co.uk/on-the-bus-fares/>

Taxis are easily available, and the journey from Reading town centre to HBS will cost approximately £7.

Travel between Reading and London

Trains from London Paddington to Reading run approximately every 15-20 minutes throughout the day, and average journey time is around 30 minutes. Please check train times on

<http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/planjourney/search>

Life in Reading Town

There are plenty of restaurants by the riverside around the Oracle. For example, Strada, Bella Italia, Café Rouge.

Other restaurant choices in Reading include: Cosmo, Carluccio's, The Art of Sian. Please see google maps for location of these.

Also, for more information on tourist attractions in Reading please visit:

<http://www.readingtourism.org.uk/>