



World Fantasy Convention 2025

Step-by-step directions for getting to the World Fantasy 2025 convention

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Please always check for current information at time of arrival. We cannot guarantee accuracy in all cases, but we have done our best!

Found a mistake or update? Got a tip for another route not included? Join our members' Discord for the latest. Remember, we have video versions of some of these routes on our website at <https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/step-by-step-directions/>

Convention Hotel full address for GPS, Google Maps, etc

DoubleTree by Hilton Brighton Metropole,
Kings Road,
Brighton and Hove,
Brighton,
BN1 2FU.

The hotel is approximately number 108 on King's Road, if that is required.

Taxi cabs and private car hire

Brighton is a long distance from the major airports. Taxis or other private hire cars will be expensive. Public transport is our recommendation for those flying in as it is frequent, efficient, and cost-controlled. Additionally, taxis, Ubers and other ride share options may avoid airport pickups as it can cost them money to enter the airport campus.

Local Brighton taxi or rideshare drivers will know well the hotel's location. For other companies, the address above will help them locate the hotel.

Walking from Brighton's main train station to the Convention hotel

Remember, in the UK we drive on the left hand side of the road, so please look out for traffic from that direction. Please obey traffic lights and crossing signals where appropriate.

Brighton train station, Queens Rd, Brighton and Hove, Brighton, BN1 3XP – Convention hotel.

- At BRIGHTON RAIL STATION: directly in front of the ticket barriers is the main exit to QUEEN'S ROAD.
- After the gates, carefully cross to the other side of Queen's Road.
- Then turn right and head down Queen's Road. This slopes gently downhill towards the sea.
- Cross the road then keep going straight onto WEST STREET.
- At the seafront (KING'S ROAD) turn right.
- Cross one side street, CANNON PLACE, and the hotel will be just after "The Salt Rooms" pub. Look for the glass canopy that extends over orange striped pavers, as seen below.



Alternatives to walking from the station to the hotel

Taxis

There is no taxi rank by the train station, however, a cab can be ordered by phoning a local company or Brighton and Hove Radio Cabs (taxi service, ordered by telephone for the local area) +44 (0)1273 20 40 60.

Local Buses

Note: this bus route may be seasonal. We are querying and will update as soon as possible.

- Just outside BRIGHTON RAIL STATION are bus stops.
- You will likely need STOP D, to take the Route 77 (“Breeze”) bus in the direction of “PALACE PIER”,
- Alight at “WEST PIER” stop, a short distance from the hotel.

Check for timetables and up to date information here:

<https://www.buses.co.uk/services/BH/77>

Accessible entrances to the convention hotel

There are two accessible entrances at the Metropole.

Wheelchair ramp

For smaller wheelchairs, support canes and frames, there is a ramp to the right of the hotel’s front entrance. There is a push button door opener at the top of this ramp.

Automatic double door entrance

For larger mobility devices, such as scooters, there is a larger automatic door entrance available. This is found down the small lane on the left hand side of the hotel, in Queensbury Mews.

You can also find this entrance by using the other end of Queensbury Mews, further down the street:

- From KING'S ROAD, near the Boer War Memorial, head right (the direction of the hotel's front entrance. You will come to a side street named REGENCY SQUARE. Go up this.
- Take the first right into QUEENSBURY MEWS.
- Just after the Hole in the Wall pub, look left. The accessible entrance is in the corner, marked "HOTEL RECEPTION".
- Two sets of automatic doors lead through to the hotel.

Trains from London

There are several options to get from central London to Brighton, however the quickest is to go to LONDON VICTORIA station and take the GATWICK EXPRESS train to Brighton.

Note for London Underground use: you can use a debit or credit card to travel on the Tube, instead of a ticket. Simply "tap on" with the card at the barriers, or a near-field enabled device (e.g. Google payments on a phone) and "tap off" again as you exit.

Please always re-check information from the provider on the day as information may have changed.

Train from London Victoria rail station to Brighton Station

London Underground – Victoria Station – Gatwick Express train to Brighton – Brighton station

- On the London Underground (the Tube), take the Victoria Line, District Line or Circle Line to VICTORIA STATION.
- Take lift or escalators up following signs for the overground (rail) station
- Take the GATWICK EXPRESS from Victoria rail station to BRIGHTON.
- Train will terminate at BRIGHTON.
- Follow the walking directions above from the station to the hotel.

Train from Stansted Airport to Brighton Station

Stansted Airport station – Greater Anglia overground train towards London Liverpool Street – Tottenham Hale station – Victoria Line train station southbound towards Brixton – Victoria Station – Gatwick Express train to Brighton – Brighton station

- Take lifts or ramp down to STANSTED AIRPORT RAILWAY STATION
- Catch the Greater Anglia train towards LONDON LIVERPOOL STREET
- Get off the train at TOTTENHAM HALE STATION (will be announced as 'for Victoria Line')

- Take lift or escalator and cross over to exit the overground (rail) station, following signs for the underground. Note: if you take the escalator, you will have to walk down stairs on the other side of the station, if you take the lift, you have a lift down on the other side.
- Take the VICTORIA LINE heading southbound towards Brixton.
- Get off at VICTORIA STATION.
- Take lift or escalators up following signs for overground railway station
- Take the GATWICK EXPRESS from LONDON VICTORIA overground station to BRIGHTON.
- Train will terminate at BRIGHTON.

Train from Luton Airport to Brighton Station

Airport DART terminal – Luton Airport Parkway – Brighton Station

- At Arrivals, look for the signs for the DART. This is a short train that will take you from the airport terminal to the main local rail station.
- Take the DART train link to LUTON AIRPORT PARKWAY.
- From here there is a direct Thameslink train to BRIGHTON, which takes around 2 hours.

Train from London Heathrow Airport to Brighton Station

N.B. A coach directly to Brighton from Heathrow may involve fewer changes and cost less. It may also be faster, as it is a direct route. However, train-only routes are included here for completeness.

Terminal 2/3

Terminal 2/3 Underground station – Farringdon Underground Station – Farringdon Overground rail station – Brighton Station

- Look for signs to the Underground. It is beneath the railway station that is between the two terminals and should be accessed via the pedestrian subways for safety.
- Take the London Underground ELIZABETH LINE to FARRINGDON.
- Exit the underground train at Farringdon and look for the exit signs that lead to the OVERGROUND FARRINGDON RAIL STATION, up two escalators or take the lift.
- Then take the Thameslink train to BRIGHTON STATION

Terminal 4

At arrivals, find lifts or escalators down to the Underground platform for Elizabeth Line. Then proceed as for Terminal 2/3

Terminal 5

At arrivals find escalators or lifts down to the Underground platform for Elizabeth Line. Then proceed as for Terminal 2/3.

Coach services (buses) from London Airports

Sometimes taking the bus can be more affordable or convenient. Intercity buses, also called coaches, have companies such as National Express that operate from airports and city centres. Please always re-check information from the provider on the day as information may have changed.

Coach from London Heathrow Airport to Brighton

National Express coaches travel from Heathrow to Brighton. Journey times will likely be between 2 and 2.5 hours. Remember on your return journey you will need to arrive back at the airport around 3 hours before the flight for international journeys and 2 hours for UK internal flights. Always allow for traffic or other delays when planning.

The coach service will take you to Brighton but there may be multiple possible drop off points, please ask your driver for information of the right place for you to alight.

The bus route number is likely to be 025. It will terminate past Brighton in Worthing.

Terminals 2 or 3

You will need the Heathrow central bus station. At arrivals, look for signs to buses. There are lifts or escalators that will take you down to the correct level. You will need to go down to level -1 to find pedestrian subway, with moving walkways.

At the other end an escalator or lift will take you up once more to the central bus station's level.

In the central bus station, boards will display the correct bus stop you need.

Terminal 4

To get to the coaches, you will have to take a short shuttle bus from this terminal to Terminal 5's bus stops. Allow around 15 minutes for this journey at least.

At arrivals in Terminal 4, just outside on this level are the bus stops. Look for buses to Terminal 5, likely stops 10 or 11. You may also use the "Hotel Hoppa" buses if they are going this direction. This should cost a small fee of around £3-5.

Terminal 5

Just outside Arrivals are the bus stands. You will likely need stops 11-15.

Coach from Gatwick Airport to Brighton

The same bus service (025 NATIONAL EXPRESS) that runs from Heathrow will pass through Gatwick on its way to Brighton, and will take around 1 hour.

South Terminal

- As you exit into Arrivals, turn RIGHT and walk towards the far right hand corner. Here you will see signs for buses and coaches.
- Take the corridor (with moving walkway) and when you come into the large hall at the other end, turn RIGHT.
- About halfway along you will see a sign pointing right towards lifts to NATIONAL EXPRESS COACHES. Take the lift down to the correct level for the coach departures, and look for the bus stands just outside.
- You will likely need bus stops 1-5.

North Terminal

- From International Arrivals as you come into the Arrivals hall, turn RIGHT and walk further along the hall. On your right is a National Express ticket desk where you may buy a ticket or get information.
- Then look for signs directing you to BUSES AND COACHES. Follow these to TAKE LIFTS OR STAIRS DOWN to the lower level (level 0).
- The bus stops will be outside at the front of the terminal. You will likely need bus STOPS 4 OR 5.

Coach from Stansted airport to Brighton

Coach Stansted to Brighton via Heathrow

- At Stansted, outside arrivals, look for bus stop called “BAY 21” for the NATIONAL EXPRESS 728 coach to HEATHROW CENTRAL BUS STATION.
- From here proceed as for Heathrow coach directions above.

Coach Stansted to Brighton via London Stratford

- At Stansted, outside arrivals, look for bus stop called “BAY 21” for the NATIONAL EXPRESS A9 to London (Stratford).
- At the STRATFORD BUS STATION, go to stop U and look for the FLIXBUS UK066 coach to the BRIGHTON COACH STATION, Pool Valley, Brighton.
- As you exit the bus, the seafront (KING’S ROAD) will be a short distance from you.
- Head RIGHT on this and you will come to the convention hotel after approximately 12 minutes’ walk.

Coach from Luton Airport to Brighton

Note: this coach route goes via Heathrow Airport.

- Inside arrivals as you move towards the exit, there is an onward travel centre. Enquire here for tickets and information.
- Just outside Arrivals is the airport bus station. The bus will be likely departing from STOPS N, P, OR Q.
- Take the NATIONAL EXPRESS 230 coach from Luton Airport to HEATHROW AIRPORT.
- Proceed as per the Heathrow directions above, for Terminals 2/3.

Alternatively, use Flixbus services to London Victoria, then proceed as per directions from there shown below.

Coach services (buses) from Central London

From Victoria Coach Station

Buses depart from London Victoria Coach station, 164 Buckingham Palace Rd, London SW1W 9TP

Find it down the street from the Victoria Tube and overground rail station:

- From VICTORIA UNDERGROUND station, take the exit up through the main overground station and then exit onto BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD.
- Head left, the coach station is just a short walk down the street.

At the station, you can buy tickets for the coach to Brighton, using the 025 National Express service. Consult information boards in the station for the stop numbers.

From Stratford (London)

From London Stratford Bus Station, Montfichet Rd, E20 1EG, Flixbus (Flibco) services run from stop U to Brighton.

- From STRATFORD UNDERGROUND, exit and turn left to walk to the nearby bus station.

OR

- From STRATFORD INTERNATIONAL RAIL STATION, take the main exit onto CELEBRATION WAY.
- Turn right and walk until you reach a T junction in the road.
- Turn right and walk along MONTFICHET ROAD, and you will come to the bus station after a few minutes.

Consult the information boards inside for stop numbers and routes.

Driving

Remember, in the UK we drive on the left hand side of the road. Please obey traffic lights and crossing signals where appropriate. The usual speed limit in built-up urban areas is 30 miles per hour (approximately 48km).

M25 motorway to the convention hotel parking

N.B. Please ensure you have pre-booked parking with the hotel before attempting to park here. This is the route with the fewest turnings and is recommended for that reason.

- On the M25 MOTORWAY (from either direction) head for JUNCTION 7 and take the M23 SOUTHBOUND. On the slip road exit, take care to select the lanes that are indicated for Brighton.
- Merge into the M23 and follow it SOUTHBOUND for about 30 miles. After the Pease Pottage services, it will change its name to the A23. But it is still the same road, so continue straight along it.
- As you enter Brighton and Hove, the A23 will split. Keep to the left hand lanes and choose the exits for the A27 WESTBOUND (towards Worthing).
- Follow the A27 for one junction, then turn off towards HOVE on the A2038.
- Take the SECOND EXIT on the roundabout, signposted for Brighton. Follow straight along this road until you reach the "SEVEN DIALS" roundabout. Take the 4th exit onto VERNON TERRACE.
- Follow this direction until you reach the sea front (a "T" junction), then turn left onto KING'S ROAD.
- Follow this past the convention hotel, and turn left just after "The Salt Room" pub, onto CANNON PLACE.
- Take the first left into ST MARGARET'S PLACE. You should see signs indicating "Metropole Parking". The underground parking is at the end of this small street.

Travel information resources

<https://www.traveline.info/> is useful for planning journeys within the UK.

<https://www.nationalexpress.com/> National Express coach times and tickets

<https://timetables.nationalexpress.com/routes> offers details on the routes and timetables.

<https://www.flixbus.co.uk/> Flixbus coach times and tickets

<https://tfl.gov.uk/> offers information on the London Underground and other public transport options in London, including Heathrow Airport.

<https://www.gatwickairport.com/> Gatwick Airport information

<https://www.london-luton.co.uk/> Luton Airport information

<https://www.heathrow.com/> Heathrow Airport information

<https://www.stanstedairport.com/> Stansted Airport information

<https://www.visitbrighton.com/plan-your-visit/visitor-information/travel-information/getting-here> Brighton tourist information travel page

<https://www.buses.co.uk/> Bus information for within the Brighton and Hove area for getting around after you have arrived.

<https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/> train times and tickets in the UK.

Phone number for Brighton and Hove Radio Cabs (taxi service, ordered by telephone for the local area) +44 (0)1273 20 40 60